

The Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2006



The Spirit of the Lord now upon me
has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Weekday Masses: Dec 18: 7:30 pm
Dec. 19, 20, 21 & 22: 8:30 am



FAITH FIRST: Here are the “saints” of the week:

I took care of my cats. *Anthony H.*

I helped my grandpa make sausages. *Michael M.*

I did community service. *Cassandra L.*

I helped my sister get changed when we were late for school. *Samantha V.*

I said congratulations to my friend who won an award. *Ashleigh S.*

Wishing all of our Faith First families a blessed celebration of Christmas. From your parish catechetical leaders, Elsa Rivera and Cathie Macaulay.

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: Zephaniah 3:14-18a (Shout for Joy!)

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7 (Rejoice in the Lord Always)

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18 (John and the Crowds)

Adults: What can I do this week to listen, to see and to act on God’s response to the question posed to John the Baptist?

Children: How can I be welcoming and friendly to another child who might be considered different or shy this week?

VOCATION VIEW- WEEKLY REFLECTION: “What ought we to do?” the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus.

CHRISTMAS BASKET FOOD DONATIONS: Thank you to everyone who made donations to the Christmas Baskets. Special thanks to St. Charles school and the grade six class for bringing in a huge donation of food. Your generosity will help us to ensure that our Christmas Baskets are full! If anyone wants to donate a turkey or new, small gifts for young adults, moms, dads, or seniors, they would be most appreciated. Deliveries will be made on Friday Dec. 22nd. Please pray for all our needy families and those who donate so much of their time and energy to help them.

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

† 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.



LITURGICAL HELP NEEDED: Greeters, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers are needed for upcoming holiday Masses. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. Make sure to sign the right sheet. Thanks & God bless.



BECKET'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT Come join us for our annual Christmas Carol sing-a-long and Becket's Church Mice children's play this Sunday Dec.17, at 7 pm in the Church. Bring family and friends and get into the holiday spirit! Free.

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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: Only two Sundays left to purchase your tickets for the dinner-dance. Tables are filling up fast. Tickets are only \$20.00 per person, which includes a delicious Chinese buffet, door prizes, dance prizes, special events and surprises. B.Y.O.B. Tickets on sale in the 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 16th - DECEMBER 24th** ~

Saturday Dec. 16	3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday Dec. 17		
9:00 am	K.H. Wawak	Elizabeth Barroso
11:00 am	Frank Drayton	Mary & Guy Taillon
Monday Dec. 18		
7:15 pm	Anthony DeSouza	Atwell DeSouza & family
Tuesday Dec. 19		
8:30 am	Hilda McCulloch	Margaret & Bruno Seguin
Wed. Dec. 20		
8:30 am	Angelita Santayana	Maria Purisima
Thurs. Dec. 21		
8:30 am	Dominador Leviste	Tessie Demers
Friday Dec. 22		
8:30 am	Antonio Cabral	His Wife
Saturday Dec. 23	4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
4:30 pm	Patricia Antazo	Jennifer Antazo & Mario Ferrao
Sunday Dec. 24		
9:00 am	Mary Saukas	Linda Saukas
11:00 am	Theresa Luis	Atwell De Souza & family

See next page for complete Holiday Mass schedule

December 24 to January 8



Weekday Readings for Dec. 18th to Dec. 22th :

Monday Dec. 18th	Jer 23: 5-8	Mt 1: 18-25
Tuesday Dec. 19th	Jgs 13: 2-7	Lk 1: 5-25
Wednesday Dec. 20th	Is: 7: 10-14	Lk 1: 26-38
Thursday Dec. 21st	Sg 2: 8-14	Lk:1:39-45
Friday Dec. 22nd	1Sm 1: 24-28	Lk:1: 46-56

2007 ENVELOPE BOXES: Thank you to everyone who has already picked up their 2007 envelope box at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up the right box. If you have picked up an envelope box that belongs to someone else, we will not be able to issue you a tax receipt. If you do not have an assigned box, or you are new to the parish, please pick up a blank box and make sure to fill out the yellow card and drop it in the collection basket during any weekend collection. Thank you.

VOLUME 1 IS READY! Becket history DVD, Volume 1, will be shown after all Masses. Copies will be available for \$20. Volume 1 covers the beginnings of our parish up to Fr. Cahill. "The Many Faces of Becket", shown at the 40th Anniversary dinner will also be available for a good will offering. Buy both and learn or reminisce - makes a great Christmas gift! Both DVDs can be purchased online at the parish website: www.stthomasabecket.org or by calling Maria at 514-620-9157.

~ CHRISTMAS AT BECKET ~

Sun.	Dec. 17	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
Fri.	Dec. 29	Feast of St. Thomas à Becket	8:30 am
Sat.	Dec. 30	Holy Family	4:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 31	Holy Family	9am, 11 am
		New Year's Eve	
		Holy Hour of Prayer for God's Peace in the World	3:15 pm
		Mass:	4:30 pm
		Vigil of Adoration and Prayer in Cahill Hall	10 p.m. to midnight
Mon.	Jan. 1	New Year's Day	10:30 am
Sat.	Jan. 6	Epiphany of the Lord	4:30 p.m. (vigil)
Sun.	Jan. 7	Epiphany of the Lord	9 & 11 am
Mon.	Jan. 8	Baptism of the Lord	7:15 pm

AROUND TOWN

THE NATIVITY STORY: 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. Take friends and family this Christmas season and experience once again the mystery of the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Birth of Jesus. For more information visit: www.thenativitystory.com or www.nativityresources.ca

THE ARK OF THE NEW COVENANT, symbol of the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City in 2008 will be at St. Luke's Parish on Dec 19th 2006 from 8 am to 10 pm. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer and liturgical groups in attendance throughout the day. In the evening, there will be Rosaries led by the Legion of Mary. Youth participation and a bilingual Mass at 7:30 pm followed by a reception in the hall. All are invited. Info: 514-684-6488.



REMEMBERING ST. COLUMBAN: The Descendants of St. Columban invite you to join us for an evening of Irish music, song, story telling and dance dedicated to the early Irish settlers who arrived in Lower Canada in the 1820s. Our goal is to restore the broken headstones in the St. Columban Cemetery. Jan 27, 7:30 pm Oscar Peterson Hall. Tickets: Kelley O'Rourke 514-457-1353. www.stcolumban-irish.com