

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

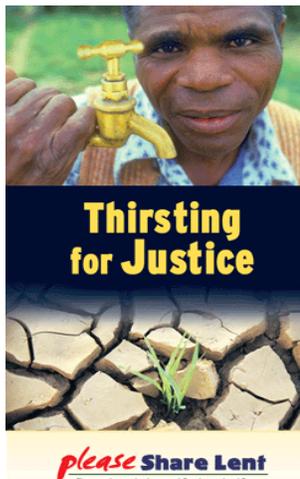
March 26, 2006

“God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.”

Weekday Masses:

March 27 & 28: 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 29, 30 & 31: 8:30 a.m.



IN OUR PARISH

WATER: LIFE BEFORE PROFIT

Development and Peace works in partnership with many communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America to provide access to clean water. In many of these countries women and children spend up to six hours each day, fetching water. Thousands of people in these countries die every year of water borne diseases. Make a commitment to donate to D&P this lent so they can continue their vital work. www.devp.org

SPRING FORWARD!



Reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on April 2. Remember to *turn your clocks forward one hour* on Saturday night, April 1, before you go to bed.



FAITH FIRST NEWS



Reconciliation for children receiving Confirmation this spring will be held April 8 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. *Please arrive 15 minutes early.*

Children's Gatherings:

Confirmation 5+ : Thursday March 30 at 4:30 and 6:15

HS 2, 3 & 4 Monday March 27, 4:30 or 6:15

First Communion Retreat Sat. April 1 at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

MARCO ARGENTINO TO RECEIVE RITE OF CANDIDACY

Please join us at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on **March 30 at 7:30 p.m.** when Marco Argentino will receive his rite of candidacy to the permanent diaconate. All welcome. Congratulations Marco, and may God abundantly bless you and your family.

CARING FOR THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY

Deacon Robert Zankoski of the *Pastoral Home Care Services* at the Archdiocese of Montreal will be hosting an information meeting on a future series of training sessions for visiting the sick and the elderly, to be held at our parish, possibly in the Fall. All are welcome.

Time & Place: Wednesday, March 29th at 7:30PM in the *Cahill Hall*
For more information, call: **Samia Boghdady** – Tel. 514-694-3564

LECTORS

Please pick up your new schedules, which includes important information and **please sign up** for Easter Sunday Celebrations.



WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Mary Queen of Peace: **March 26 during 5 pm Mass †** St. Veronica's: **March 28, 7:30 pm †** St. John Fisher: **April 1, 10 am to noon †** St. Luke's: **April 4, 7:30 p.m. †** St. Edmund of Canterbury: **April 5, 7:30 p.m.**

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. We are up to \$846.00! Thanks for your eggcellent support!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY BREAKFAST

The **April 2nd** family breakfast has been *postponed* because four of our brothers (kitchen staff) will be continuing their journey into knighthood, and the balance of the kitchen staff will be attending the ceremony. **Good news...** K.of C. family breakfasts will resume on Sunday May 7 after the 11:00 Mass. \$3pp/\$10 per family +... a cold buffet breakfast after the 9:00 Mass including croissants, ham, cheese and muffins - \$2pp. See you there!

40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

In upcoming weeks we'll present a historical moment in time series called "**A BECKET MOMENT**".



Today's installment is: In the very beginning, September 1959, in the basement of St. Genevieve parish, a Sunday Mass was celebrated by Father Robert Picard. If you were there for this Becket memory, please contact the office at 626-4111 so we can include your name in the list of honorees for Anniversary Celebration October 14th, 2006. **Last call** for 40th Anniversary **DVD** interviews is March 31st. Contact the parish office or email webmaster@stthomasabecket.org to schedule an interview.

BE AN EASTER FLOWER DONOR



To make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Easter, include your donation in an envelope and clearly mark it: "**Easter flower donations**". Also include on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please also include your parish envelope number if available. You can bring your donation to the office or drop it in the **Flower Donation Box** at the Church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins. God bless.

As we journey through this Lenten season we invite you to visit the Canadian Conference of Catholics Bishops' website at www.cccb.ca for interesting documents as well as Pope Benedict's message for Lent 2006.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Did you know that Natural Family Planning, as practiced today, is 98.5% effective in postponing a pregnancy and can be very helpful in achieving a pregnancy? Scientifically based, NFP is no longer the rhythm method and is guaranteed to enrich your marriage. Come and learn more on Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. in Cahill Hall. There is no charge and no obligation to follow-up. **Couples** are encouraged to attend but everyone is welcome. Presented by a St. Thomas a Becket parishioner - certified as a Billings Ovulation Method Instructor who has been teaching NFP for 14 years.

SENIORS: Income Tax Return help available! Parish office: 626 4111.

BECKET MARRIAGE JUBILEE

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

POTLUCK DINNER/CONCERT

Katrina Vandamme, her sister Stephanie, and father Luc, served our community for many years as Altar Servers & Eucharistic minister. She also participated in the 2002 WYD. She is now embarking on an outreach program in Mexico City with Global Youth Network where she will be working with orphaned & street children. She has asked for our financial support. In solidarity with our sister Katrina, we have organized an evening of entertainment for you **NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST**. Plan on attending the 4:30 Mass, then join us for fellowship and potluck dinner whilst listening to the inspirational music of the **AETERNAL MINISTRIES**. **Tickets** being sold after Mass today or at the door.

Adults: \$6.00, Children: \$3.00, Under 10yrs: Free

Please sign up for the potluck in the Narthex or call Catherine at 684-1606

PARISHIONERS DONATE VESTMENTS 20 YEARS AFTER FIRE

The fire was 20 years ago and 20 years after Becket was founded. We are generous with charity to those in need, and now parishioners have offered to also cover the cost of 4 new modest yet beautiful chasubles. If you intend to make a significant contribution for the roof and would also like to enhance our liturgy and make an offering for deacons' dalmatics, please contact the office. The plain homemade 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.

SO WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR ROOFS?

Currently we are awaiting much more precise replacement cost estimates. We are called to study this together, dialogue, and share notes, vital for the inclusion of all the expertise, experience, and wisdom of parishioners, to get the best possible solution to repair our roofs. Jesus showed us how to remain in the Father's will. We are taking the time to be of one mind, heart, and soul. Russian Christians called this profound unity "sobornost" – which draws its vitality from the Blessed Trinity – rooted in Christ. Join in this work by praying for the Fabrique members and all parishioners called to work together for the glory of God and your best interests.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

Juice, jello & pudding mix, tea bags, toothpaste, soap, sugar. Thanks to all who continue to give so generously. God Bless you and your families!

UPCOMING WEEKEND HOMILISTS

March 25: Fr. Clement Onwunata

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

April 1: Fr. Clement Onwunata

April 2: 9 a.m.: Fr. Mike Shaw; **11 a.m. & 5 p.m.:** Fr. Gilles

April 8: Fr. Gilles

April 9: 9 a.m.: Fr. Clement; **11:00:** Fr. Gilles; **5 p.m.:** Fr. Mike



AROUND TOWN - ALL ARE WELCOME!

BE REFRESHED IN MIND BODY AND SPIRIT

Silent, directed weekend retreat at Villa Marguerite. Begins Friday evening, April 7, ends Sunday afternoon. 626-9462 or 697-6684.