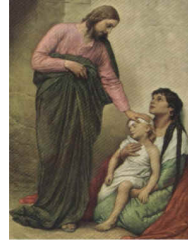


Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2007



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

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

FAITH FIRST

Due to holiday printing schedules, there are no reflections available for this week's bulletin. Reflections for December 9 (John the Baptist) will be published in the December 23 bulletin.

Please note that there will be **no reflection slips** between December 22rd & January 6th. Reflections slips will return on January 13/14. Thank you!



Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 (God Will Save You)

Reading II: James 5:7-10 (The Coming of the Lord)

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 (Are You the One Who Is to Come?)

Adults: What is the source of my Christmas joy? How will I share that joy with my family, friends and perhaps even the cashier at a store checkout?

Children: What am I doing to get ready to celebrate Christmas?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you.



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 Rina Reda & family. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a prayer light stand. Contact the office to arrange a memorial for the sanctuary lamp.

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.



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.

WE ARE LOOKING for two parents who will share their gift of sewing 65 small puffy hearts for our Faith First Reconciliation schedule. All materials will be supplied. Please contact Cathie or Elsa 514-620-4057. Thank you!



BECKET'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Come join us for our annual Christmas Carol sing-a-long and Becket's Church Mice children's play Sunday Dec. 23, at 7 pm in the Church. Bring family and friends and get into the holiday spirit! Free.

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! Last rehearsal: **Saturday, Dec. 22nd from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.** Join us!



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.



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 HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE

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 & 11 am
Mon.	Dec. 31	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
Tues.	Jan. 1	New Year's Day (Holy Day of Obligation)	10:30 am
Sat.	Jan. 5	Epiphany of the Lord	4:30 p.m. (vigil)
Sun.	Jan. 6	Epiphany of the Lord	9 & 11 a.m.
Mon.	Jan. 12	Baptism of the Lord	4:30 p.m. (vigil)
Tues.	Jan. 13	Baptism of the Lord	9 & 11 a.m.



LECTORS: Please see sign-in list for Christmas and New Year's in the Narthex, and please pick-up a copy of the new schedule for January. Thank you!

BECKET HISTORY DVD volume 2: from Fr. Jim McDonald 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!

~ MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 15TH TO DECEMBER 23RD ~

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
Mon.	Dec. 17	
7:15 pm	Maria Costa	her son and family
Tues.	Dec. 18	
8:30 am	Margaret Dawson	Mr & Mrs. Gordon Meath
Wed.	Dec. 19	
8:30 am	Samuel Adame	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meath
Thurs.	Dec. 20	
8:30 am	Angelita Santayana	Maria Purisima
Fri.	Dec. 21	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Saturday	Dec. 22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm	Joan D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
Sunday	Dec. 23	
9:00 am	Bill Shipman	Priska Meier
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

Weekday Readings for December 17th to December 21st

Monday Dec. 17	Gn 49: 2, 8-10	Mt 1: 1-17
Tuesday Dec. 18	Jer 23: 5-8	Mt 1: 18-25
Wednesday Dec. 19	Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1: 5-25
Thursday Dec. 20	Is 7: 10-14	Lk 1: 26-38
Friday Dec. 21	Sg 2: 8-14	Lk 1: 39-45

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

† St. Veronica: *Dec. 18, 7:30 pm.* St. Luke: *Dec. 18, 7:00 pm.*

JUSTICE AND PEACE: In year one of the D&P campaign 'Canadian Mining Called to Account' 150,000 Catholic Canadians sent a D&P postcard to the Prime Minister. This fall, we ask you to again act in solidarity with the exploited people in the Global South. Sign a postcard that asks Prime Minister Harper to immediately establish an ombudsman's office that will deal with the concerns of the people and communities that are affected by 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.



FAITH ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS COMING IN 2008: EUCHARIST with Msgr. Murray Kroetsch. The 49th International Eucharistic Congress is coming to Quenbec

City in June 2008. Want to know more about the Eucharist? Why is the Eucharist so central to our Catholic Faith? What does Eucharist mean to me? For answers to these questions and more, join us Fri. Feb. 15, 9am to 4pm OR Sat. Feb. 16, 9am to 4pm at The L'Auberge (street level) at St. Joseph Oratory.

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