

# First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2007



**Weekday Masses:** Dec. 3: 7:15 pm  
Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7: 8:30 am

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

## FAITH FIRST

*I put my faith into action like David when...*

I wait to bring four grade one kids out at lunchtime. **Kevin P.**

I did something wrong and asked for forgiveness. **Alessandro D.**

I put up my Christmas tree for Jesus' birthday. **Salvatore B.**

I helped my dad when my mom wasn't home. **Lauren H.**

I pray at dinnertime **Maegan C.**

Bad dreams went away because I prayed and had good dreams. **Christina K.**

I bring in food for the Christmas baskets. **Victor L.**

I help shovel my neighbour's driveway. **Samantha S.**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Confirmation Children's Gathering: **Wed. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 or 6:15**

High School Confirmation Gathering **Thurs. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 with M. Million**

Raising Faith-Filled kids – Day Café **Friday Dec. 14 at 9:30am** Topic Parenting is  
A Spiritual Path.

\*\*\*\*Please mark your calendars: First Reconciliation (First Communion Children  
& Parents Only) has been **changed to Sat. January 26th at 9:00 and 1:00 \*\*\*\***



**Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5 (The Mountain of the Lord's House)**

**Reading II: Romans 13:11-14 (Our Salvation Is Near)**

**Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44 (Stay Awake)**

**Adults:** When have I turned to the wisdom of man and turned away from the  
wisdom of God to solve my problems? What were the results?

**Children:** When do I ask Jesus to help me live as his friend and disciple?

**VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION:** Stay awake! Be ready! God needs you  
to make known his imminent presence.

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** The sanctuary lamp signals the presence of the  
Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to  
have the sanctuary lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a  
deceased love one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of  
\$20.00. The sanctuary lamp burns this week for the intention of Terry  
Laporte requested by Pat & Mary Carroll. All proceeds will go towards  
the purchase of a prayer light stand. Please call the office to arrange a  
memorial for the sanctuary lamp. 514-626-4111.



**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.

**BECKET HISTORY DVD** volume 2: from Fr. Jim Macdonald to Fr. Robert  
Clark coming soon! Order a copy today. See sign-up sheet in Narthex, go to the  
website, or call Maria at 514-620-9157. Makes a great Christmas gift!



**BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT:**

As Christians, let's show the homeless in the Montreal Community that we care for them by sharing our blessings with them this coming Christmas. Take a tag from The Giving Tree in the Narthex and return the gift requested with the tag attached by **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

**ADVENT ADORATION EVENINGS:** All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join us this Advent season for "Adoration Evenings" to be held in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress which will take place in Quebec City in June 2008. At each of these evenings, a short talk will be followed by an hour-long period of adoration and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. **Each evening begins at 7 pm.** Everyone is welcome to attend all or any.  
Sunday December 2: "The Eucharist Builds up the Church"  
Sunday December 9: "The Eucharist and Mission"

**2007-2008 SUNDAY MISSALS** are now available. We invite you to pick up a missal at the back of the church before Mass and return the missal after Mass.

**2008 ENVELOPE BOXES** are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Boxes are arranged alphabetically by name. The number of your box corresponds to your name and number on our parish database. Please make sure to pick up the right box so that we can issue an accurate tax receipt. If you do not have an assigned box, or you are new to the parish, please pick up a blank box, fill out the yellow card and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you.

**FABRIQUE & H. O. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DEC. 2, 2007:**

All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens and Helping Others Committee on **December 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. All parishioners of full age (18), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners (*Act respecting Fabriques*). There are six churchwarden positions. The term of office of churchwardens is three years. Two three-year positions must be filled during this election, and the remaining two years of a vacant three-year position. There are 4 elected Helping Others Committee members. The term of office for H.O. Committee is two years. Two two-year terms must be filled during this election. Churchwardens assist the pastor in the administration of the parish. The H.O. Committee manages our charitable outreach programs under the authority of the Fabrique. 514-626-4111.

**BECKET'S SOCIAL CLUB WILL HOST A NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER-**

**DANCE on Monday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall. The evening will include a delicious Chinese buffet, and great music & dancing! Come dance the night away with us! BYOB (alcoholic or non) Reserved seating is available. Tickets: \$25 each. Call Gerry 514-694-2984.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:**

**December 16 in the church hall after the 11 am Mass** - \$5.00 per person.

Tickets available after all Masses. Reservations for tables (min 10 per) can be made by calling Guy 450-424-3769 or by contacting one of the Knights after Mass.

**BECKET'S CHURCH MICE PRODUCTIONS** proudly present

"The Donkey's Tale" **December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the church (at the beginning of the Christmas Concert). Kids of all ages are invited to participate! Rehearsals will take place **Saturdays, Dec, 8, 15 & 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. Join us!



**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED**

**SACRAMENT: December 7** 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 on the card at the back of the church. "We adore Thee most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here in all Thy Churches, which are in the whole world, because by Thy holy cross, Thou hast redeemed the world."  
~ St. Francis of Assisi

**LECTORS:** Please see sign-in list for Christmas and New Year's in the Narthex.

**BECKET HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE**

Wed.	Dec. 05	Confirmation Children Gathering	4:30 or 6:15 pm
Fri.	Dec. 07	First Friday Adoration	10am to midnight
Sat.	Dec. 08	Church Mice Rehearsal	1:00 pm
Tues.	Dec. 11	Advent Reconciliation	7:00 pm
Sun.	Dec. 16	Breakfast with Santa	after 11 am Mass
Sun.	Dec. 23	Becket's Annual Christmas Concert & Play	7:00 pm
Mon	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance	6:30 pm

**~ MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> ~**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
4:30 pm	John Paul II	Chiara Genio	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Beatrice Gooding	Maureen & Bill Kelly	
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>		
7:15 pm	Paul Gervais	Beverly Patwell	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>		
8:30 am	Barbara Wawak	Helen & Ed Samoluk	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>		
8:30 am	Jeannine Pratte		
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>		
8:30 am	Philippe La Ferriere	Rosemarie Murphy	
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>		
8:30 am	Bonita Ann Berezuik	Peter Vetere & family	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
4:30 pm	Russell Slwka	Cynthia Biggs & family	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>		
9:00 am	Our parishioners		
11:00 am	John Stewart Dawes	John & Norma Dawes	

Weekday Readings for December 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday Dec. 3</b>	Is 4: 2-6	Mt 8: 5-11
<b>Tuesday Dec. 4</b>	Is 11: 1-10	Lk 10: 21k-24
<b>Wednesday Dec. 5</b>	Is 25: 6-10a	Mt 15: 29-37
<b>Thursday Dec. 6</b>	Is 46: 1-6	Mt 7: 21, 24-27
<b>Friday Dec. 7</b>	Is 29: 17-24	Mt 9: 27-31

**WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:**

Thomas à Becket: **Dec. 11, 7:30 pm †** St. Edmund of Canterbury: **Dec. 12, 7:30 pm †** St. John Fisher: **Dec. 15, 10:30 am †** St. David/Mary Queen of Peace: **Dec. 15, 5:00 pm †** St. Veronica: **Dec. 18, 7:30 pm †** St. Luke: **Dec. 19, 7:30 pm.**

**JUSTICE AND PEACE:** This is year two of the D&P

theme 'Canadian Mining Called to Account'. The education and action campaign of D&P is rooted in the following principles that should guide any decisions regarding resource extraction by our government and Canadian companies. These include 1) recognition of the sacredness of the earth, 2) the need to share resources in a sustainable manner that benefits the common good and respects the human rights of all and 3) the right of people to have control over decisions that affect their lives and communities.



**WYD LEGAL CLINIC FUNDRAISER RESUMES** this Sunday from 12:30-3pm in the parish office. Next clinic in 2 weeks. 514-678-6404 to book a time.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has generously contributed to our rectory washing machine fund. As mentioned the rectory washing machine which is twenty years old, is starting to fail, and must be replaced soon. Any contributions would be most appreciated and can be dropped in the collection basket (mark "rectory washer/dryer" on the envelope) Thank you!

