

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 16, 2007



Weekday Masses: Sept. 17: 7:15
Sept. 18, 19, 20, 21: 8:30 am

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.



FAITH FIRST: Welcome Back! Please remind neighbours and friends to pick up their Faith First books this weekend, or after the 11:00 am Mass on September 23 ONLY.

“HAVING FUN WITH FAITH FIRST”: All parents, grandparents and guardians are invited to join us on **Wednesday Sept. 26 at 7 pm** to learn how to make faith first a fun teaching experience in your family or in a group.

LOOK FOR WEEKLY REFLECTIONS beginning on the weekend of September 29-30.

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? Contact Cathie or Elsa 514-620-4057.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: All high school students requiring community service are invited to call the faith first office 514-620-4057. Thank you!

Reading I: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (The Lord’s Mercy)

Reading II: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Saving Sinners)

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 (Parables of Repentance)

Adults: What can I do to reach out to people I may have formerly judged?

Children: How can I show God’s forgiveness in my actions with others?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: God is the father with the open arms. Who will preach this good news of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: On **September 15 & 16**, St. Thomas à Becket will join with parishes throughout our diocese to celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme of our celebration is “Catechesis: Encountering the Living Christ.” During the Masses next weekend we will recognize all those involved in handing on the faith to children, youth, and adults in our parish. Catechetical Sunday reminds each of us that in Baptism we are charged with the responsibility of handing on and witnessing to the faith in all we do. Our catechetical programs help us to fulfill that responsibility by presenting our faith in a systematic way.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY The celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with children is about having the children: **Hear** the Gospel at their level of language and understanding; **Share** the Gospel through their own reflections on its meaning in their lives; and **Act** the Gospel so that they can share more fully in the Gospel message and take it as their own. Please note that Children’s Liturgy registration will take place on **September 22 & 23, 29 & 30 after all Masses**. Coordinators helpers and teachers are needed for all Masses!!! Please consider this important and rewarding stewardship opportunity. Children’s Liturgy will begin on **October 14th**.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR practices start **Sept. 16 at 8 am**. Kathleen 514-695-7230.

BLESS YOUR SCHOOL BAGS, BOOKS AND FAITH FIRST WORKBOOKS!

Our annual blessing of school bags, books and Faith First workbooks will be held at all weekend Masses Sunday, **September 22&23**. This special blessing is open to **students of all ages** from preschoolers to seniors studying at university.



FREE FRIDAY FAMILY FUN FILM!! Parish members of all ages are invited to join us for a screening of the beloved film classic **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**. The showing will take place in the parish hall on **Friday Sept. 21st at 7:30pm**. This will be a special **SING-A-LONG** version, so you can join in all your favourite classic songs. Come one come all, invite your neighbours and friends to this special family event, brought to you by the St. Thomas à Becket World Youth Day pilgrims. P.S. Popcorn will be available.

CWL WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST: St. Thomas à Becket Council of the Catholic Women's League cordially invite you to join us for a beautiful morning not to be missed! Find out why women keep coming back year after year to this little oasis in the fall as we once again host our 8th Annual **WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST** on **Saturday, September 29, 2007 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Featuring our guest speaker, Rosalie Chevrier who will give a spiritual talk on "When Jesus is Born in Me", and to lead us in song, singer Julie Lafontaine. Enjoy a catered breakfast and a gift for you to take home.

BY RESERVATION ONLY:

DEADLINE Tuesday, September 25th, 2007

Please call Louise 630-6556 or Lauren 626-4129

as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. \$15.00 fee at the door.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!



*Catholic Women's League - St. Thomas à Becket Council
4320 Ste. Anne St, Pierrefonds, Qc (off Pierrefonds Blvd.)*

***ALPHA NEWS*:** **St. Thomas à Becket Parish** has been designated as an Alpha Resource Parish for the English speaking Catholics of Montreal, and Darroch Robertson as been appointed as Regional Advisor. Congratulations to Darroch, all the Alpha team, and participants. May God bless you and your families!

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP This is a group that gathers people who are seeking ways to grow closer to God and to make their faith come more alive. The format of our meetings is kept simple and friendly, and consists of prayer, study exercises based on Scripture, and faith-sharing. We feel encouraged and strengthened in knowing that we are not alone in trying to connect our faith to our everyday life. The theme for this fall is "Who's Paddling Your Canoe." The author of this study shares her own search to discover healing and freedom that comes from an honest and persevering surrender to Christ. Open to all men and women searchers! **Every Thursday morning, 9:15 a.m.** For more information, call Louise at 514-630-6556.

BECKET'S SENIORS: Reminder: next meeting is **September 20th at 1:30 pm**. Membership fees can be paid at this meeting. See you there!

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE

Sun.	Sept 16	Faith First Workbook Distribution	10-11am; 12-1 pm
		Children's Choir begins	8:00 am
Thurs.	Sept 20	Seniors meeting	1:30 pm
Fri.	Sept 21	Free Friday Family Fun Film	7:30 pm
Sat.	Sept 22	Wedding: Shannon Plamondon to Neil Allen	3:00 pm
		Blessing of school bags & books	at Mass
Sun.	Sept 23	Blessing of school bags & books	at Masses
Mon.	Sept 24	The Marriage Course begins	7:30 pm
Sat.	Sept 29	CWL Power Breakfast	9:00 am



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 Monday evenings at 7:30 and begins on **Sept. 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. Registration forms available at the back of the church. Deadline to register: **Sept. 17th**. Nathalie or John: 514- 695-7896.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: fruit, rice, tomato sauce, coffee, toilet paper, shampoo. Also desperately needed: Pantry Coordinator, baggers, drivers for deliveries & brown paper bags.

CHRISTMAS BASKET COORDINATORS MEETING: All interested in helping to coordinate this year’s Christmas basket drive are asked to attend a meeting on **October 16 at 7:30 pm** in Cahill hall. Please note that another meeting will take place *at a later date* for those interested in helping a family, delivering baskets etc. Stay tuned.



~ MASS SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 15 TO SEPTEMBER 23

Saturday	Sept. 15	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Bill Shipman	Ann Cox
Sunday	Sept. 16	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	Cheryl, Kent & Leah
11:00 am	David Montgomery	Montgomery
Mon.	Sept. 17	
7:15 pm	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Tues.	Sept. 18	
8:30 am	Mary Hung	Meng & Margaret Yap
Wed.	Sept. 19	
8:30 am	Russell Slwka	Cynthia Biggs & family
Thurs.	Sept. 20	
8:30 am	Carolyn Plamondon	Rita Caroline
Fri.	Sept. 21	
8:30 am	Colin Pinto	Heather & Julian Pereira & family
Saturday	Sept. 22	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Lucille Neeson	Alice & Gerry Clayton
Sunday	Sept. 23	
9:00 am	Patricia Antazo	Jennel Antazo
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

Weekday Readings for September 17th to 21st

Monday Sept. 17	1 Tm 2: 1-8	Lk 7: 1-10
Tuesday Sept. 18	1 Tm 3: 1-13	Lk 7: 11-17
Wednesday Sept. 19	1 Tm 3: 14-16	Lk 7: 31-35
Thursday Sept. 20	1 Tm 4: 12-16	Lk 7: 36-50
Friday Sept. 21	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13	Mt 9: 9-13

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.

Information: Fr. Robert Clark 514-925-4348 or vocationsmtl@hotmail.com

MILITARY WHIST hosted by St. Luke’s Council of the CWL **Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30 pm.** St. Luke’s parish hall, 48 Westpark. Bring your own cards. Door and raffle prizes, refreshments. Tickets: \$8.00. 514-624-4029.