

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time August 26, 2007



Weekday Masses: August 27, 7:15 pm
August 28, 29, 30, 31, 8:30 am

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me.

FAITH FIRST: During the summer months, please register on-line at www.stthomasabeket.org (click on Faith Education and follow the directions). Payment by cash or cheque must be submitted to the parish office to confirm your registration. **In-person registration will take place Sept. 5, in Cahill hall from 7-9 pm**
Workbook distribution will take place Thurs Sept. 13, 7-9 pm; Sat. Sept 15, 3-4 pm; Sun. Sept. 16 10-11 am and 12 to 1 pm



ATTENTION GRANDMAS AND GRANDPAS, NONNOS AND NONNAS!

Faith First is looking for help with babysitting one Friday morning a month beginning in October to free up parents of preschoolers to attend a daytime faith education program. Can you help out? Please contact Cathie or Elsa at 514-620-4057.

Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21 (Brothers and Sisters from All Nations)
Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (Endure Your Trials as Discipline)
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 (The First and the Last)

Adults: What personal prejudices or preconceptions cause me to judge others, and what can I do to release them?

Children: What can I do to reach out to someone who is different than I am this week?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: The Lord is calling people from the east and west and north and south as priests and deacons, sisters and brothers. Are you one of them?

ALL PARISH GROUPS, COMMITTEES, and CHOIRS:

Please come to the office to book your dates in the Master Schedule for your upcoming activities, if you have not already done so. Bookings are made on a first come first served basis. We would ask that you also check the schedule at the beginning of every month to ensure that your dates are correct and no changes have been made. The web calendar (a copy of the Master Schedule on the parish website) is updated on a regular basis, and is a convenient way for you to check your dates or to see what is available.



FUNDRAISING FOR BECKET YOUTH: Get your school supplies at your preferred store using Fundscrip certificates. Help raise funds for Becket pilgrims to World Youth Day 2008. You can also get your regular grocery shopping, gas, clothing, hardware, restaurants and maximize your support for our pilgrims. See the Fundscrip table after all weekend masses.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - If you are interested in becoming a member of our new fundraising committee please contact Janet Arts by phone at 514-620-6643 or by e-mail to janet.arts@videotron.ca. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

September 7th is the First Friday of the month. After Benediction, you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for exposition and adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church. *"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."*

- St. Angela of Foligno



WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU to take part in the next session of: **"The Marriage Course"**! This course provides couples with the skills they need to build a strong & healthy marriage that will last a lifetime! The course will take place on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm and begins on Sep 24th. Over a period of 7 sessions, in a relaxing home setting, participants will spend quality time learning about themselves, their spouse, and their life together. There are no group discussions. This

course will appeal to couples who want to enhance an already good marriage, those in the first 5 years of marriage, or those struggling with issues in their relationship. Consider investing a little time to enable your marriage to reach its full potential! Details & registration forms are available at the back of the church. Deadline to register is Sep 17th. Feel free to contact Nathalie or John (at 695-7896) for all the information you want regarding this rewarding and life-enhancing course!

ALPHA: Thank you to everyone who has been praying for a successful and fruitful Alpha course for Becket this fall. Here is the schedule for our upcoming initiative:

September 1 & 2	Alpha witnessing testimonies at all weekend Masses
September 9	Sunday Alpha Kick-off Pot Luck Informational Supper



ALPHA is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. Now in 164 countries, people attend from all backgrounds, religions, and viewpoints. They come to investigate questions around the existence of God, the purpose in life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus and more.

The Alpha course meets once per week, includes ten meals and an amazing weekend getaway that comes halfway through the course.

At each session people enjoy great food, laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life and God is seen as too simple or too hostile...questions like—Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? Alpha is for anyone...anyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye. Everyone is welcome. Join us!

ATTENTION LECTORS! Please pick up a copy of the new schedule which is available in the Narthex. Thank you.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I will be leaving for St. Luke's on Thursday August the 30th, and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your goodness and kindness during my stay with you. I request your prayers particularly for my ministry in the hospital.

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May He make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace. (Numbers 6: 24-26)

Fr. Michael Tauro

WEST ISLAND CITIZEN ADVOCACY is a non profit community organization which matches volunteer citizen advocates with people experiencing a handicapping condition or with seniors. In this parish there is a senior man who would need a friendly visit while his wife goes out for a few hours. For more information please call Yolande at 514-694-5850.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE

Sat.	Sept 1	Wedding: Catherine Fini to Stephane Pitre	2:00 pm
Wed.	Sept 5	Faith First Late Registration and book verification	7-9 pm
Fri	Sept 7	First Friday Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration	10am -midnight
Sun.	Sept 9	Alpha Kick Off - Pot Luck & Informational Supper	5:30 pm
Thurs.	Sept 13	Faith First Workbook distribution	7-9 pm
Sat.	Sept 15	Faith First Workbook Distribution	3-4 pm
Sun.	Sept 16	Faith First Workbook Distribution	10 -11am & 12 -1 pm
Sat.	Sept 22	Wedding: Stephanie Weiner to David Carter	1:00 pm
		Wedding: Shannon Plamondon to Neil Allen	3:00 pm

~ MASS SCHEDULE: AUGUST 25 TO SEPTEMBER 2 ~

Saturday	August 25	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Emma & John Vottero	Norma Massari
Sunday	August 26	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Luigi & Berardina Fiori	Alberta Fiori
Mon.	August 27	Heather &
7:15 pm	Janet Mackay	Julian Pereira & family
Tues.	August 28	
8:30 am	Elmo Reda	Rina Reda
Wed.	August 29	
8:30 am	Melissa McPhee	Bruno & Margaret Seguin
Thurs.	August 30	
8:30 am	Dorothy Plamondon	Rita Caroline
Fri.	August 31	
8:30 am	Ida Ramchandran	Marjorie
Saturday	Sept. 1	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Vivian Forget	Mary Taillon
Sunday	Sept. 2	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Pasquale Santori	Dalinda Santori

Weekday Readings for August 27 to August 31

Monday Aug. 27	1 Thes 1-5, 8b-10	Mt 23: 13-22
Tuesday Aug. 28	1 Thes 2: 1-8	Mt 23: 23-26
Wednesday Aug. 29	Jer 1: 17-19	Mk 6: 17-29
Thursday Aug. 30	1 Thes 3: 7-13	Mt 24: 42-51
Friday Aug. 31	1 Thes 4: 1-8	Mt 25: 1-13

COME AND SEE EVENINGS: For men, 18 to 54 years old, who may be discerning a call to the priesthood. The Diocesan Vocation office is offering informal get-togethers from **5:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Ignatius of Loyola on the following Fridays in 2007 – 2008** to provide fellowship and support for those who are considering following Jesus as a priest: **Sept 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar. 28, Apr. 25.** Each evening begins with supper and recreation and is followed by prayer and a time of input and sharing where issues concerning priestly life and ministry are discussed. For information please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-925-4348 or by email at vocationsmtl@hotmail.com



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC SERVICES OF MONTREAL: The healing ministry of C.C.S.M. cordially invites you to participate in a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Thomas à Becket on Friday September 14. The evening will commence with Rosary and Praise at 7:00 pm. Following Mass there will be an anointing of the sick and prayer teams will be available. For further information please contact Maureen at 514-486-7734 or Fran at 514-366-7388.