

Passion Sunday

April 9, 2006

Christ became obedient for us even unto death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.



Pope Benedict's message for World Youth Day, April 9, 2006.

The theme of the XXI World Youth Day message is "Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet and a Light to My Path," a passage chosen by Pope Benedict from the psalms. "I urge you to become familiar with the Bible and to have it at hand so that it can be your compass pointing out the road to follow," the pope said in his message, dated Feb. 22, 2006, and released Feb. 27. See complete message: <http://www.catholic.org/hf/teens/story.php?id=19029>

Weekday Masses: April 10 & 11: 7:30 p.m. April 12: 8:30 a.m.

April 13: 8:00 p.m. April 14 (Good Friday): No Mass

Please see Holy Week and Triduum schedule below for more information

IN OUR PARISH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. GILLES!

Join us as we wish Fr. Gilles a Happy Birthday today. Fr. Gilles, may Our Lord continue to guide you and bless you in all you do.



FAITH FIRST NEWS

Confirmation Celebration April 22, 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.



Confirmation Rehearsals

April 19 @ 6:30 (9:30 ceremony) April 20 @ 6:30 (1:00 ceremony)

2006-2007 REGISTRATION

Pre-registration parents meeting: **May 24/25 at 7 pm** in the Church.

Registration for 2006-2007: **May 30 & 31 from 7-9 pm** in the hall.

Please invite any Catholic families in your neighbourhood who might be interested in catholic education for their child.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adults: How have God's Mysterious ways in my life given me hope and new life? **Children:** How might I offer support to others this week?

WEBMASTER WANTED

For over a year my website has been unmanaged and underused because I changed provider and haven't had time to follow the instructions, nor do I want to impose on anyone I know. Are you able, do you have time, and would you be interested in managing my website? You would be helping people find answers to some of their questions and help me integrate my blog as I come back to making regular entries. I would be able to create hot links to documents "ready to go" on my website. Please call or see me. God bless you, your journey and family. **Fr. Gilles 626-4111**

BECKET MARRIAGE JUBILEE

Becket's Marriage Jubilee has been changed to **June 4, 2006**. Stay tuned.

OFFERING TOWARDS DEACONS' VESTMENTS?

Parishioners have covered the cost of 4 new 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. We will send the homemade vestments we no longer use to a mission in Africa.

CHURCH KEYS

If you have keys for cupboards or closets in the church hall i.e. kitchen or "Bingo" room, please contact Phil Weller at 696-4167 or 232-3158 as he will be changing the locks soon. Thank you.



CWL

A Mass for Becket's CWL will be held April 11th at 7:30 p.m., followed by a short business meeting. Guest speaker Linda Ross from the CLSC will give a presentation on the resources available from the CLSC, which promises to be very informative! Members, please try to attend and bring a friend.

† LENTEN RECONCILIATION AT ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY †

Week: 7 am to 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm to 5 pm and 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm *Sunday:* 6:45 am to 5:45 pm and 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm.

FANIA EASTER PROJECT

Thanks for your eggcellent support of our Fania school project in the Honduras. We are up to **\$1167.00!** You can still pick up an Easter egg (near the church doors), fill it with change, and drop it in the hole in the model school roof near the tabernacle. You may fill up as many eggs throughout Lent as you like.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BECKET COUNCIL

Congratulations to the new 4th degree knights: Mario Scarsini, Phil Stock, & Guy Taillon. Thank you and much success in your new endeavors.

A grateful parish



40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

"A BECKET MEMORY": Installment #3 Were you at the **very first Mass** and reception celebrated here Oct 19, **1969**? Please visit this link www.stthomasabecket.org/pub/First_Mass_and_Reception/ Help us identify the people in the pictures. Call the parish office or email the webmaster@stthomasabecket.org In June of 1962, a 2nd Mass was added to the Sunday schedule, and in September, Fr. Arthur Faucher replaced Fr. Robert Picard as curate for the English of Ste. Genevieve Parish. 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 honourees for the 40th Anniversary celebration taking place the weekend of Oct. 14 &15, 2006.

BE AN EASTER FLOWER DONOR

To make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Easter, use 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 you have one. 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 Easter bulletins.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS

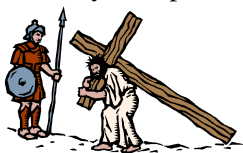
Tea, coffee, sugar, pasta sauce, tomato sauce & paste (if possible in small sizes). Please remember to check expiry dates. God bless all our pantry volunteers and donors. May you have a blessed and fruitful Lent Season.

FILIPINO LIBRARY PROJECT

Can you imagine a school library with no books? Our parish is presently helping to fill a school library in the Philippines. We are collecting new or gently used textbooks, story books etc. suitable for elementary and high school students. To help, please drop donations in the big box in the hall. Help spread the gift of literacy! Thank you for your generous donations.

St. Thomas à Becket Parish *Holy Week and Triduum Schedule 2006*

Wednesday	April 12	Chrim Mass (en Français) at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral	8:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday	April 13	With dance we rejoice in the Lord!	7:30 p.m.
		Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 14	40 hr Perpetual Adoration begins after Mass until Saturday afternoon	
		Children's Passion play	10:30a.m.
		Walk with Cross from Di Sera parking lot	12 noon
		Confessions	1:00 p.m.
		Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross	3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday	April 15	Way of the Cross by Youth	8:00 p.m.
		Pascal Vigil – Easter Celebration	8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 16	Masses 9:00 am: Church and Hall	
		11:00 am: Church and Hall	
		12:30 pm: Church only	



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PREACHING & PRESIDING SCHEDULE

April 13: Fr. Gilles **April 14:** Deacon Richard Boileau

April 15: Fr. Gilles **April 16:** 9:00 am – Church: Fr. Gilles; Hall: Fr. Mike.
11:00 am – Church: Fr. Gilles; Hall: Fr. Clement.
12:30 pm – Church: Fr. Gilles.

EASTER BREADS

Bring in your Easter Breads on Holy Thursday before Mass. Place them at the altar and Father will bless them during the celebration.

40-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please sign up for the Triduum 40-hour Adoration Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday. All are invited to spend some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up sheets in the Narthex. "Jesus's hour is the hour in which love triumphs. In other words: it is God who has triumphed, because he is Love. Jesus's hour seeks to become our own hour and will indeed become so if we allow ourselves... to be drawn into that process of transformation that the Lord intends to bring about." *Excerpt from Homily of Benedict XVI during the Holy Mass for the conclusion of the XXth WYD.*

CELEBRATE AND CONGRATULATE OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

For the past two years, many children in our parish have been preparing for their First Communion. At all Masses during the months of April, May and the beginning of June, children will receive their First Communion along with the rest of our Parish Community. Please join us as we welcome these children and their families, and greet and congratulate them as they take this important step in following the footsteps of Jesus.

WHERE IS OUR LOVE FOR PRIESTS?

In 1980 there were in the Archdiocese of Montreal 1127 priests (diocesan and religious). In 1995 – 925 priests, in 2005 – 668 priests. About 500 are diocesan, the rest are members of religious orders. In 2006 our priests' average age is 67 – 24% are over 75 – 49% over 70. The time for business as usual is over. Search deep in your soul. See Jesus in our priests, value and promote this wonderful vocation, all about faith, love, and generosity.

VOCATIONS SPOTLIGHT “RICH MAN POOR MAN LUNCH”



May 7, Good Shepherd Sunday, will be a special celebration of *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The world-wide church invites us to honour all Christian vocations. We are called to be united as one flock under the guidance of our one shepherd, Jesus. By our baptism we are called, chosen and sent to carry on the mission of Jesus. You are all invited to participate in this annual celebration on **Sunday May 7, in the Church Hall from 12:30 –2:30** as we invite guest speakers who will witness on Marriage, Ordination and Consecrated life. *Welcome All! (Free lunch included)*. Info: Vita Lewis 694-1118.



“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).

COME AND SEE EVENING

“*Come and See*” Evenings are intended for men 18 to 54 years old who may be discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings take place at St. Ignatius of Loyola, 5:30 to 9 pm. Evenings begin with supper followed by a time of recreation, prayer and end with a discussion on various topics dealing with priestly life and ministry. Info: 925-4348.

HÉMA QUÉBEC BLOOD DRIVE

Archbishop Jean-Claude CARDINAL Turcotte has once again graciously accepted to sponsor a blood drive on **Good Friday April 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Marché Bonsecours. Please consider giving the gift of life!

GOOD FRIDAY POVERTY SUPPER

The Social Justice Group of Corpus Christi Parish would like to invite parishioners to a **Poverty Supper** held in the **Corpus Christi Parish Hall** on **Good Friday, April 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.** The supper is hosted by **Benedict Labre House** staff and volunteers, and guests are invited to take home their soup bowl as a reminder of the event. **Cost: \$5.00.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Join the celebration at St. John Fisher Church, Summer Hill Ave. at Valois Bay on April 23. 2:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Reconciliation. 3:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Eucharistic Adoration. 3:30 pm Way of the Cross. 4:30 pm Mass.

KEEPING A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS # 01

To keep all parishioners fully abreast of developments concerning the roof, this is the first in a series of updates. For the glory of God and for the safety and care of His people, the Fabrique has been working tirelessly to generate the **best** possible decision for the impending roof replacement. The parishioners of St Thomas a Becket deserve nothing less.

As prescribed by the Archdiocese, an architect, Michel Dallaire, was mandated by the Fabrique to provide multiple roof replacement options. Materials considered were copper, PVC, cedar shakes, metal, and asphalt shingles. An energy efficiency study was also requested.

Dallaire, and two other architects with no vested interest in the project, recommended copper as the best solution for our roof. Copper is the most expensive material but has a life expectancy of 70 years and is most cost-effective in the long term. With an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 quoted, the Fabrique investigated the less expensive option of cedar shakes.

The current cedar shake roof has an R factor of 5, and does experience problems with condensation. While not required by city building inspector of the borough of Pierrefonds-Senneville, the architect strongly advocated bringing the roof insulation up to code, although it could legally remain as is (1966 building code standards).

The architect provided estimates \$1,000,000 to replace the roofs with premium cedar shakes (pre-treated with preservatives) along with the additional work required to bring the roof up to code. The architect chose pre-treated premium shakes as the material of choice since the quality of cedar shakes is no longer the same as those produced forty years ago. The life expectancy of this roof is 40 years.

Given a cost equal to that of copper but with a lower life expectancy, the Fabrique explored a third option of an asphalt roof. According to the architect, the low slope of the roof adversely affects the life expectancy of asphalt shingles. To obtain a life span of 25 years, the roofs would need to be altered to build an actively ventilated sub-roof, which would increase the costs to approximately \$500,000.

During the course of these cost estimates and studies by the architect, roofers were approached to provide additional information. All roofers declined to do so and suggested heeding the advice of the architect.

At a meeting of parishioners, the ability of the supporting structure of the roof to withstand the weight of this type of roof was questioned. The Fabrique called on a structural engineer who examined the supporting beams and purlins and concluded that the church structure would indeed support the asphalt roof with the additional sub-roof.

The Fabrique also considered patchwork, but both the architect and roofers advised that no guarantees would be given with this approach.

A roofing consultant was commissioned to study the state of the roof. According to Roome Leger Consultants, imminent remedial action has to be enforced to avoid being faced with much wider and more expensive corrective measures in the near future.

It has been suggested that the estimates are excessive and that lower costs are possible. Therefore, for further elucidation, a comprehensive cost analysis for a cedar shake roof has been requested. The Fabrique is now waiting for this report.

Respectfully submitted by your Fabrique.