

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2006

*A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
A radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.*

**WEEKDAY MASSES: Jan 30 & 31: 7:30 p.m.  
Feb 1: 8:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Feb. 2& 3: 8:30 a.m.**



## **IN OUR PARISH** **FAITH FIRST NEWS**



Confirmation parent's gathering **Feb 2, 7 to 9 p.m.**



### **OUR CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS ARE IN!**

**April 22:** 9:30 a.m.: C-509-603      1:00 p.m.: C-604-607 + C-701& 801

**June 10:** 9:30 a.m.: C-505-508      1:00 p.m.: C-501-504

### **CONGRATULATIONS MARCO ARGENTINO**

Marco has been accepted as a candidate to the permanent diaconate and will officially receive his rite of candidacy on **March 30 at 7:30 p.m.** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. All welcome. Congratulations Marco and as you journey with the Lord, may God bless you in all you do.

### **FEAST OF ST. THOMAS À BECKET**

December 29 is the feast of St. Thomas à Becket. While this date marks the martyrdom of St. Thomas, few parishioners come to church on that day to honour our patron. This year we will defer the celebration to **Wed., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Two Masses will be celebrated: **8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.**



### **CHILDREN'S PASSION PLAY**

Becket's Church Mice Productions will present *The Caterpillar and The Cross* on Good Friday, **April 14, at 10:00 a.m.** All children in the parish are welcome to participate. First practice **March 5 at 1:00** in the church.

### **FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



**February 3** 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 the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church.

On Oct.17, 2005, some 100,000 children who received their first Communion, gathered in St. Peter's Square to take part in a meeting of prayer and catechesis with the Holy Father entitled: "The bread of heaven." Speaking off-the-cuff, the Pope replied to questions of some of the children sitting nearby. Answering a question about Jesus' invisible presence in the Eucharist, the Pope said: "*We cannot see Him, yet there are many things we cannot see but that exist and are essential. For example, we cannot see our own reason and intelligence ... yet they exist for we can speak and think. We cannot see electricity, he said, but we feel its effects, such as light. We cannot see the most profound things, but we can see and feel their effects.*"

## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Thank you to all who took part in our video interview sessions this weekend and last. What fun we had! We are looking forward to creating a beautiful keepsake DVD of the history of our parish. Stay tuned for more interview dates and keep your pictures and stories/suggestions coming! You are all part of it! We are currently looking for a donation of a trophy case that will be used to display memorabilia and photos during our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Please call the office for more info: 626-4111.

### “THE MARRIAGE COURSE”!

***This course provides couples with the skills they need to build a strong & healthy marriage that will last a lifetime!*** The course will take place on

Monday evenings at 7:30 and begins on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Over a period of 7 sessions, in a relaxing home setting, participants will spend quality time learning about themselves, their spouse, and their life together. **No** group discussions. All discussions are private between the spouses.



This course will appeal to couples who want to enhance an already good marriage, those in the first 5 years of marriage, or those struggling with issues in their relationship. Consider investing a little time to enable your marriage to reach its full potential!

Details & registration forms are available at the back of the church, or you can contact Nathalie or John for more information at 695-7896.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

There are 5 men currently being formed for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Montreal: ***Martin Andrews, Francesco Giordano, Michael Brian Leclerc, Jason Piper, and Jean-François Cuggy.*** Please pray for them and for all the men the Lord is calling; that they may hear his voice in them and respond with generous and courageous hearts. Lord bless them.



### What do we do with the Gift of the Magi?

The word on the slip of paper you received (If you missed it get one from the basket at the Manger until February 2<sup>nd</sup>.) is a ***spiritual gift.*** You may already have it and the Lord wants you to use it more or else the Lord now wants to give it to you. Open your heart to the Lord: ask Him to give you this gift and help you use it, and guide you by the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Find out more about this gift and begin using it. ***Enjoy!!!***

### GROUPS AND MINISTRIES 2006 REPORT TO DIOCESE

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Archdiocese requires every pastor to submit a “Pastoral Situation Report” for the parish. Becket Parish leaders of groups and ministries please provide a brief report showing the name and kind of group or ministry, the # of leaders, # of other members = total members – as at year’s end – and please email or phone in by January 31<sup>st</sup>. You may add any details and progress you wish to bring to our attention. This is an exercise in coresponsibility. Thank you very much.

Fr. Gilles

### FAMILY BREAKFAST



Sponsored by Becket’s Knights of Columbus: Family Breakfasts will be held on the **first Sunday of the month** after the 11:00 a.m. Join us **after the 11:00 Mass Feb 5.** \$3.00 per person maximum \$10.00 per family.

## **JUSTICE & PEACE**

### **FAIR TRADE SALE FEBRUARY 4 & 5**

CHOCOLATE! CHOCOLATE! CHOCOLATE! Two new products: gift-wrapped, chocolate covered almonds & white chocolate, will be featured for the first time at our table, along with the usual fine products. A gift that is sure to be a hit with that special person on St. Valentine's Day.



## **BECKET PANTRY**

Needed: crib with mattress and if possible, linens for newborn. 626-4111.

## **AROUND TOWN**

### **EVENING OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

You are warmly invited to an open house and evening of prayer for vocations to the priesthood at the Grand Seminary of Montreal 2065 Sherbrooke on **Wed. Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.** Bishop Anthony Mancini will preside a concelebrated Eucharist. Refreshments and guided tours will follow. Free parking. Come support our seminarians and priests!

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

St. Charles Meals on Wheels needs volunteer cooks and shoppers. Info Ray Kalita 626-8118.

### **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS CANADA**

Come enjoy- good food, friends, music and prizes at the Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner: Sat. Feb.18, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner served at 6:30 pm.\$15 Tickets: Victor Boyle 928-7196 or [info@aoh-montreal.com](mailto:info@aoh-montreal.com)

### **JOURNEY TO PERSONAL AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

Don't miss this rare live simulcast event **January 31**, from Parliament Hill in Ottawa as Jean Vanier (founder of L'Arche communities worldwide and noted author) and Dr. Balfour Mount (founder of the Canadian hospice movement) share from their personal experiences on issues of profound personal and social importance. • Find inspiration and renewal for your own life • Tap into the energy that moves people beyond fear • Help build a more inclusive and compassionate society • support a vision of the world where everyone belongs. To register: [www.larcheforum.com](http://www.larcheforum.com)



Becket Players this year is putting on a Broadway show called "Rockin' Robin Hood" as well as Cabaret 2006. Mark your calendars for box office opening day March 4, at 9:00 a.m. Show dates are as follows: Gala: April 21. Regular show dates: April 22, 28, 29, May 5, 6, 12 & 13. Special rates are available for all organizations who follow the Becket Players mission of helping children with educational, nutritional or medical needs can purchase tickets in Row 6 only (minimum 2 tables) Call 979-3029.

### **FRIENDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

Beginning February: Discussion group – Rights and resources for the mentally ill. ♦ Creative workshops for caregivers ♦ Support Groups ♦ Museum Visits. For info see bulletin board or call 636-6885.