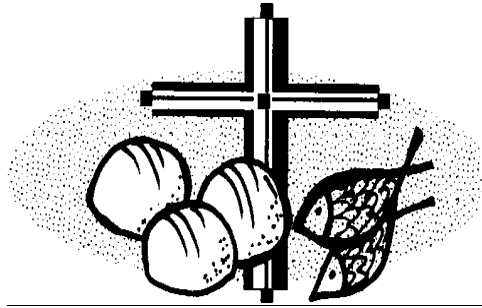


*Solemnity of the
Body and Blood
of Christ
May 29, 2005*



*I am the living bread from heaven says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – May 30th – June 3rd
Mon. & Tues. 7:30 p.m., Wed. to Fri. 8:30 a.m.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

JUNE 3rd is the **FIRST FRIDAY** of the month. After Benediction you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for adoration of Holy Eucharist. Sign up at the back of the church.

“Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that this sacrament of Love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all manifestations of worship due to Him, Christ shall be given back ‘love for love,’ and truly become the life of our souls.”

(Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

SUNDAY 5:00 PM MASS AT MQP TILL THE FALL

As a “work in progress”, the 5:00 pm Mass will resume in September. As your priests, we will “meet families half way” in finding time to obey the Lord’s command to keep holy the “Lord’s Day”. Sunday worship puts us under God’s care; so his power blesses the whole week and saves us from being swallowed up by the “new slavery” that wants us to work and shop nonstop ‘til we drop, seven days a week; until we no longer remember why we’re alive. We priests also need to rest over the summer months; so we will **drop** the **5:00 pm Mass at Becket** until September, but continue to provide for your need to have nearby a **5:00 p.m.** Sunday afternoon Mass during **June, July, and August**, by helping Fr. Francis McKee provide the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass at Mary Queen of Peace, Gouin O. (across the street from the Roxboro train station), which you may attend as needed. The WI should have a 5:00 pm Mass, and Fr. Francis is glad for the help. Your Becket donation envelopes will be sent unopened to us.

A SYNOD IN MONTREAL AND AT BECKET – 1995-2005

This weekend May – 28-29th – Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we demonstrate our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by processing around the block and praying the Rosary after all Sunday Masses. Fr. Tom is still on vacation in the Philippines, and Fr. Gilles is at a weekend post-Synod assembly with 100 other priests, religious, and lay people from all over the Archdiocese to see what we’ve done since the Synod began in 1995, where we stand as a Church, and where the Spirit is leading us. Frs. Stephen Otvos (Holy Name of Jesus), Mike Shaw (School Animator), Alan Fogarty, S.J. (Loyola High School Chaplain), and Fred Kirouac (St. Veronica) will preside our four Sunday Masses and preach. **WE WARMLY WELCOME THEM.**

Our Becket 5-year Parish Pastoral Action Plan begun in the Jubilee Year 2000 has been our way of participating in the Diocesan Synod. We will continue to be directed by the Archdiocese's pastoral priorities, and a great way for parishioners to continue working closely with our priests is with the Parish Pastoral Council. It is once again time to reconfigure the PPC and it will now send a delegate – along with the Fabrique – to the newly configured West Island Pastoral Council, which will have its first meeting June 15th.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Since its foundation in 1965 as a Mission and in 1966 as a Parish, Becket has been full of the vitality characteristic of its many young families, competent adults, and seniors rich in experience and wisdom. It is our hope to continue to be guided by this wealth of experience carried by our entire membership. Our Becket Parish Pastoral Council is currently UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Since the first PPC a few decades ago, parishioners have seen this body take on different configurations in accord with what was needed at the time. Our Church tradition on PPC's dates from the Second Vatican Council, according to which each diocese should have one. Dioceses in turn have recommended parishes to have one. The simple purpose of the PPC is to allow parishioners to collaborate with their pastors and the pastors to listen to their parishioners. Parishes are to follow the pastoral leadership of the Archbishop, and only the PPC can effectively bring this bigger perspective to the Parish membership, and also bring the experience of parishioners back to the Archbishop. As we reconfigure our PPC to current needs, it would function best with people who are proactive, creative, receptive, good listeners and team players. Too much energy gets drained from complaints about the past or about the lack of help. Each parish group and every parishioner is responsible to find the help they need and arrange for their own replacement. It's a waste of time to expect a pastor to solve our lack of initiative or imagination, or our inability to realize the new challenges that people live with today. The pastor is sent to bring us Jesus and connect us with the bigger Church. The entire Parish is responsible to hear the Lord's call and respond to Him, to observe with solicitude burdens others carry and respond with compassion, to practice our faith and transmit it to our children, to proclaim the Gospel with our lives, **to reach out and build a community of faith**. The pastor listens and allows parishioners to say out loud what everyone is thinking and leads us in prayer and discernment to see what God is calling us to do. He needs to be energized by the creative ideas and enthusiasm of people who get things done and have no time to complain. There is already a considerable amount of vitality, creativity, compassion, and generosity at Becket, and this is the kind of energy we want the PPC to have.

BLESSING OF DRIVERS, VEHICLES, & PETS AT BECKET

At all Masses on June 4 & 5, we will ask God to bless all our drivers and their families, and then sprinkle with holy water all vehicles that will drive past the main steps to the apron near the Hall and Church main doors. As you drive past the steps, where Fr. Tom will sprinkle your vehicles, please **do not stop** – simply parade by so as to allow the procession to flow. **At 1:30 p.m. on June 5**, bring your pets to the apron for a special blessing.

BECKET 40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

The **40th Anniversary** year of **St. Thomas à Becket Parish** will run from **September 5, 2005** (our Mission's first Sunday with founding Pastor Fr. Charles Cahill at 4 Masses) to October 11th 2006 (Archbishop Paul-Émile Cardinal Leger's decree founding the Parish). Talk it up! **Fr. Gilles**

BECKET PARISH HISTORY ON CD/DVD

In line with our 40th Anniversary, we are starting a new project to help raise funds for our badly needed church roof, and we are hoping you can help. We need pictures and documents of events that happened in our parish since its inception in 1966. **We need pictures or documents of:** Becket functions, church before (inside), and after the 1986 fire, Way Off Broadway, past pastors, assistants, bishops, news articles, auctions, bazaars, special fund raising events, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, Scouts, Guides, social club, sport teams etc. etc. (please note all pictures and documents **will be returned** to the owners.) Help make this project a success and put a new roof on our church. Contact: jfitz@aei.ca or call the parish office at 626-4111.

SPECIAL MASS - FRANCISCANS JUNE 12, 5:00 P.M.

All are welcome to celebrate Mass with the Franciscans, **Sunday June 12 at 5:00 p.m.** There will be a third order ceremony during the Mass. Presided by Father Andre Comtois, OFM. Join us!

WE HAVE A GOOD SHEPHERD – JESUS!

This is the Year of the Eucharist – an invitation from the Lord to reflect on what the Holy Eucharist is – Jesus, and on how we are relating to Him mysteriously present in the Host. It is a challenge for us to really believe in Jesus in the Eucharist and for this faith to penetrate everything we think, say, and do. The whole question of church membership and intercommunion is a good example. In Church Tradition – in faith and practice – we go to great lengths to prepare people to become and live as active members of Christ. It is a contradiction for us to have a cavalier attitude about taking Holy Communion in another Christian Church or for those Christians to take Holy Communion here. People engage sincerely in this contradiction, saying, ‘I don’t feel I’m doing anything wrong.’ With all due respect, that is a self-centred remark, typical of our secularized and individualized subjective culture; as if the only principles that should regulate our behaviour were personal feelings. Athletes don’t just do what they feel like, nor do members of the military. We are incorporated into something bigger than ourselves – it’s called the Mystical Body of Christ – in which He is our head and we are his body. Col 1:18. This means that in matters concerning the whole body, we are to take our instructions from Jesus our Head, and get them generally from those He sends to pastor, teach, and lead us. When we just go by our feelings regarding communion or any other aspect of our Christian life, and ignore our Shepherd and his delegates, then we act in contempt of Christ himself. That is why around this time every year we invite Christians who don’t really practice their faith in their own tradition but are in effect joining us here to **go all the way** and seek **full communion** with us by the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – the R.C.I.A.** We invite all those who practice no faith at all as well. If you are in either category, we will be so happy to journey with you until the next cycle of initiation at Easter. Talk to one of the priests here... you’ll be glad you did! ‘May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! Amen!’



ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS

Users of envelope numbers **46, 435, 494, 705, 828, 844**. Please call the office at 626-4111 so we can record your name, address and phone number, or write the information on your envelope. We need this information in order to issue your tax receipt next year. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR MARRIAGE JUBILEE

If you would like to help decorate, donate food, help in the kitchen, clean-up or serve wine, see us after the Mass or call Marco or Line at 624-8745.



FAITH FIRST

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Please come to Cahill hall on **June 7, from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm** to pick up Confirmation photos.

FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION 2005-2006

Registration for **all levels** will be held on **May 31st** and **June 1st** from **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** in the parish hall.

FAITH FIRST FAMILY PICNIC AND YEAR END MASS

WEATHER PERMITTING, we will close our year with a family Mass and picnic on **June 3, at 5:30 p.m.** BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC DINNER for your family to share, a blanket if you wish to enjoy your picnic outdoors; hopefully some sunscreen will be required! Don't forget to pack a Frisbee, soccer ball, volleyball, badminton, or any other item that involves playing in groups or teams. We welcome all our Faith First children, including siblings, accompanied by their parent(s). ***By calling the Faith First info. line at 620-4057, on the 3rd of June, you will be able to obtain confirmation of our Year-End closing event.***

If you are unable to attend this event, please call the Faith First line to make an appointment for the book verification and completion certificate.

LECTORS

Please pick up your June schedules in the Narthex. Thank you!



THANK YOU

A BIG **THANK YOU** to the families in Children's Liturgy and all the people of our parish who helped raise funds for our *Children of Malawi* project. Together we raised **\$645.00** for the orphans in Malawi. Your donations have been sent to Sister Beatrice in Africa and will help to feed many orphans!! You have recognized the presence of Christ in others by coming to the aid of those in need. God bless you and your families.

YOUTH

WYD BOTTLE DRIVE

Here's a fundraiser that everyone can participate in ---without spending a dime! All we ask is that you bring in your empty bottles and cans so we can exchange them for money at a grocery store. Please bring them to the big box in the Narthex labeled WYD BOTTLE DRIVE. This is an ongoing drive until we leave for Germany, so keep the bottles coming!!

COR

Christ in Others Retreat is a Catholic Youth Movement for ages 15-25. Through discussions, fun activities, prayer, and just living and sharing together for a weekend, **COR** retreats attempt to open lines of communication and areas of reflection that will carry over into everyday life. The 15th Montreal COR retreat will be taking place on **June 3, 4 & 5 at Queen of Angels Academy (Dorval)**. Register ASAP. Call Claire & Lou Borrelli at 514-620-0342 or

e-mail cormontreal@yahoo.ca or visit www.cormontreal.ca

JUSTICE AND PEACE

Last Fair Trade Sale will take place **after all Masses June 4 and 5**. Stock up on fairly traded coffee and tea for the summer! Next sale: Oct. 2005

AROUND TOWN

IN MONTREAL – BISHOP ALVARO RAMAZINNI

Two social justice committee events open to the public

Event 1: SJC Annual General Meeting: **May 31 6pm**, St. Patrick's Hall: Light dinner and drink \$5 suggested donation. **7 pm:** talk by special guest Bishop Ramazinni of San Marcos, Guatemala, on trade agreements, coffee and fair trade, and mining.

Event 2: Public panel discussion featuring key players involved in the Glamis mine controversy: **June 1 6:30- 9:00 pm** Concordia University, Loyola Campus (Science Building Auditorium). Moderator Derek MacCuish, Coordinator SJC; Adjunct Professor, Concordia University.

www.socialjusticecommittee.org 514-933-6797

FRIENDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

June 7, 1-3 pm: Discussion Group: Attention Deficit Disorder.

June 15, 5:30-7:30 pm: Annual General Meeting Vernissage, buffet, music
Mondays 9:30 –11:30 Caregivers workshop; **12:30 –2:30** symbols and fairy tales (\$2.00 coffee and cookies) Registration required 636-6885.

VERNISSAGE: PAINTING FOR PEACE

Tony Fernandes, Pierrefonds artist, will present his paintings this weekend **Sat.1-5 and Sun. 11:00 –1:30** at the Centre Culturel Pierrefonds. He paints in oil and acrylic, mostly in the surrealist style. His paintings are directed towards peace by building bridges between the religions, and have been reproduced on magazine covers and in many publications.

DAY CAMP JOB OPPORTUNITY

Do you enjoy working with kids? Are you looking for a summer job? The day camp that operates out of the hall offers a wide variety of games, from arts & crafts to sports to music information, and is looking for some **energetic teens** to join the staff this summer. If interested, please call George at 626-9362.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

“The choir will meet at the Larson house for fun and sinning.”

“Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on May 7 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in school days.”

“ Ushers will eat latecomers”