

**Twenty-sixth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2005**



Open our hearts, O lord, to listen to
the words of your Son..

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – Sept 26 to 30
Mon & Tues.: 7:30 p.m. Mass; **Wed to Fri.** 8:30 a.m. Mass
NB We are again celebrating **5pm Sunday Mass** (Sept – May)



FAITH FIRST NEWS

If you missed the book pick up on Sept 15, Faith First workbooks and calendars can be picked up in the parish office Mon.-Fri. 9am to 3pm.

IN OUR PARISH

A BIG thank- you to the parish youth, YouFam Choir and everyone who helped to make Fr. Tom's farewell party a success. A great time was had by all – especially Fr. Tom!

GOLDSMITH REREDOS – FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!

We give thanks to God this weekend for Mr. Sidney Goldsmith, a member of our Parish who offered his artistry for the love and glory of God after the November 1986 fire. He created the stunning yet simple backdrop highlighting the Holy Eucharist behind the Altar. This white panel features a large white Host shape at the centre, at the height where the Body and Blood of Christ are elevated at Mass or in the Monstrance for Exposition. It is surrounded by swirls; which show how interwoven are our relationships in Christ, but most of all, they evoke smoke, representing the darkness in our lives and the divine light mercifully penetrating that darkness to enlighten us, or cloud, representing the mystery of God; which is both concealed (clouds) and revealed (rays of light) in the Holy Eucharist, the Heart of Jesus in the Host at the centre, from which the rays of light are emanating. Sidney, we give thanks to God for you, we pray for your eternal rest and joy with the Blessed Trinity in Heaven, and pray for the intentions of your wonderful family. May God's joy be in them.

FUTILE CARE THEORY OR EUTHENASIA?

When you're old or sick and weak or helpless, will you be helped to get better or will someone decide it would be better for you to die and get out of the way? This is not as far fetched as we would like to think. Check it out at: http://www.tothesource.org/8_25_2005/8_25_2005.htm

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 25

The annual collection for the needs of the church in Canada will be held in parishes across Canada **today**. www.cccb.ca or cecc@ccb.ca

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

Parishioners wishing to donate to Hurricane Katrina Relief should make their cheques payable to St. Thomas à Becket Helping Others. Please indicate **HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF** on the cheque or envelope. You will receive a tax receipt from St. Thomas à Becket Parish, and we will group your offerings and promptly send a cheque to Development and Peace. There will be no special collection. Week by week, we will send your offerings on to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Parish Office 626-4111. See the message and letter from the Canadian Bishops to their American counterparts at their site:

<http://www.cecc.ca/MediaReleaseshtm?CD=469&ID=1704>
<http://www.cecc.ca/PublicStatements.htm?CD=469&ID=1704>

Alternatively, you may send your cheque directly to Development and Peace, who will combine your offering with others and transfer funds to Catholic Charities USA via the Caritas Internationalis network, and D & P will issue you your tax receipt. **1 800 494-1401** www.devp.org

"Lord, hold the people of New Orleans in your loving hands. Protect them in their time of need and bring an end to their suffering. Bless them and their families. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

BAPTISM STEERING COMMITTEE

Becket's baptism committee **MUST RECRUIT** two more couples from the parish to join the committee. Couples form teams and help with baptismal preparation for families here in the parish. At the moment, only two couples are handling all the baptisms (up to 12 per month). Please consider this important and joyous stewardship opportunity. 626-4111.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

NEXT WEEKEND is FAIR TRADE WEEKEND. The Social Justice Committee will be opening its doors for **FAIR TRADE SALES**. Along with coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate and olive oil, we have added 2 new products. You will be able to sample our products in the hall, after masses, while watching a poignant & informative video on just what Fair Trade is all about and how important it is to the survival of third world farmers, their families & their civilization.

PARISH BAZAAR – OCTOBER 15 & 16

Donations and volunteers needed. Call Maggie: 626-2015. Donors please bring your articles to the parish hall starting October 10, before 8 p.m. Raffle tickets are being sold after Masses Saturday and Sunday (morning). CWL bake table will be held during the Bazaar. Any donation of baking e.g squares, cakes, pies fudge, cookies etc. - please bring to parish hall Friday evening October 14, 7-9 p.m. or Saturday morning. CWL counts on funds from the bake table to support different charities. Info: 620-0951

PROTESTANT? WISHING TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

If this is you, and you'd like to know more about the Roman Catholic faith tradition and Church, all you need to know is where to inquire. To start, you can come to the Alpha Supper mentioned below and/or sign up for the Alpha Course, which will begin at the end of the month. Then you can get in touch with one of our priests or with the Parish Office and we'll be glad to explore the possibilities with you. If you're tired of general impressions and want to know real Catholic Christians and our faith, we'll be very glad to join you in your search. It's all about freedom, truth, and peace in God.

WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST

We cordially invite you to join us for a beautiful morning as we at the CWL St. Thomas à Becket Council once again host our 6th annual WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST: "Enfolded in His Love" on Saturday, **October 1st 2005, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Featuring our guest speaker Catherine Cherry and to lead us in song: Christine Zarzour with accompanist Marie Benveniste. **RSVP deadline Sept. 26.** Please call Lauren 626-4129 or Louise 630-6556 (\$12.00 fee at the door)

COME AND DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

You are invited to join us for a women's study "Pathway to Purpose" beginning **Tuesday September 20th from 1-3 p.m.** in Cahill Hall. Please register early as spaces are limited. Nathalie 695-7896 Louise at 630-6556.

BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever wished that you understood all the readings at Sunday Mass? Because the readings are lifted out of context, we sometimes don't understand as well as we could. If this is the case, maybe you would like to come to a Bible Study for one hour after Monday night Masses 8-9 p.m. M. Million 626-1154.

BIBLE STUDY – ST. PAUL

Join us as we study and dialogue the letters of St Paul to the Galatians and Romans. What did St Paul say? What did he mean? How does it apply to us today? We meet in an informal setting and end the evening with tea/coffee and sweets. **Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Starts Sept 29th.** Yvonne Bourque 697-8512.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS



Current needs: rice & noodle mixes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tins of ham. We also need **large sturdy Ziploc bags** to separate bulk quantities of sugar, laundry detergent, etc. Thanks for your continuing generosity. We **desperately** need more **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** to deliver groceries to needy families in our parish territory during the day and/or evenings. Please consider this rewarding stewardship opportunity. Call 626-4111.

YOUTH

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All student parishioners who are required to do community service as part of their high school curriculum are invited to call the parish office. We may have opportunities for you within the parish community. 626-4111.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses and runs from October 23 to Dec. 18, then from Jan 15 to Mother's Day. Registration will take place **Sept.18** after morning Masses and during Youth Information Fun Day, **Sept. 24 & 25. Teachers and helpers are needed** to ensure the success of this program. Please consider this stewardship opportunity when you register your child.



40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Many thanks to **Julie Mancini** for designing our beautiful 40th anniversary logo.