

Second Sunday Of Lent

March 12, 2006

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son, hear him."

Weekday Masses:
March 13&14: 7:30 pm
Mar. 15, 16, 17: 8:30am

IN OUR PARISH

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace reminds us that water is a sacred gift entrusted to us by God the Creator. The water that was formed four billion years ago is the same water around today. No more can be added. 97% of the earth's water is ocean; only 3% is fresh water. Home and lawn chemicals seep into our water systems. Make a commitment to use at least one biodegradable product.



"Through a host of programs supporting human rights work, sustainable farming, basic housing and emergency relief, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE helps communities throughout Latin America, Asia and Africa to overcome poverty and injustice. Our contributions do make a difference in the world. Please join me in supporting the 2006 Share Lent campaign."

Natalie MacMaster,
Honorary Chair of the
2006 Share Lent Campaign



FAITH FIRST NEWS



Cathedral visit for Confirmation families will take place Sunday March 26 at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral.

Please meet us at the Cathedral at 3:15 pm. If you have not yet registered to come, please call and let us know you are coming: 620-4057. Reconciliation celebrations begin **March 11th 9:00 am & 1:00 pm**. Please check your calendar for times. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

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

LECTORS

Please pick up your new schedules and **sign up** for Easter Sunday Celebration.



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 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. So far our eggs have “produced” \$35.01. Thanks for your continued 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. All interviews must be completed by the end of March. We are looking for a good picture of Fr. Robert Cornell. If you have one, please call the parish office.



BECKET MARRIAGE JUBILEE

Becket's Marriage Jubilee will be held on May 28, 2006. Stay tuned.

THANK YOU!

Our hard-working volunteers prepared mountains of pancakes and delicious sausages for 194 diners on Shrove Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who helped and participated, especially our young “trainee” volunteers Evan (aged 7) and Maximilian (aged 3).

WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT SUNDAY MISSALS

Novalis stopped printing the Living with Christ *Sunday* missalettes, but sent us 600 copies of the large print and regular *Complete* edition Living with Christ for **March**. The Living with Christ Sunday Missals (in blue this year) sold out at Novalis. Call 1-800-387-7164, for information about personal subscriptions for the remaining months of 2006. Thank you.



PRACTICAL ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SEMINARS

As the pace of life intensifies, and we find ourselves on a learning curve, it's good to meet other adults for faith enrichment seminars. The **A to F** series for parents of children to baptize is also of interest to everyone, as is the **1 to 10** series. Tuesday, March 21 – **(4) Our Life** – *God forms our conscience, heals us, and revitalizes our relations*. Wednesday, March 22 – **(D) Our Prayer** – *God comforts and nourishes his children*. 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

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 are generous with 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.

“HOW GOD PUTS THE PIECES OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER”

This is the theme of our Lenten Mission with Fr. Eric Nicolai from March 19th to 22nd at 7:30 pm in the Church. Fr. Eric will offer us encouragement as we see how God offers to restore the joy of our youth; help us uncover the deep meaning of our work; form our conscience, heal us, and revitalize our relations; and how God comforts and nourishes his children. Tune in!

LENT MISSION

Sunday and Monday evenings, Parish groups will offer hospitality, but on Tuesday we will close in simplicity. Wednesday, we invite parishioners to bring something to share so as to close our retreat in a spirit of gratitude in the communal “pot latch” style of the Hurons, who every Fall put all they had in common to eliminate the dangers of accumulation and contention.

SO WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH OUR ROOFS?

We are currently engaged in a communal exercise of study, dialogue, and comparing notes. It is vital to include all the expertise, experience, and wisdom of parishioners, as we seek out the best possible solution for the repair/replacement of our roofs. We follow Jesus’ lead, who showed us the benefit of always remaining in the Father’s will. We are many, and it takes more time for us to move closer together and be of one mind, one heart, and one soul. Russian Christians called this unity “sobornost” – a profound unity that draws its vitality from the Blessed Trinity – rooted in Christ. Join in by praying for the Fabrique members and all parishioners currently working together for the glory of God and your best interests.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

Beans, toothpaste, soap, tomato paste, large soups. Thanks to all who continue to give so generously. God Bless you and your 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

UPCOMING WEEKEND HOMILISTS

March 11 & 12: Deacon Richard Boileau

March 18 & 19: Fr. Eric Nicolai

March 25: Fr. Clement Onwunata

March 26: 9 & 11am: Fr. Gilles; **5pm:** Fr. Mike Shaw

LENTEN LETTERS ARE READY

Please pick up a copy of your Lenten letter – arranged alphabetically by **FAMILY NAME** - which includes information about Lenten and Easter Events in the parish. Please consider picking up and delivering copies for family, friends and neighbours. A **BIG THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers who came out to help us stuff and seal envelopes. God Bless.

AROUND TOWN - ALL ARE WELCOME!

YOUR WORD IS A LAMP FOR MY STEPS, A LIGHT FOR MY PATH
Archbishop Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte invites young people of the Diocese to gather together on **Saturday April 8** to meet Christ, and to celebrate World Youth Day 2006. The celebration will begin at **St. Patrick's Basilica at 1:00 pm** with a catechesis by Bishop Anthony Mancini V.G., followed by the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. At **4:00 pm** we will process to **Mary Queen of the World Cathedral**. The day concludes with a celebration of Passion Sunday presided by the Archbishop. Priests will be available to hear Confessions from 1 to 4pm at St. Patrick's Basilica. Info:931-7311 ext 273.

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.

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. **Anyone** 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. Meeting moderator: 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).

PARENTING CONFERENCE



Montreal welcomes author and speaker James Stenson April 1, Concordia University, H-110. He will speak about how successful parents work together to form their children's hearts and minds, thus leading their sons and daughters through adolescence to responsible adulthood. \$10/person \$15 couple \$5 students & seniors. Tickets:289-9362. Free babysitting.

ONE PEOPLE WITH ONE PASSION AND ONE PURPOSE

St. Michael and All Angels Church 15556 Cabot invites you to their third **NIGHT OF WORSHIP March 25, 7:30 pm** to proclaim all churches in the West Island as One People with One Passion and One Purpose!

ARMCHAIR RETREAT

April 28, 6:30 p.m. to April 30, 2:30 p.m. Join us for an intimate and tailor made weekend of discussion, meditation, scriptural talks, Eucharist, and if needed, reconciliation. Includes: individual cozy rooms with a view, and all meals. \$125.00. Small group of 5 people. Led by Margaret Million and Fr. Mike Shaw at L'Ermitage Retreat Center. **626-1154 or 696-6451, dmpriestshaw@hotmail.com**
Next Retreat: June 2-4, 2006.



SIERRA LEONE GUEST SPEAKER - CANCELLED

The Canadian Government has refused Mr. Kamara a visa to visit Canada. Therefore, the event at St. Edward's on March 18 is cancelled. There does not seem to be a legitimate reason for the refusal of the visa.

TRINITARIAN SPRITUALITY AND GUIDANCE OF SOULS

Fr. Richard Rohr, Loyola High School May 8-10, 7 pm to 9:30 pm . \$75.

SPIRITUALITY FOR THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE

Fr. Richard Rohr at Loyola High School. May 10th from 7pm to 9:30 pm. Cost \$50 Special price \$35 if registered and paid by March 15th.

CWL



The Montreal Council of the C.W.L. will be holding a Business Meeting followed by a Fun Bingo on Saturday, March 18th at 1:30 pm at St. Patrick's Basilica (c/o Congress Hall). Prizes and refreshments and a fun afternoon of friendship and fellowship...everyone welcome! Further info: President Dorothy Brophy: (514) 488-7475.

FRIENDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Support Group: Tues. Mar 22, 7:30. What does it mean to be mentally ill?
Museum Visits: Tues. Mar. 28 1pm. Meet at 12:45 pm on the corner of Crescent and Sherbrooke St. (new building) RSVP Olga 636-6885.

VON

VON West Island is looking for new volunteers wishing to provide support and respite to cancer patients and their caregivers, in a home environment. Spring training course will start mid-April. For information and registration call the VON at 695-8335 before March 24, 2006.

AN EVENING WITH BARBARA COLOROSO

"JUST BECAUSE IT'S NOT WRONG DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT"
Two hours packed with solid practical advice for parents and educators on how to use the stuff of everyday life to teach kids to care deeply, share generously, help willingly as well as to act with integrity and civility. March 20 7-9 pm. Lakeside Academy \$15.00 Tickets: Chapters Pointe Claire. Info: 696-8335.



A singing Group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snow storm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the sign outside to read "Resurrection is postponed".