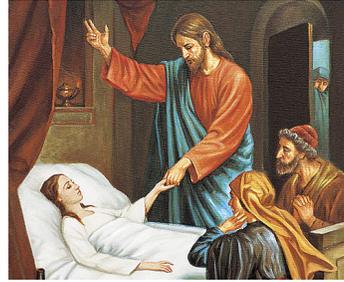


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2006

*Christ bore our sickness and
endured our suffering.*



**WEEKDAY MASSES: Feb. 6 No Mass
Feb 7: 7:30 p.m., Feb. 8, 9 & 10: 8:30 a.m.**

IN OUR PARISH FAITH FIRST NEWS



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, 7:30 p.m.** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. All welcome. Congratulations Marco. As you journey with the Lord, may God bless you in all you do!

PANCAKE SUPPER – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28



Pancake suppers will be served in the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday. There will be two sittings: 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$3.50 per person or \$10.00 per family. Please sign up on poster in the Narthex.

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.



40TH 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 40th Anniversary year. Please call the office for more info: 626-4111.

MUSICAL MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:



Æternal is an outreach "Ministry in Christian Unity" whose members are based at St. Thomas à Becket. Their purpose is to promote Christian Unity through music and evangelization as an outreach group. The group leader is Daniel Garvin. Find out more about this wonderful group at :

www.aeternalministries.com or contact garvin.family@sympatico.ca

GROUPS AND MINISTRIES 2006 REPORT TO DIOCESE

The Archdiocese requires every pastor to submit a "Pastoral Situation Report" for the parish. Becket Parish leaders of groups and ministries please report 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. You may wish to add details and progress. This is an exercise in coresponsibility. Thank you very much. Fr. Gilles

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

After all Sunday Masses at 4:30, 9, 11, & 5 next weekend we will offer the Anointing of the Sick to all the faithful who are ill. Any Catholic qualifies to receive an anointing who is seriously ill – ill enough to be concerned or not know if or when you will get better – or if you got worse since the last anointing, or are seriously weakened by old age and want to ask God for a recovery of strength. The anointings will take place in the center aisle just after the final blessing. Family and friends can gather and pray for the ill.

40TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO BECKET?

In the course of administering the primary operations sustaining ministry at Becket, we have never yet been able to set aside money to budget for significant liturgy improvements. We manage to cover small expenses a year at a time, for a few hundred dollars. Did you know that for the past twelve years our priests have worn chasubles that belong to them? When our pastor goes to another parish Becket will be without proper chasubles. The new pastor may not have any. Some decades ago a few parishioners home made some chasubles that at the time seemed a refreshing change from the heavy gold colored vestments of a style used for centuries accompanying the Mass in Latin, which was more devout in atmosphere. Times change and the average person no longer sees those vestments as beautiful but rather ugly and loud; so some years ago we put them in a box in the basement. We buy better looking clothes for ourselves than those. Vestments are meant to enhance the liturgy, inspire our prayer, and express some of the beauty of God's mysterious presence among us. It might be time for the parish to acquire a modest yet beautiful set of chasubles and perhaps even dalmatics for deacons. There is also a good ciborium that needs refinishing. The ciborium will cost \$450, and sturdy, beautiful, and lasting chasubles begin at around \$400 each (four different colours). Of course, we have a major expense coming in the form of our roofs; so this is not a formal appeal for the liturgy. However, if someone who intends to make a significant contribution for the roof also has the means and desire to enhance our liturgy, please contact the Office. Our Liturgy Committee will set up a priority list and shop if and when the means are provided. It is good for us and for our faith to at times strive for excellence even in our worship and express our affection for the Lord and his mysteries, providing we do not neglect our principal obligations to care for our life, family, home, church, and the poor, all for the glory of God.

CWL

There will be a Mass for CWL on Tues. **February 14 at 7:30 p.m.** followed by a meeting in Cahill Hall.

BECKET PANTRY

Needs: small packages and jars of tea & coffee.



2005 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

All 2005 envelope users: SVP pick up you receipts Feb 11/12 after Mass.

AROUND TOWN

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK – FEBRUARY 11
Pastoral Home Care Services Cordially invites: visitors to the elderly and the sick, Communion ministers, caregivers to family members, clergy and Candidates to the Diaconate, parish volunteers and hospital volunteers, to a **Presentation by brother John J. O’Hara, SA, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.** Topic: The Spirituality of Caregiving. Mass at 10 a.m. with Msgr. Sean Harty, EV Presider and Homelist. **Sat., Feb. 11, 9 - 11 a.m.** Loyola Chapel, 7141 Sherbrooke.

THANK YOU BECKET FOR CARING FOR OUR PRIESTS
Thank you for your generous contribution of \$2,273.00 towards the debt incurred by the Priests’ Pension Fund. Becket has responded positively and in a spirit of solidarity to this urgent appeal. We have relied on your support and we appreciate your commitment to our priests. On behalf of Archbishop Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, and all the priests of the diocese, I express thanks and appreciation, Sincerely, Most Rev. Anthony Mancini, Vicar General, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal

THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES US TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

The light of true knowledge makes it possible to discern without error the difference between good and evil.

Therefore, we must maintain great stillness of mind, even in the midst of our struggles. We shall then be able to distinguish between the different types of thoughts that come to us: those that are good, those sent by God, we will treasure in our memory; those that are evil and inspired by the devil we will reject.

Only the Holy Spirit can purify the mind: so by every means, but especially by peace of soul, we must try to provide the Holy Spirit with a resting place.

This is why the Apostle says: *Do not stifle the Spirit.* The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of goodness: do not grieve him by your evil actions and thoughts, and so deprive yourself of the defense his light affords you. In his own being which is eternal and life-giving, he is not stifled, but when he is grieved he turns away and leaves the mind in darkness, deprived of the light of knowledge.

As St. Paul says: *My prayer is that your love may increase more and more in knowledge and insight, and so enable you to choose what is best.*

From the Treatise on Spiritual Perfection by Diadochus of Photice, Bishop. Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. 3, pp.154-155.

POPE BENEDICT XVI ON STEWARDSHIP

“The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent and treasure.”

— *His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on the upcoming International Stewardship Conferences.*