

Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2007



Weekday Masses: Dec. 10: 7:15 pm
Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14: 8:30 am

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God.

Congratulations Fr. Rob on your 9th Anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood for Dec 11th. May God bless you in all you do!

FAITH FIRST

I put my faith into action like Noah when...

My next door neighbours are on vocation and we take care of their dog. **Joseph V.**

I take care of my gerbils like Noah took care of the animals. **Heather Z.**

I trust God. **David R.**

I held the door open for people at the store. **Adam P.**

I went to a seminar against bullying. **Kayla M.**

I sponsored a child for \$10 who needs my help. **Silvia M.**

I helped the seniors at the senior's home. **Jessica F.**

By putting my faith in God. **Kevin C.**



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: 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** ****

Special thanks to Tyler S. for reminding us all not to chew gum in church.

Reading I: Isaiah 11:1-10 (On That Day)

Reading II: Romans 15:4-9 (Welcome One Another)

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 (John the Baptist)

Adults: What can I do this Advent to make Jesus better known to others?

Children: How can I treat my friends so that they come to know Jesus better?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: Who will herald Christ in our world?
Consider becoming a priest, brother, or sister.

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 The Buccongello family. 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!

ADVENT ADORATION EVENINGS: All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 9 at 7 pm** for the last of three “Adoration Evenings” to be held in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress which will take place in Quebec City in June 2008. A short talk will be followed by an hour-long period of adoration and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. **The topic for this Sunday evening:** “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.

FABRIQUE & H. O. COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS: Thanks to all parishioners who participated in the election of Churchwardens and Helping Others Committee members on December 2nd. Both candidate and voter turnout were very encouraging. Five candidates were nominated for churchwarden and four candidates were nominated for the Helping Others Committee. Congratulations to our three new wardens: Heinz Brues (2010), Chuck Scott (2010), and Phil Weller (2009). (Phil Weller will complete the remaining two years of a vacant three-year term.) Congratulations and thanks to John Bondyra and Carolyn Moss who were each elected to two-year terms on the Helping Others Committee. May the Lord bless and guide you all, and may you work in a rewarding and fruitful partnership. God bless all your families for their generous support of your service. Many thanks to our outgoing wardens, Bruce Emblem and Mario Scarsini and to our Helping Others Committee member Christine Agombar for your dedication and service in our parish.



BECKET’S SOCIAL CLUB WILL HOST A NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER-DANCE on **Monday Dec 31st 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 23rd at 7:00 pm** in the church (at the beginning of the Christmas Concert). Kids of all ages are invited to participate! Next two rehearsals: **Saturday, Dec. 15 & 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.** Join us!



BECKET HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE

Tues.	Dec. 11	Advent Reconciliation	7:00 pm
Sun.	Dec. 16	Breakfast with Santa	after 11am Mass
Tues.	Dec. 18	Memorial Mass for Terry Laporte	7:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 23	Becket’s Annual Christmas Concert & Children’s Play	7:00 pm
Mon.	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 pm Mass in Church only)	
Tues.	Dec. 25	Christmas Morning Mass	10:30 am
Sat.	Dec. 29	Holy Family	4:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 30	Holy Family	9&11am
Mon.	Dec. 31	New Year’s Eve	
		Holy Hour of Prayer for God’s Peace in the World	3:15 pm
		Vigil of Adoration and Prayer in Cahill Hall	10 p.m. to midnight
Tues.	Jan. 1	New Year’s Day (Holy Day of Obligation)	10:30 am



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

~ MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 8TH TO DECEMBER 16TH ~

Saturday	Dec. 8	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm	Russell Slwka	Cynthia Biggs & family
Sunday	Dec. 9	
9:00 am	Our parishioners	
11:00 am	John Stewart Dawes	John & Norma Dawes
Mon.	Dec. 10	
7:15 pm	Albert Ponniah	Mr. & Mrs. Mahendrarajah
Tues.	Dec. 11	
8:30 am	Teenie Farrell	Pat Fahey & Family
Wed.	Dec. 12	
8:30 am	Barbara Wawak	Rina Reda
Thurs.	Dec. 13	
8:30 am	TBA	Becket Social Group #2
Fri.	Dec. 14	
8:30 am	Monica D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & Family
Saturday	Dec. 15	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm	Enid & John Fernandes	Paschal, Marie & Dylan Fernandes
Sunday	Dec. 16	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Anthony Philip D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
<u>Weekday Readings for December 10th to December 14th</u>		
Monday Dec. 10	Is 35: 1-10	Lk 5: 17-26
Tuesday Dec. 11	Is 40: 1-11	Mt 18: 12-14
Wednesday Dec. 12	Zec 2: 14-17	Lk 1: 26-38
Thursday Dec. 13	Is 41: 13-20	Mt 11: 11-15
Friday Dec. 14	Is 48: 17-19	Mt 11: 16-19

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

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

BECKET CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT: More food is still needed to make sure we fill our Christmas Baskets this year. The best way to help is to pick up a food slip and buy the item listed on the slip then drop off the item (s) at the back of the church or take them to Cahill hall **by Dec. 16.** Thank you!



*"Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing."*

BECKET'S ALTAR SERVERS went out on the feast of St. Nicholas, when the snow lay round about deep and crisp and even...to go Christmas carolling! They raised \$72.00 for the Altar Servers fund. Hot chocolate was enjoyed by all.

PRIESTS' PENSION PLAN: We collected a total of \$2564.00 at last week's second collection for the Priests' Pension Plan of the Archdiocese of Montreal. Thank you to all parishioners for your generosity. God bless!

JUSTICE AND PEACE: In this year two of the D&P campaign 'Canadian Mining Called to Account', the focus remains on the actions of Canadian mining companies in the Global South and the need for them to carry out their operations in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. D&P is asking our government to create an independent ombudsman office that would receive and investigate complaints about destructive activities of Canadian mining companies.



"HOPE FOR MALAWI CHILDREN PROGRAM" Back by popular demand, Malawi Christmas gift cards will be available throughout Advent, in the church hall, after all Masses.