

The First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2006



Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant
us your salvation.

**Weekday Masses: Dec 4: 7:30 pm
Dec 5, 6, 7 & 8: 8:30 am**

***Congratulations Fr. Michael Tauro on your 35th Anniversary of
Ordination to the Priesthood for Dec 1st. May God bless you in all you do!***



FAITH FIRST: Children's Gathering, Confirmation: 6+ Thurs, Dec. 07, 4:30 or 6:15.

"I lived as a saint this week by:

Signing up to help for Christmas Baskets. **Benjamin H.**

Making breakfast for my family. **Kevin B.**

Helping out at the library. **Melissa M.**

Helping my uncle. **Cordell R.**

Helping my friend pick up her cereal. **Kimberlie O.**

Making supper for my mom. **Amanda V.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OFFERED AT SATURDAY 4:30 PM MASS

starting **Jan 14th**. Registration forms in church. Please leave in basket provided.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Reading I: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (Fulfilling a Promise)

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2 (Strengthened Hearts)

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-6 (Redemption Is at Hand)

Adults: What stumbling blocks might keep me from being ready to meet the Lord
should he return today?

Children: How will I choose to live more fully as a Christian this week?

VOCATION VIEW- WEEKLY REFLECTION: The Lord is near! Am I able
to read the signs of the times? What is God asking of me?

JUSTICE AND PEACE: What are the goals of Development and Peace? To fight
poverty in the countries of the South; to promote greater international justice; to
support initiatives by people in the Global South to take control of their lives; to
educate Canadians about North-South issues.

(source: Development and Peace website)

Latin America Agenda: an agenda book for creating a different kind of
globalization, in solidarity with the Latin Americas! This global agenda book is the
most widely distributed inside and outside of the Americas. Use the agenda book as
an educational tool for communication and popular social action as well as for
keeping your appointments for the year. On sale for \$15.00 at the Fair Trade table in
the hall! GIVE OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS HOPE!!!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS REMINDER: All those who did not pick up a food slip
last weekend, please pick one up at the door after Mass this weekend and bring in
donations to the garage **before Dec. 15th**. (Please ignore the date (2005) on the food
slips-we are recycling the slips left over from last year.) If anyone wants to donate a
turkey or **new, small** gifts for young adults, moms, dads, or seniors, they would be
most appreciated. We do get tons of toys etc for kids.

NB: all those preparing a Christmas basket: volunteers can pick up their family info
along with food lists on the front table in Cahill Hall as of Mon. Dec. 4th.

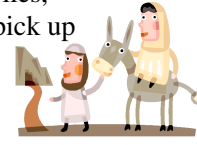
WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

St. Veronica: Dec. 5, 7:30 pm † St. Luke Dec. 12, 7:30 pm † St. Edmund of

Canterbury: Dec. 12, 7:30 pm † St. John Fisher: Dec. 1, 6 10:30 am † St.

David/Mary Queen of Peace: Dec. 16, 5:00 pm † Corpus Christi: Dec 20, 7:30 pm.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS: Advent candles, sticker books, mobiles, calendars and more are available in hall after all Masses. Come pick up wonderful resources for children and teens. Please make sure to pick up a copy of the Advent letter which includes Christmas and New Year Mass schedules.



BE A CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONOR: To make a donation in memory of a loved one towards our church decorations for Christmas, include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked “**Christmas flower donations**”, and write 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.

40th ANN. NEW YEAR’S EVE FAMILY DINNER-DANCE: To commemorate the parish’s 40th anniversary, the parishioners of St. Thomas à Becket will be holding a New Year’s Eve family dinner/dance **Sun. Dec. 31**. The evening will include a delicious Chinese buffet, great music, door prizes, special events and surprises. All this for a very reasonable \$20 *per person*. Children *12 and over* are welcome if supervised by an adult. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Limit of 150 tickets will be sold. Come celebrate the New Year with your fellow parishioners!! **BYOBEVERAGES**. Tickets for sale in Narthex after Masses or from the Richardsons at 514-694-2984.

STRUGGLING WITH GRIEF? A group workshop series is offered for people suffering a significant loss, such as the death of a loved one, divorce or a major change in life: “*From Death to New Life: A Christian View of Loss*” Practical tools for working through bereavement will be presented in talks, reflections and discussions, led by Deacon Richard Boileau, with more than 10 years experience assisting people in grief, are centred on the healing power of faith, hope and love. Next series scheduled on Fridays: **January 12 to March 23, 2007** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For information, richard.boileau@videotron.ca or (514) 697-9813.

~ **MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 2th – DECEMBER 10th** ~

Saturday Dec. 2	1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
4:30 pm	Macedonio Pailaga	Vivina Pailaga
Sunday Dec. 3		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Canterbury Fellowship Pilgrims	
Monday Dec. 4		
7:15 pm	Harry Rush	
Tuesday Dec. 5		
8:30 am	Agnes Vanc	Lucy Pigeon
Wed. Dec. 6		
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat Coelho
Thurs. Dec. 7		
8:30 am	Rosie Fernandes	Wilma D’Souza
Friday Dec. 8		
8:30 am	Louise Filion	Sheilah O’Shaughnessy
Saturday Dec. 9	2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
4:30 pm	John Stewart Dawes	John & Norma Dawes
Sunday Dec. 10		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Julio Veeren	C. Agombar & S. Ellis

Weekday Readings for Dec 4th to Dec.8th :

Monday Dec. 4th	Is 2: 1-5	Mt 8: 5-11
Tuesday Dec. 5th	Is 11: 1-10	Lk 10: 21-24
Wednesday Dec. 6th	Is 25: 6-10	Mt 15: 29-37
Thursday Dec. 7th	Is 26: 1-6	Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Friday Dec. 8th	Gn 3: 9-15, 20 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12	Lk: 1 26-38

UNANNOUNCED MASSES & CANTERBURY PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

We have reviewed the enrollment for our Canterbury Pilgrim Fellowship Votive Missionary Society. As enrolment has decreased considerably we will no longer receive requests after December 2006. There are only one or two names per month for January to June 2007. We will move these names in a cascading format to the 11:00 Mass intention for the first Sunday of the month up to July 2007. Please consult upcoming bulletins for the Mass schedule or contact the office if you have any questions. Please note that in addition to our "announced" Masses (published in the bulletin), we will now also offer unannounced Masses. An "unannounced" Mass is exactly the same as an "announced" Mass except that it is not published in the bulletin. An "unannounced" Mass is celebrated privately by Fr. Rob or Fr. Michael at a Mass at which they have no other scheduled intention. Unannounced Masses are celebrated at the earliest convenience of the priest celebrating the Mass. The donation for an "unannounced" Mass is \$5. Unannounced Masses may be arranged in exactly the same way as an announced Mass, by contacting the parish office.

BECKET'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY DVD will be shown after all Masses in the parish hall today. Please make your orders with Maria for Dec 9/10 delivery. You can also order on-line at www.stthomasabecket.org or by calling 514-620-9157.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Thurs	Dec. 07	FF Gathering Confirmation. 6+	4:30 or 6:15
Fri.	Dec. 15	Deadline to drop off Christmas basket donations	until 4:30 pm
Sat	Dec. 16	Altar Servers' 2 nd Christmas sale	after Mass
Sun.	Dec. 17	Altar Servers' 2 nd Christmas sale	after both Masses
		Becket's Christmas Concert	7:00 pm
Sun.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	
		Simultaneous Masses will be celebrated in the Church and Hall at: 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. (10:00 pm Church only)	
Mon.	Dec. 25	Christmas Morning Mass	10:30 am

SPECIAL ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR PRIESTS PENSION PLAN:

This week's second collection is for the Priest's Pension Plan of the Archdiocese of Montreal. As mentioned, a debt of \$1,375,000 has to be paid over 5 years. The proposal is that each parish would contribute \$1500 per year, for 5 years. This is the second year. Response was very positive the first year, and the diocese is very appreciative of the great generosity and cooperation shown by all parishes. To recap, the reasons for the deficit are two-fold: 1. Demographics – The average age of the population, including priests, has increased and people are living longer. Pension plan coverage must be extended for a longer period. 2. The continuous decline in long-term interest rates on the market. All of us share the obligation to take care of our priests who have devoted themselves to the Church of Montreal for many years. Thank you for your generosity and support.

AROUND TOWN

THE NATIVITY STORY: is an exciting new film opening this weekend in local theatres. This film tells the story of Mary and Joseph in a warm, human way that helps people experience some of what Mary and Joseph must have gone through at this most important moment of our salvation history. Experience once again the mystery of the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Birth of Jesus. Visit www.thenativitystory.com or www.nativityresources.ca

LOYOLA H.S. CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS: *An evening of Christmas carols* by the *St. Patrick's society of Montreal* with *The People's Gospel Choir of Montreal* under the direction of Mr. Kim Sherwood and *The Bernadette Short Celtic Grace Dancers* **Wed. Dec. 13 at 7:30 pm**, 2477 West Broadway. Tickets: Rob Broderick 514-482-9733; Carole Mell 514-935-3961; Sandy McDonough 514-697-6918. Join us as we celebrate Christmas!

PILGRIMAGE – IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL (TURKEY): This trip of 14 days/12 nights takes place April 29 to May 12 (lead by Fr. Joseph Cameron) will include visits to sites relevant to Paul, the Revelation of John and the history of early Christianity. Info: Fr. Cameron 514-769-9678 before Dec. 5.