

First Sunday Of Lent

March 5, 2006

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Weekday Masses:

March 6: No Mass; 7: 7:30pm

Mar. 8, 9, 10: 8:30am



Share Year-Round

You are invited to share!

Let this Lent mark the beginning of your monthly donation to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE'S Share Year-Round program. The projects you support every day in Latin America, Africa and Asia help people take control of their lives and build a future for themselves and their children.



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IN OUR PARISH

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace this Lent emphasizes the need to preserve and protect natural sources of water. We start by becoming aware of how our actions affect the quality of water, at home and throughout the world. We are reminded of how fortunate we are living in Canada and why we cannot take our relative abundance of fresh water for granted. Make a commitment to drink tap water not bottled water throughout Lent.



FAITH FIRST NEWS



As Lent begins, please remember to pick up your **Lenten bracelet** at the Children's Liturgy corner. Each week of Lent, a bead will be added to the bracelet as a reminder of our Lenten journey with Jesus.

First Reconciliation for children celebrating First Communion this spring will take place **March 11 & 18 at 9:00 a.m and 1:00 p.m.** Consult your blue calendar for your date and time. Children must arrive 15 minutes early.

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LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR SEAN HARTY, E.V.

Dear Fr. Gilles and Faithful of St. Thomas à Becket,

As you are aware, Fr. Placido Macarine has asked to be released from his nomination as Associate Pastor of St. Thomas à Becket Parish. In my lengthy meeting with Fr. Placido last weekend, I felt that his request was an appropriate one that was best for Fr. Placido.

Fr. Placido is planning to return shortly to the Philippines, accompanied by his father to resolve personal family issues.

Fr. Placido's resignation is made with the full approval of his ecclesiastical authorities. Fr. Placido remains a priest in good standing within our diocese, and we extend to him our full support and fraternal care at this time.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to the community of St. Thomas à Becket and your Pastor, Fr. Gilles, for the welcome and support you have extended to Fr. Placido during his ministry with you.

Your support and the care and support of your priests has become a hallmark of your community and I am ever grateful for that spirit among you.

With my personal prayers and blessings.

Msgr. Sean Harty, EV

FANIA EASTER PROJECT

Our Fania School model is now up, and you are invited to take an Easter egg, fill it with change, and drop it in the hole in the Fania's school roof. All contributions will go toward supporting the Fania project in Honduras. You may fill up as many eggs throughout Lent as you like. Thanks you for your generous support of this project.

40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Interviews for our 40th Anniversary **DVD** will now be done by appointment only. Contact the parish office or email webmaster@stthomasabecket.org to schedule an interview.



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. The Living with Christ Sunday Missals (in blue this year) have sold out at Novalis. In the meantime, we have taken advantage of a promotional offer for the month of March. We have put out copies of the large print and regular *complete* edition of Living with Christ for **March** for use during all Masses. We invite you to contact Novalis at 1-800-387-7164, for information about personal subscriptions for the remaining months of 2006. 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://stthomasabecket.org/> Click on **Resources** – then on **Adult Faith Enrichment** or call the Parish Office at **626-4111**

20 YEARS AFTER THE FIRE WE NEED VESTMENTS

When Fr. Gilles leaves September 1st, he will take his chasubles with him. Homemade chasubles used after the fire were a quick help after the loss of everything in the sacristy, which was destroyed. The fire was 20 years ago and 20 years after Becket was founded. We do not neglect charity to those in need, and now is a good time to buy a modest yet beautiful set of chasubles and perhaps even dalmatics for deacons. If you intend to make a significant contribution for the roof and would also like to enhance our liturgy, please contact the Office. The plain vestments we no longer use will serve in solidarity a mission in Africa, where they can adapt them. The generous gift of those who made them will live on in another Church.

GOD CALLS US TO WALK IN THE LIGHT OF DAY

We really look forward to a good Lenten Mission with Fr. Eric Nicolai. He happens to be a priest of Opus Dei, but that is not why I asked him. He is a kind man, a fine priest, and a good brother. Fr. Eric will present Opus Dei and take questions on Thursday, March 9th at 7:30 pm in Cahill Hall

or in the Church. If any have been hurt or there are wrongs to right; we can see what can be done. Let's see how God uses Opus Dei for his glory, to develop and strengthen faith, people, marriages, and families.

YOUTH

CFC Youth For Christ Montreal invites all high school through university students to join them for a weekend **March 24, 6:30 p.m. to March 26, 2:00 p.m.** at Queen of Angels Academy. \$45 includes meals, materials and lodging. Info: CJ Gotanco: 792-9525 or Melissa Quinto: 591-9526.

CHRIST IN OTHERS RETREAT

WHAT: Lenten Retreat, animated by COR Montreal "Changing your Life for Christ". **WHO:** youth/young adults age 15-25 (or so). **WHERE:** Queen of Angels Academy on Bouchard Blvd. in Dorval. **WHEN:** Saturday, **March 18** from 9am to 9pm (full day commitment). **WHY:** reflection, worship, discussion, prayer, song, games, witnessing, fun!!!
25\$ call Claire/Lou 514-620-0342 or claireb77@yahoo.com

AROUND TOWN - ALL ARE WELCOME!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WEEKEND SEMINAR

It is an honour to announce that the **Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Mancini** along with **Fr. Louis Cerulli, Fr. Patrick Donnelly, Fr. Thomas Dowd, Fr. Roger Martineau, Fr. Paul Sauve, and Fr. Michael Tauro** will be presenting teachings at the Life in the Spirit Weekend Seminar, Fri., March 24-7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, and Sat., March 25-9:30 am – 5:00 pm. St. John Fisher Parish. Admission FREE. Reservations email jeanann@souvenir-avanti.com, or call Jean Ann Ronci 694-0707.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC SERVICES OF MONTREAL

The Healing Ministry of C.C.S.M. cordially invites you to participate in a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish on **Friday March 10 at 7 pm** with Msgr. Sean Harty as celebrant. Evening will begin with Rosary and Praise; anointing of the sick will be offered after Mass.

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY

June 9, from 7pm to 7am, there will be a cure for cancer relay hosted by the Cdn. Cancer Society at a high school track field in St. Laurent. Last year approx. 3000 people participated. Cancer survivors or patients are invited to form or join a team. Teams of 10 are required and only ONE from each team can attend an information meeting in **Cahill Hall, March 15 at 7:30 pm or March 23rd at 1:30pm** You can walk the track as much or little as you wish; tents for rest and food supplied. Carolyn Moss.



"Rockin' Robin Hood" and Cabaret 2006 are around the corner. Box office is now open! Show dates: Gala: April 21. Regular shows: April 22, 28, 29, May 5, 6, 12 & 13. Call 979-3029. Special rates for all organizations who follow Becket Players mission of helping children with educational, nutritional or medical needs: Row 6 only (min 2 tables).

SIERRA LEONE GUEST SPEAKER

The Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Montreal invites you to join them at St. Edward's Parish for the 5pm Mass on Sat., March 18. A guest speaker from Sierra Leone, sponsored by Development and Peace, will give the homily. Pot luck supper will follow.