

# Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2006

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.



**Weekday Masses: May 1: No Mass; May 2: 7:30 pm; May 3, 4, 5: 8:30 a.m.**

## **IN OUR PARISH**

### **FAITH FIRST NEWS**

All Faith First parents are invited to fill out a feedback form which you can find at the sign-in table in the parish hall. We value your comments!

**Children's Gathering: HS 5,6,7,8 Wed. May 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:30 pm and 6:15pm.**

### **2006-2007 REGISTRATION**

*Pre-registration* parent 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 families in your neighbourhood who might be interested in Catholic education for their child.

### **BECKET HONDURAN COMMUNITY DINNER – May 6 @ 5:30**

Get a taste of Honduran home cooking and treat yourself to family dinner out! Join us as Becket honors present and past Fania sponsors. Find out a little more about Fania in the brief presentation after dinner by Fr. Gilles and Christine Agombar of our Helping Others Committee. Highlights of video images and photos from our 1997 and 2002 visits to Fania will be shown. Dinner is **\$3** if you're not a current sponsor or **\$10 per family**.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** How might I deepen my personal relationship with Jesus so that my life becomes a more authentic witness to the gospel? **Children:** What is one way this week that I can tell others how much God loves us all?

### **UPCOMING WEEKEND HOMILISTS**

**May 6:** Fr. Gilles

**May 7: 9 am:** Fr. Clement Onwunata & **11am:** Fr. Gilles;  
**5pm:** Fr. Mike Shaw

**May 13:** Fr. Mike Shaw

**May 14: 9 a.m.:** Fr. Clement Onwunata; **11 a.m. & 5 p.m.:** Fr. Gilles

**May 20:** Fr. Gilles

**May 21: 9 a.m.:** Fr. Gilles; **11:00:** Fr. Clement; **5 p.m.:** Fr. Mike



### **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS "A BECKET MEMORY" #6**

1966- On March 17<sup>th</sup>, land for the future church is purchased from the Laniel Estate. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, it was "Land Certification Sunday" when many

parishioners purchased “lots” of church property at \$50.00 each, thereby donating more than \$15,000.00 toward the land debt. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Cardinal Léger signs “the decree of foundation” creating the Parish of St. Thomas à Becket.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations** take place on **Oct. 14 & 15, 2006. Join us!**

### **BECKET CONTINUES TO BE BLESSED**

Rare are the parishes in the archdiocese that have received the ministry of so many young priests as Becket these past 40 years: Frs. Mike Shaw, Joe Sullivan, Pat Donnelly, Ed McKinley, Claude Saldana, Frank Coyle, and Fred Kirouac. From 1995 to 1998 and 2001 to 2003, Becket had an Intern and acted as a “teaching parish” to help prepare Robert Clark and Stephen Otvos for priesthood. From 1998 to 2002 Fr. Rob began his ministry as associate pastor, and Fr. Tom Dowd succeeded him until 2005. From last September to February Fr. Placido Macarine blessed us by his ministry, and now Frs. Rob and Tom are coming back to Becket as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fr. Rob will come as Becket’s 5<sup>th</sup> pastor, and continue to serve the diocese in the area of his passion: vocations. Fr. Tom will continue at the service of the Lakeshore General Hospital, and serve Becket as Associate Pastor or Pastoral Assistant. Becket may even be asked to receive another Intern to help prepare for Holy Orders for the Archdiocese of Montreal.

After the many changes in the Church over the past 30 to 40 years, we are now at the beginning of a new era of evangelization. Vocations once again offer a significant way to live amid the affluence and instability of our times. People are learning the hard way that worldly success does not bring happiness, and it’s time to encourage youth to consider a religious vocation as a true alternative for happiness both in this life and in eternity.

In **1980** there were in 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. Priests are Jesus’ men. He shows himself to them and loves his people through them. Search deep in your soul and remember how Jesus has been present to you in our priests. It is time once again to value and promote this wonderful vocation. Fr. Gilles



#### **VOCATIONS SPOTLIGHT: RICH MAN POOR MAN LUNCH**

**May 7**, Good Shepherd Sunday, will be a special celebration of *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. 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.** Vita: 694-1118.

### **CWL**

Upcoming activities: **May 7<sup>th</sup>**: Crowning of our Blessed Mother at 9am Mass. **May 9<sup>th</sup>**: Meeting in Cahill hall after the 7:30 p.m. Mass. Guest speaker Catherine Lemieux will speak about Fair Trade. **May 14<sup>th</sup>**

(Mother's Day): C.W.L. members will sell carnations after all the Masses.

### **BECKET MARRIAGE JUBILEE**

Becket's Marriage Jubilee will be held **June 4, 2006**. Registration continues this weekend. Please sign up in the parish hall if you are celebrating your **5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>**...wedding anniversary this year.

### **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.

### **WEBMASTER WANTED**

I would like to use my website to post reflections on various questions I would like to address or that people raise. I would be able to create hot links to these documents from my blog, which I hope to resume. Would you be able to and interested in managing my website? You would help me make better use of the knowledge and experience, which is for others. Please call. God bless you, your journey and family. **Fr. Gilles 626-4111**

### **WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN A MAN MAKE?**

The first time a young person wonders what difference he or she can make in the world is when we begin to look beyond the familiar and comfortable boundaries of our family of origin. Our first great adventure is leaving our family home to get a job and begin to make a life for ourselves. We rather quickly face the opposing and often unfriendly motives of employers and other strangers, not to mention government and other large institutions and wake up to a reality much bigger than we first realized. We are all caught in a much bigger web, and wonder whether we have any freedom when all is said and done. Perhaps this is why we enjoy movies portraying people who rebel and break through the barriers in their lives, even though they may be criminals or people with few morals. It's the raw freedom that we admire, and the sense that they are giving shape to their lives as they want. Stay tuned for a men's meeting with me, your Pastor, to explore together our options as Catholic Christian men in this world of ours, such as it is. What satisfaction can I have as a man, a husband, a father, a single parent?

### **AROUND TOWN**

#### **OTHER PRIEST APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Fr. Gilles A. Surprenant will begin as Assistant at St. Luke Parish, while Fr. John Kennedy is renewed for a second term as Pastor of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, and Fr. Patrick Donnelly will begin his second term as Pastor of St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish. Welcome back to Fr. Robert Clark as Pastor of Becket and to Fr. Tom Dowd as his Assistant!

#### **BAZAARS AND GARAGE SALES**

**St. Michael and All Angels Church:** Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 9am to 2pm, sale of nearly new clothing, attic treasures and coffee room. **St. John's**



monthly payments of  \$24.00 / 2 children  \$12.00 / 1 child or  
 annual payments of  \$288.00 / 2 children  \$144.00 / 1 child

I will be a "Pillar of Fania" and give:  \$1000  \$2000  \$\_\_\_\_\_

I cannot sponsor a child now, but I would like to make a donation of:

\$25.00  \$50.00  \$75.00  \$100.00 or  \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please give generously \* Method of payment:  Cash  Cheque  
 (Please make cheques payable to St. Thomas à Becket Parish)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (hm) \_\_\_\_\_ (wk) \_\_\_\_\_ (FAX) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Becket Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Charitable Organization # 1145201928**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2006**

1	MON	7:30PM	NO MASS
2	TUE	7:30PM	JOE DIAS
3	WED	8:30AM	WALTER PEARSON
4	THU	8:30AM	DIAMANTE & GUISEPPE DELLA ROCCA
5	FRI	8:30AM	NORA MARTINS
6	SAT	4:30PM	FRANCIS MURPHY
7	SUN	9:00AM	DUSAN MEDVESCEK
		11:00AM	CANTERBURY PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP
		5:00PM	OUR PARISHIONERS
8	MON	7:30PM	STANLEY SZUSZKOWSKI
9	TUE	7:30PM	FLEURETTE DEMERS
10	WED	8:30AM	GIOVANNI CARITO
11	THU	8:30AM	MARK SEGUIN
12	FRI	8:30AM	YVES DAUNAIS
13	SAT	4:30PM	MARIA SCAROLA
14	SUN	9:00AM	OUR PARISHIONERS
		11:00AM	MARIA KOZLOWSKI
		5:00PM	MARIA COSTA
15	MON	7:30PM	LORRAINE'S (PARKDALE) SISTER
16	TUE	7:30PM	ANTONIO CABRAL
17	WED	8:30AM	WIKTOR KOZLOWSKI
18	THU	8:30AM	ELLA MCCARTHY
19	FRI	8:30AM	MOLLY LAVARETY
20	SAT	4:30PM	FRANCIS MURPHY
21	SUN	9:00AM	GLADYS HALEY
		11:00AM	MARGARET JORGENSEN
		5:00PM	OUR PARISHIONERS
22	MON	7:30PM	JIM THOMPSON
23	TUE	7:30PM	HUGUETTE COSTELLO
24	WED	8:30AM	JEFFREY REODICA
25	THU	8:30AM	MARK & JULIUS COELHO; DOUGLAS & PEGGY MENEZES
26	FRI	8:30AM	STUART CHAPMAN
27	SAT	4:30PM	ANGELA EVANGELISTA & BENJAMINO SINAGOGA
28	SUN	9:00AM	OUR PARISHIONERS
		11:00AM	GIOVANNI AMBROSIO

		5:00PM	ANTONIO FIORI
29	MON	7:30PM	RICHARD PAWLAK
30	TUE	7:30PM	ANTONIO ALGERI
31	WED	8:30AM	MARIA PIA

### ***Canterbury Fellowship Pilgrims – May 2006***

**Deceased:** *Jan Kruk, James Stapor, Maria Kozłowski, Giuseppe Iacovelli, Donato Del Conte, Giovannina D'Amico, Władysław Gutkowski, Maria Parise, Antonio Cabral, Giuseppe & Diamante Della Rocca, Aurelio & Francesca Crescenzi, Fr. Bob Moran CSP, Joseph Morselli, Marie-Rose Philomène, Alfonso & Maria Reda, Raphael & Maria Pulice, Pasquale Reda, Elmo Reda, Maria Pulice, Rosa Pulice.*

**Living:** *Irmgard Wawak (Thanksgiving to Our Lady) Maria Kepekci, Joey Bastone, Teresa Bastone, Ida Bastone, Rena Reda (Special Intention), Allesandro Kepekci.*

### **SOLAU SINGERS-MUSICIANS**

We provide music for ceremonies and special occasions such as baptisms, graduations, weddings, and funerals. Information: Sonia 626-4190.