

# Solemnity of Christ the King

November 20, 2005



## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: NOV 21 TO 25

**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 24:** HS, 5, 6, 7, 8 at 4:30 or 6:15. Please check your child's calendar for your gathering time. Don't forget to bring your FF workbook and a \$2.00 donation for Malawi. ♦ Please pick up your **Advent letters** when you come to the hall to sign the attendance books. ♦ Reminder to **ALL** Faith First parents: please bring in your baked goods for **Monday November 28 Advent Mission evening**.

### IN OUR PARISH

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

If you have not picked up your advent letter (arranged alphabetically by street at the back of the church), please do so TODAY. Help us save on postage by delivering to your neighbours. Thanks in advance & God bless.

#### **ADVENT MISSION REMINDS US OF GOD-AMONG-US**

Our Advent Mission this year prepares us not only for the Feast of the Nativity but also the Feast of the Epiphany, which reminds us that from the very beginning Jesus was someone to be personally experienced. Epiphany also points to other encounters that have the potential of rearranging our ways of relating to him, and even our understanding of the purpose of our life.

The feast of Epiphany is a call to think about all of the mysterious and wonderful ways in which God appears in surprising forms. Indeed, if the God of the universe can be manifest in a helpless baby in a poor stable, then we better be ready for God just about anywhere and in anybody. We had better open our eyes and heart wider, and brace ourselves for something wonderful at the most unexpected moments and in the oddest of places.

Our parish mission has been planned to appeal to parishioners but also to friends and family who do not come to church regularly. Christ is for everyone and we urge you to extend this invitation widely among the people that you know.

Plan to attend all three evenings from Sunday, Nov. 27 to Tuesday, Nov. 29 beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be talks and music focused on the awesome reality that Christ is present among us.

Give yourself and your friends a special gift this year by taking time for what matters most.

*For more information, contact the office at 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 begin today, Christ the King, November 19-20. To talk to someone about this, 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 begin today 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. ELECTIONS RESULTS**

The Fabrique and Helping Others Committee thank the congregation for your ongoing support, and all those who attended and participated in the election meetings last Sunday. Thanks and congratulations to **Janet Arts & Dawn Richardson** for standing and for your election to another 3-year term on the Fabrique, and to **John Bondyra & Christine Agombar** for standing and for your election to the Helping Others Committee for a term of 2 years. May the Lord bless and guide you in your service to Becket for the honor and glory of God! May He bless you and your family for their generous support of your service.

### **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><u>\$365,892</u></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><u>\$205,794</u></b>
<b>Building Fund Credit Balance:</b>	<b>\$160,098</b>



### LECTORS NEEDED

Please pick up a copy of the new schedule, available in the Narthex. **Also, lectors are needed for the 5 pm Sunday Mass.** Please consider this important ministry opportunity.

### OUR PARISH BULLETIN ADS

Renewal of the advertisements in our bulletin will be made very soon. To reserve your space, please leave your name at the parish office, so that the representative of the Parish Bulletin, Mr. Jacques Latreille, can contact you. Thanks to the advertisers and welcome to the new ones!

### NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE



Presented by Becket's **Knights of Columbus** in Parish Hall. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. \$30.00 per person. Dinner at 9 p.m. Mario 624-5506 or Guy 626-8421.

## **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.

## **BECKET PANTRY**

**NEEDS:** rice, gravy mix, tomato sauce, cake and muffin mix, dish soap, body soap and laundry detergent.

**THE CHRISTMAS BASKET** donation slips are being passed out this weekend and we ask you to please be diligent about buying the items listed. This will ensure that our fifty to sixty families are well taken care of. **On December 3rd and 4th** we will copy last year's DONATION WEEKEND and ask that everyone bring their donation to the Church garage behind the priest's home on Hugo St. For those who don't get a slip this weekend, pantry volunteers will be at the doors next weekend to pass them out. Thank you for your generosity.

*Becket Pantry*

## **ADVENT CANDLES AND PRAYER BOOKLETS**

We are offering two types of Advent candles this year. Please look in the back of the church after Mass and in the narthex or hall for choices.

Please also pick up a copy of “ADVENT! What’s the Prophet in that?” specially designed daily devotions and activities for teens and youth.

Also available: Grace Upon Grace Catholic Family Prayers for Each Day of Advent.



## **YOUTH**

**TEEN SINGERS, (13-19 yrs) NEEDED** for 5 pm  
Sunday Mass, twice each month. Join us! Patrick Viegas  
453-3986.



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!

## **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**

### **BE REFRESHED IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT**

Personally directed weekend retreat at Villa Marguerite. Begins Friday evening, **December 2**, ends Sunday afternoon. 626-9462 or 697-6684.

### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Margaret Johnson Gymnasium, entrance via Dr. Penfield. Collectibles, crafts, decorations, & lunch bar. Proceeds will support improvements to science labs and Sacred Heart Missions around the world. Info: 937-3317.

### **ST. PATRICK'S PARADE QUEEN AND COURT**

The United Irish Societies of Montreal inc. (organizers of the annual St. Patrick Parade) will host the annual Selection Evening for the 2006 St. Patrick's Parade Queen and Court to take place on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Hotel Delta Centre Ville. Criteria for entering the contest: single – between 18 and 25 yrs, Irish descent Canadian Citizen resident of Montreal. Info: Elizabeth at 866-3625 or Coleen 426-4588 [www.montrealirishparade.com](http://www.montrealirishparade.com)

### **FUND RAISING OYSTER PARTY OR TABLE D'HÔTE**

Refuge Juan Moreno a refuge, founded by Sr. Maura McGrath, for women and children refugees is holding a fund raising dinner on **November 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.** at the McGill Faculty Club, 3460 McTavish. Tickets are \$100.00 tax receipted. To reserve contact Lorraine Torpy at 525-0017.

### **ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Invite you to **A NIGHT OF WORSHIP** on November 26 at 7:30 p.m. to proclaim our churches in the West Island as *One people with one passion and one purpose!!!* Info: 626-4205.