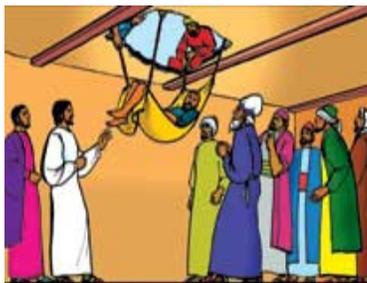


# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 19, 2006

*The Lord sent me to bring good news to  
the poor and freedom to prisoners.*



**Weekday Masses: Feb. 20 & 21: 7:30 p.m., Feb. 22, 23 & 24: 8:30 a.m.**

### **IN OUR PARISH**

#### **FAITH FIRST NEWS**



Any parents who have children celebrating either First Communion or confirmation this spring and have not picked up the information packages that were given out at the parents meetings please pick it up at the parish office or call the Faith First info line at 620-4057 to arrange for pick-up.

#### **NORTH SHORE ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE**

The NSEC is made up of Roman Catholic, Anglican, United, First Christian Reformed, and Presbyterian Church representatives. Hopefully the group will soon including reps from the Baptist, Pentecostal and Evangelical churches. Meetings are held once every two or three months to plan events that can be shared by all Christians such as Ecumenical church services, carol services at Christmas, Walk with the Cross on Good Friday, picnics and other activities. Any funds raised are donated to a charitable organization such as the palliative care residence or Dans la Rue. It is extremely rewarding to meet other Christians and discuss our common love of Christ! Want to get involved? We'd love to have you on this important committee. Info: Danny Garvin 696-2091.

#### **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.



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

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration preparations are underway! It's not too early to circle Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar....more information to follow in upcoming bulletins.



#### **IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SUNDAY MISSAL**

You can find the parts of the Mass, such as Gloria, Creed, responses, and other Mass prayers in the CBW II, the blue hymnbook in some pews.

## **WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT SUNDAY MISSALS**

Novalis has stopped printing the Living with Christ Sunday missalettes that used to be available for weekend Masses. Although we always order a large quantity of the Living with Christ Sunday Missals (in blue this year) for those who like have their own copy of the missals, these have now sold out, and they are no longer available from Novalis. We would have ordered a larger quantity of missals had we known that the Sunday missalettes would no longer be printed. In the meantime, we have taken advantage of a promotional offer for the month of March. You will soon see copies of the large and regular print complete edition of Living with Christ for **March** only. Because there will be no more missalettes or missals available until Advent 2006 we invite you to contact Novalis, toll free 1-800-387-7164, for information about personal subscriptions (more info can be found on the cover of the March edition). Thank you.

## **PRACTICAL ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SEMINARS**

Parents, from the time of Baptism until your children reach adulthood, find yourself on a learning curve. First, it's your child's questions; then it's your own. We are now offering parishioners adult faith enrichment seminars. The **A to F** series is especially designed for Baptism, but will also be, along with the **1 to 10** series, of interest to everyone. Tuesday, March 7 – The Art of Reconciliation – reveals the art of a warrior and the graciousness of a queen. Wednesday, March 8 – The Lord's Day – Baptism begins a new life of freedom to resist the new slavery. Check the full calendar at <http://stthomasabeket.org/> Click on **Resources** – then on **Adult Faith Enrichment** or call the Parish Office at **626-4111**

## **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO BECKET AND TANZANIA?**

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. Our sensitivities have changed and those vestments no longer accomplish the purpose for which they were intended: 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. Our good old ciborium was refinished (\$450) and sturdy, beautiful, and lasting chasubles begin at around \$400 each (four different colours). Our current priority is to repair our roofs; however, if you intend to make a significant contribution for the roof and would also like to enhance our liturgy, please contact the Office. Our Liturgy Committee will shop if and when the means are provided. We can strive for excellence 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. Meanwhile, we will send the vestments we no longer use to a mission in Africa, where they can use them as they are or improve them in a manner suited to their culture. The generous gift of those who first made them will live on in another Church.

## **2005 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

2005 envelope users: Tax receipts are available at the back of the church.

## **WE WANT NO COVER UPS**

The piece I wrote last Sunday regarding our Lenten Parish Mission has stimulated good dialogue. Abuse of authority can happen anywhere. If some have experienced such abuse related to Opus Dei and its activities or approaches and have not been acknowledged, they now have a chance. Fr. Eric Nicolai, who is offering our Mission, will give a brief presentation on Opus Dei and take questions from those in attendance here on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Depending on the number of people, we will meet either in Cahill Hall or in the Church. To the extent people have been hurt and there are wrongs to right; then we can see what can be done to address them. It is also important for us to see how God is using such a movement for his glory to develop and strengthen faith, marriages, and families.

## **FAMILY BREAKFAST**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the first Knights of Columbus sponsored family breakfast. 100 hungry parishioners enjoyed a delicious, full course egg and bacon breakfast. Join us for the next family breakfast **March 5 after the 11:00 Mass.** \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

## **BECKET PANTRY**

**Needs:** rice, noodle mixes, Kraft Dinner, canned pastas, pancake mix, tomato sauce, canned ham, small packages/ jars of tea & instant coffee, laundry detergent. Thank you for your continuing generosity. God bless.

## **AROUND TOWN**

The diocese of Montreal is offering a formation program for skills in adult faith ministry. Call Elizabeth Koessler at 925-4315 or Diane Bellizzi at 931-7311, ext 296 or see our Parish Ministry Team. Application form at [www.diocesanmontreal.org](http://www.diocesanmontreal.org) click “welcome” & “Adult Faith Formation”.

## **WONDERING ABOUT GOD’S PLAN FOR YOU?**

An invitation for men and women 18 to 45 to come and join a small group of Sisters for prayer and reflection on God’s call to you. **Fri., March 10** Newman Centre, 3484 Peel. 7-8:30 p.m. Sr. Edna Dolan SMR 529-8697.

## **MARRIED COUPLES**

A worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like spring-time. Join us **March 17, 18 & 19** for a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you would like to make your marriage even more special than it already is call Mary and Len (450) 622-1070.

## **A LECTURE BY BILL HUEBSCH**

A popular U.S. author and workshop presenter – most notably for his works on such topics as catechetics, spirituality and the Second Vatican Council. He is the author of *Whole Catechesis in Plain English* and *The General Directory for Catechesis in Plain English*. Mr. Huebsch will give the opening presentation at the UofM Conference on “*Adult Education and the Church Today*” **March 16, 7 p.m.** \$10. **Register by Feb. 24** : Novalis: 278-3020 or Ms. Koessler 925-4315, Ms. Bellizzi 931-7311 ext. 296 or E. Di Fruscia 931-7311 ext. 257 Sponsored by the UofM, l’Institut de pastorale dominicains, the Archdiocese of Montreal and Novalis.

## **MONTREAL DIRECTED RETREAT**

At Villa Marguerite Feb. 24-26. “Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile” Info: Paul Empsall 626-9462 or Patricia 697-6684.