

# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 13, 2005



Be watchful and ready: you do not know  
when the Son of Man is coming.

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Nov. 14 to Nov. 18**  
**Mon.** 7:30 p.m. Mass, **Tues.** 7:30 p.m. Mass with devotion to  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help. **Wed to Fri.:** 8:30 a.m. Mass



## FAITH FIRST NEWS

Upcoming children's gatherings are: **Nov 18:** HS, K, 1 at 4:30 or 6:15  
**Nov 24:** HS, 5, 6, 7, 8 at 4:30 or 6:15. Please check your child's calendar  
as to whether you are scheduled for the 4:30 or 6:15 gathering.  
Don't forget to bring your FF workbook and a \$2.00 donation for Malawi.

## IN OUR PARISH

### **ALL PARISHIONERS: ADVENT LETTERS HAVE ARRIVED!**

Please pick up your advent letter (by street) at the back of the church.  
Help us save on postage by delivering to your neighbours. Thank you in  
advance, and a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to all our faithful volunteers  
who always come out to help fold, stuff and label envelopes. God bless.

### **"EPIPHANIES IN OUR LIVES"**

#### **IS THE ADVENT MISSION AT ST. THOMAS A BECKET**

The varied program, running each evening at **7:30 from Nov. 27 to 29**  
will include an invitation to solidarity with our sisters and brothers in  
Malawi (one of the poorest countries in the world) as a means of  
encountering Christ in others. The emphasis of the mission will be on  
spiritual transformation, but will include concrete actions (various  
initiatives under the umbrella 'Hope for Africa') in support of an orphan  
project in the remote northern region of Karonga. As our poster shows, the  
theme of this mission, 'Epiphanies of our Lives', will emphasize the gifts  
we give & receive. Deacon Richard Boileau will be the speaker and we  
will have personal sharing from visitors to an orphan project in Malawi.  
Brendan Kelly & Julie Lafontaine will lead us in songs of praise.  
Refreshments & socializing will end each evening. We invite you to  
participate in 1, 2, or all 3 evenings of the mission. 684-1606 or 626-4111.

### **Enhancing Our Own Experience of the Sunday Liturgy**

Your Pastors and Liturgy Improvements Committee invite everyone in our  
faith community to put a hand to improvements in our own experience of  
the Sunday Liturgy and that of everyone else. We are taking aim at Christ  
the King, November 19-20 as our official improvements starting date. To  
talk to someone about this, call the Office at **626-4111**.

We can all try to arrive early, greet others, sign in, prepare, and pray  
a bit. Children in Faith First sign in at each Sunday Mass to show their  
attachment to Jesus and fidelity to his sacred Assembly. We hope they

will learn that their signature, their name, their presence matters a lot to Jesus and to everyone else who gathers in the Lord's Assembly.

Everyone could try to sit a row or two closer to the front, and in the middle of the row, to leave room at the edges for those arriving after us. Honoring Jesus in the Tabernacle, we can try to maintain a reverent atmosphere of "quietness or stillness", keeping boisterous laughter and conversation for outside the church after Mass. Presiders, Altar Servers, all with a specific role, and Lectors will begin exactly on time, greeting the Assembly. We will call children up for Children's Liturgy after the Greeting, bless and dismiss them after the Penitential Rite.

We will begin November 19-20 taking up the Sunday offerings of the Faithful Collection immediately after the Prayers of the Faithful, without delay, and carry the bag to the Altar with the other gifts. We shortened the prayers for vocations, while conserving the substance and meaning. We'll have minimum announcements, and parishioners can read the bulletin.

Music Directors and Choirs have begun to take steps to correct, or compose parts of the Mass with the exact lyrics in the Ritual book, have prepared transparencies, and will project all music pieces for which lyrics are not exactly as in the Sunday Missal.

Baptized, confirmed R.C.'s may attend formation to bring Holy Communion to the sick. If you're interested, call the Parish Office.

When bringing Holy Communion to the sick, place your open Pyx on the Altar before Mass, with the correct number of hosts in it. Come pick up your Pyx after Mass is over. The first time, introduce yourself to one of our pastors, and ask for instructions.

### **FABRIQUE & H.O.C. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS!**

Today, Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m., we will hold a meeting of parishioners for the purpose of electing two members of the Fabrique, and immediately after this, a brief meeting to elect two members of the H.O.C. All Roman Catholics of full age (18) living within the Parish boundaries (check bulletin) are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the meeting of parishioners to elect wardens to the Fabrique. All adults of the Parish may participate at the Helping Others Committee election meeting.

The Fabrique & Helping Others Committee are key boards in the life of our parish. Administration, the repair and maintenance of our plant, equipment, and grounds, and management of our charitable outreach is work indispensable to our Mission in Christ – not an honorary position – but a real labor of love; allowing some fun and the satisfaction of doing important tasks at Becket for the Lord and his People. The H.O.C. works under the authority of the Fabrique. The members, like Coordinators and members of Becket Pantry, help carry the burden of the Pastor to respond in charity to the needs of local families on behalf of our Congregation.

Please pray for these generous and dedicated volunteers.

### **BE A CANDIDATE AND COME ENJOY DOING THE LORD'S WORK!**

Fabrique work is done by committee and portfolio. These are reorganized after each election to accommodate what the members are willing and able to do. Offer your skills, talent, and experience to serve the Fabrique. You can serve as a gateway for the stewardship of our entire membership.

**May the lord guide you in your decision!  
Think, discuss & pray. Good luck!**

This year we gratefully thank *Janet Arts* for three years of generous service and *Dawn Richardson* for completing a term left vacant two years ago. Our **Fabrique** has **two terms** of three years open beginning in **2006**. We also thank Michelle DiFrancesco and Heinz Brues for two years on the **Helping Others Committee**, which has **two terms** of two years open beginning in **2006**. **May God bless you all and your families!**

### **BUILDING FUND – 1997–2005 REPORT**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As your Fabrique board prepares to present to you the fruit of our long labours in researching the necessity and means of replacing the roofs to our buildings and further findings elicited by conscientious questions from some of you, we also approach another election. At the end of the Fabrique's year, we present to you a comprehensive report of our Building Fund, reinstated by the Fabrique in July 1997 to repair the Apron, parking lot, and roofs. We thank all who have in many ways contributed with trust in our future to this fund for the past 8 years! Your generosity, diligence, involvement, concern, and trust have given glory to God and helped us accomplish much-needed major repairs. In the months ahead, we will present to you appropriate means to underwrite the projected cost of repairs to the roofs, along with a report of our research into the technical details and of the Fabrique's decisions and intended actions. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Fr. Gilles for the Fabrique.

Opening Balance from 1997:	<b>\$12,312</b>
Italian Night Gala – June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 1998:	<b>\$11,500</b>
Summer Day Camp 1998–99–2001–02:	<b>\$9,500</b>
Raffle – April 1999:	<b>\$3,400</b>
Bazaar – Fall 2000–2005:	<b>\$21,096</b>
Jubilee Year Raffle 2000–2001:	<b>\$22,915</b>
Craft Sale 2001:	<b>\$5,362</b>
2004 Golf Classic:	<b>\$4,000</b>
2004 Wine Festival:	<b>\$5,721</b>
Other fundraisers & donations:	<b>\$19,719</b>
Offerings to date (October 27, 2005):	<b><u>\$250,367</u></b>
<b>Total Receipts to date:</b>	<b>\$365,892</b>
Apron reconstruction – Oct/Nov 1998:	<b>\$44,311</b>
Furnace & Pump Repairs – Fall 1999:	<b>\$6,572</b>
Parking Lot – Fall 2000 – April 2001:	<b>\$85,281</b>
Parking Lot Lighting – Fall 2000:	<b>\$20,316</b>
Parking Lot Final – Jan/Sept 2001:	<b>\$16,639</b>
Oil Tank Replacement – Fall 2002:	<b>\$11,601</b>
Roof Evaluation – Architects 2004–05:	<b><u>\$21,074</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures to date:</b>	<b>\$205,794</b>
<b>Building Fund Credit Balance:</b>	<b>\$160,098</b>

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Fair Trade success continues! \$535.00 worth of Fair Trade products were sold last weekend. Thank you to everyone for your support of our third world farmers. Mark your calendars: the next Fair Trade sale will be held December 3 & 4 after all Masses. Come do some Christmas shopping!

## **Year of the Eucharist – Communion Instruction for Everyone**

In the Roman Catholic Church, Protestants may not receive; while Orthodox and Eastern Catholics may. When we receive, Jesus gives us communion with Himself and his Father in the Holy Spirit, but also with his Church. Whatever attitudes we hold towards Mary, the Pope, or the Roman Catholic Church, it is towards Jesus that we actually hold them.

When not properly disposed, one may receive Holy Communion at another time after going to celebrate Confession first for Reconciliation with the Lord and his Church through the services of a priest. Whenever we are not receiving Communion, we may come forward for a spiritual communion and a blessing by simply placing a hand over our heart.

To receive Holy Communion on the hand: open the hand you use less up near your heart – because Jesus comes into our hearts – and put underneath it the hand you will use to pick up the Host, the Bread of Life. To receive on the tongue: extend your tongue straight out flat as a “landing pad” to receive the Lord, the Bread of Life. You don’t want a minister of Holy Communion to have to reach into your mouth.

**NO DIPPING PLEASE** – If you wish to receive from the Cup, please take a small sip. There’s no dipping – it’s not one of the proper ways developed over the centuries as reverent or attentive to the mystery we are celebrating. Nor is it hygienic or respectful. We have the proven and accepted ways of receiving Holy Communion carefully described in the Sacramentary and its Introduction document. Whenever anyone tries to dip, the ministers have been instructed to cover the Cup.

We will not actually offer you the Body or Blood of Christ until you say “**Amen!**” We must hear you declare your Catholic faith that Jesus is truly present in the Host & Wine – in his risen Body and Blood, in his divinity – otherwise we cannot give you Holy Communion.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Next general meeting will be held **Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in Cahill Hall. New Year’s Eve dance will be sponsored by the Knights this year in Parish Hall. \$30.00 per person. Dinner at 9 p.m. 624-5506 or 626-8421.

## **CWL**



Congratulations to everyone who was elected to the CWL executive for 2005-2006. President: **Shirley Legath**, President Elect: **Kathleen Lalonde**, First Vice President: **Louise Eberwein**, Treasurer: **Elinor Gallagher**, Recording Secretary: **Lauren Percival**, Corresponding Secretary: **Audrey Cassidy**. May you all enjoy a fruitful partnership

this coming year and may God bless you and your families. Becket’s CWL welcomes all new members who have joined this year, and is always open to new members. For more info call Shirley: 626-4002.

## **YOUTH**



St. Thomas à Becket parish has a newly formed youth group! We hope that all the youth of our parish join us for the many fun activities we have planned and that all parishioners will support us with prayers. As we begin our first activities we would ask that you once again **drop off your empty bottles** in the box in the Narthex. Thanks!



## **BECKET PANTRY**

**NEEDS:** crackers, rice, cookies, tomato sauce, tomato juice, cake and muffin mix and soap. Thanks to all who graciously offered to volunteer as drivers. God Bless you & your families.

**ONLY ONE CHRISTMAS BASKET MEETING NOVEMBER 15**  
**Cahill Hall, 7:00 p.m.** for all who are interested in helping out in any way to make Christmas special for those less fortunate. **Examples:** **A** - Prepare a basket, **B** - Help in the garage on delivery day, **C** - Strong men and youth to help carry orders from Cahill Hall to waiting cars on delivery day, **D** - Help in Cahill Hall to keep order both during the basket preparation and on delivery day **E** - A dozen other ways. **Please consider making this your gift to the Christ Child.** Helping the needy is everyone's business so we invite you to do this as a family. **N.B.** If you want to do an actual delivery to a family you **MUST** attend this meeting. **If you can't attend, please send a proxy who can fill you in.** *C. Moss*

## **40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS**

*Thank you* to everyone who has responded to our requests for video interviews for our Becket History DVD including: Jim Pearson, John Payette, Shirley Legath, Fr. Fred Kirouac, Lorne Flavelle, Diane Flavelle, Mark Brennan, Caroline Moss, Margaret Million, John & Nathalie Bondyra, Vita Lewis, Darroch Robertson, Fiona Robertson, Guy & Mary Taillon, Yvonne Bourque, Sabrina Jodoin, Fr. Mike Shaw. Still to come: Sr. Michael Paul, Joyce Davies, Fr. Tom Dowd. Gather your thoughts and stories as we will continue our interviews after the Christmas holidays. We are looking for pictures of the following priests: Fr. Cornell - 1974 Fr. Joe Sullivan - 1974, Fr. Ron Lawson, & Fr. Claude Soldano.

## **AROUND TOWN**

### **CANADIAN NATIONAL PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE 2005**

Life and Family Source of Hope: The Province of Quebec and Canada at Crossroads. November 17-19 St. Joseph's Oratory. Hosted by Campagne Québec-Vie. To register or for more information call 344-2686 or 1800 730-5358. See bulletin Board in Narthex for more details.

### **COME AND SEE EVENING**

The next come and see evening will be held **Friday, Nov. 18 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.** These gatherings are intended for men 18 to 54 years old, who may be discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood, to share in fellowship, and to explore their call together. Gatherings take place at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish. For info: Fr. Robert Clark, at (514) 925-4348 or [vocationsmtl@hotmail.com](mailto:vocationsmtl@hotmail.com)

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC SERVICES OF MONTREAL**

The Healing Ministry of C.C.S.M. under the spiritual direction of Fr. Thomas Dowd continues to arrange for Eucharistic celebrations followed by anointing of the sick and prayers for healing. The next such evening is planned for **Thursday Nov. 24 at 7:00 p.m.** St. Luke Parish beginning with Rosary and Praise at Celebrant Fr. Roger Martineau. Info: 486-7734.