

Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2005

Divine Mercy Sunday



Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – APRIL 4TH TO 8TH

Mon. 7:30 p.m. – Communion service – followed by bible study.

Tues.: 7:30 p.m., Wed. to Fri 8:30 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PLENARY INDULGENCE

Sunday April 3 is Divine Mercy Sunday - a special day enriched by Pope John Paul II with a **plenary indulgence** – “granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday or the Second Sunday of Easter, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in **honour of Divine Mercy**, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)” (taken from the Decree on Indulgences for devotions in honour of Divine Mercy).

FAITH FIRST

For families wishing to bring their children more fully into Christ, please attend one of the Faith First pre-registration information meetings to be held on **May 24th** and **25th, 2005** in the Church at 7:30pm. Registration for all levels will be held the following week on **May 31st** and **June 1st** from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION FAMILIES

We will be distributing the candidate, sponsor and family guest tickets for the Confirmation celebrations at the next Children's gathering on April 19th, 2005. Please obtain the envelope containing the tickets from your child. Guests **must** have a ticket to attend the Confirmation celebrations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessings to those on whose behalf these offerings were made:



Tadeusz Rzeszutek, Dusan Medvescek, Pasquale Costa, Gregorio Obregon, Lyse Lehman, The Wilson, Lee Loy & Charles families, Santo & Mary, Comitini Family, Tibor Legath, André Laurin, Patrick Morris, Boleslaw Kulmacz, Zigmunt Kulmacz, Al Mack, Ellis Charasidis, Louis A. Pereira, Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Giuseppe Tomasino, Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Agnes & Audry, Douglas Floriani, Agnes O'Donnell, Anne Marie Watkinson, Mr. & Mrs. Hutira, Mike Lizée, Antonio Fiori, Joan Harkin, Anabelle Kawas, Benito & Annie Rodrigues, Alfonso Mio, Dorothy Lajeunesse, Rosa & Domenico Pandolfo, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Becker,

Otto and Louisa Vanderlowen.

CHILDREN RECEIVING BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

Nathaniel Chaput, Tyler James Coulton. May the Lord bless these children and their families as they journey in faith together, and continue to deepen their faith and understanding of the mystery celebrated in Baptism.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Good Friday - Holy Land Collection</i>	\$ 2 590.00
<i>Easter Offerings</i>	\$13 819.00

VOCATIONS SPOTLIGHT “RICH MAN POOR MAN LUNCH”

On April 17, Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church unites in prayer on this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The Good Shepherd calls us and guides us on our Christian journey as we are all called, chosen, and sent to carry on the mission of Jesus. Come join the Vocation Awareness Network on **Sunday April 17, in the Church Hall from 12:30 –2:30** for another spirit filled workshop entitled “God Calls Us by Name and Leads Us.” (Free lunch included). Info: Vita Lewis 694-1118.

PASSION OF CHRIST PLAY

On April 16 at 7:30 p.m., join us as we host a dynamic group of 40 youth from Burlington, Ontario who will perform a 40-minute Passion Play, which highlights Jesus’ arrest and crucifixion. *We need 20 Becket families to host 2 youths from the evening of April 15, to the morning of April 17.* Willing to host a couple of youths? Contact Marco Argentino at 766-2726 or 624-8745.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

Brown grocery bags, peanut butter, rice, shampoo, dishwashing liquid. We need baby clothes and articles (furniture) for a newborn and clothes for a baby girl (up to 18 mos). *Please call the office before dropping off any items.* We also need daytime and evening **drivers** who would be willing to make deliveries of non- perishables to needy families. Office: 626-4111.

RENDERING AN ACCOUNT OF OUR JOY – DISCIPLESHIP

Did you read our Easter bulletin last week? The piece on Disciples and Stewards invites us to prepare our 40th Anniversary year. St. Thomas à Becket Mission began September 5, 1965 under Fr. Charles Cahill, with 4 Sunday Masses. Cardinal Leger decreed the foundation of the Parish on October 11th, 1966. Our 40th Anniversary year would therefore run from September 5, 2005 to October 11th 2006.

The Lord has blessed us all abundantly even through our difficult times. One way to better appreciate what the Lord has done and is doing for us is to go back over our years of discipleship and draw up a kind of report of God’s graces and our responses to them. Our 40th Anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to take stock of who we are, where we have been, what God is doing among us, as well as what we have accomplished, and to look ahead to where we are going.

Speak to other parishioners and consider your own belonging here at Becket, and you quickly realize that what stands out is the **joy** of being a member of this Parish faith community, being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and being involved somehow in an active way in the life of the Parish.

Seeking to be one mind and heart we will reflect on the past, report all that the Lord has done, and **“Give an account of our stewardship.”** Watch next week for guidelines to help us all do this. Our reports will be formulated

into a Parish History of God's Grace at Becket. Can you help process these reports? Form an Anniversary Committee? God bless you!

WHY MARCH FOR MARRIAGE?

Marriage isn't a right. It is a fundamental human institution bound up with procreation. The attempt to separate procreation, parenting, and the family from sexuality and marriage is contrary to common sense, and it threatens to undermine the last remnants of order in human society. All that will remain after redefining marriage will be the tyranny of those who can scream, manipulate, or threaten the best. "Anyone who disagrees with us is homophobic!" Discussion is impossible with attitudes such as these.

None of the media are willing to write or talk about the awesome instability of same sex relationships, or about how not having both parents affects children. Yet, people who work with children know by experience and observation children need both a mother and father in order to develop well into healthy adult women and men. The family is a natural institution inscribed into our very DNA, into our human nature. It is a design of our Creator, but the media won't admit that.

Why do we need at this time to stand up, defend natural marriage, and try to influence those who represent us in government? See Fr. Tom Dowd's blog articles and Internet links and read about it for yourself.

Go to <http://fatherdowd.blogspot.com/> OR <http://fatherdowd.net/>
Read up on **Dot #1: Natural family bonds. Dot #2: Same-sex marriage is not about equal rights. Dot #3: Parental rights and responsibilities. Dot #4: Essay on the nature of human culture.** Draw your conclusions.

We've never had to fight for our values before, but we will all risk going to jail for wanting to promote natural family values. Join the March in Ottawa Saturday, April 9th, from noon to 4pm from the Supreme Court to Parliament Hill, where there will be speeches and music. Reserve a bus ticket - call Office or Samia 694-3564. <http://www.march4marriage.ca/>

GET OUT AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

You find yourself praying regularly for people who don't have any joy or peace or love in their lives, have not yet experienced the love God has for them, don't believe in God, or have strange, debilitating misconceptions about God? Would you like to take initiative in our Church's response to Jesus' command to proclaim Him and the Good News to all nations, and reach out to "inactive Catholics" as well as to "inactive Christians" and self-proclaimed atheists, agnostics, humanists and others, who would be so thrilled to meet the real Jesus? Talk to me, phone me, write me. or email me. A few parishioners already have. "May Almighty God bless you, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen." 

CANTERBURY PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

Join our Prayer Pilgrimage in memory of a deceased person, for strength under trial, for healing of a sickness, for the commendation of youth and children in their search for a Christian vocation, for the reconciliation of family members and friends, and for other personal intentions. This will be a true pilgrimage of faith, including a visit to the Relic of our Patron Saint to the left of our Sanctuary, leaving your intention in a bowl beneath the Relic, making an offering for the missions and for the enrolment, and the publication of these pilgrims' names on the first Sunday of the month. Use the framed prayer on the wall to ask St. Thomas to pray for you and your intentions. Take home a copy of our Parish prayers to St. Thomas.