

Feast of the Holy Family

December 30, 2007



*A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel:
God is with us.*

Weekday Masses:

Dec. 31: 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 1: 10:30 a.m.

January 2, 3 & 4: 8:30 am

FAITH FIRST

(from Dec. 9th): I put my faith in to *action* like John the Baptist when...

I made supper for my family. **James F.**

I got upset but said sorry and meant it. **Adam H.-M.**

I sang for the old folks. **Rachel A.**

I brought my friends to the nurse's office. **Matthew M.**

I helped my mom make pancakes. **Lauren P.**

I forgave my sister when she almost broke my Nintendo Wii. **Thomas D.**

I go to church. **Jack D.**

I helped my little sister on the computer. **Kayla D.**

Please note that there will be no reflection slips **between Dec. 22nd and Jan. 6th**. Reflections slips will return on **January 13/14**. Thank you!

FAITH FIRST is a religious education program for children from kindergarten through high school. Children follow an at-home program with regular gatherings at the parish for both children and their parents. There is a mandatory two year preparation for Eucharist and Confirmation (each). Registration for 2007-2008 will take place in the spring. 514-620- 4057.

May the New Year bring all our families much joy and many blessings!

Reading I: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (Honoring Your Parents)

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21 (Family Life in the Lord)

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (The Flight into Egypt)

Adults: How can I let the love and peace of Christ rule my heart?

Children: What can I do today to honour my father and mother?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM will resume on the weekend of January 12 /13. We wish all our participants and their families a very Happy New Year!

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: The priests, brothers and sisters of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God's call.



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 Alfons Gortler requested by Richard Gortler. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a prayer light stand. Contact the office to arrange a memorial for the sanctuary lamp.

NEW TO THE PARISH OR RETURNING? Welcome! Please call the parish office at 514-626-4111 or introduce yourself to one of the greeters. Information about our parish activities and sacraments, including a web calendar of events and much more, can be found on our parish website: www.stthomasabecket.org

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed from Dec. 24 until January 2.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Thank you to all who covered the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants! Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made:

Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Obregon & Lawton families, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gervais, Frances & Bill Cunningham, Antonio Cabral, Al Mack, Terry Tobin, Mrs. Joan Harkin and family, Dusan Medvescek, Mr. Biagio Tortolano, Ellis Charasidis, Louis A. Pereira, Jose C. Untalan, Annie U. Vinarao, Letty E. Untalan, Martin Dideles Sr., Rosario Didles, Apolonio Batisla-On, Mary Hyjek, Mary and Mike Saukas, Elizabeth Pastana, Douglas Floreani, Fr. Thomas, Peter & Jane Holloran, Agnes O'Donnell, Anne Marie Watkinson, Lee Loy & Wilson families, Pina & Luigi Vindigni.



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: JANUARY 4

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. *"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."*

- St. Francis de Sales

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 HAPPENINGS AT GLANCE

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| 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 |
| | | New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance | 6:30 pm |
| Tues. | Jan. 1 | New Year's Day (Holy Day of Obligation) | 10:30 am |
| Fri. | Jan. 4 | First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 10 a.m. - midnight |
| 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. |

BECKET HISTORY DVD volume 2: from Fr. Jim McDonald to Fr. Robert Clark is now available for pick up! To order a copy see sign-up sheet in Narthex, go to the parish website, www.stthomasabecket.org or call Maria.

250 CRECHES from 111 countries are will be on exhibit at St. Joseph Oratory museum until February 18th. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. A small donation is welcome at the entrance. Come and see how the Good News travels throughout the earth!



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS DECEMBER 29TH - JANUARY 6TH

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| Saturday | Dec. 29 | HOLY FAMILY | |
| 4:30 pm | Dorothy Plamondon | Joyce Clark | |
| Sunday | Dec. 30 | | |
| 9:00 am | Our Parishioners | | |
| 11:00 am | Emilia Pawlak | Jean Bisson | |
| Monday | Dec 31 | MARY, MOTHER OF GOD | |
| 4:30 p.m. | Eddie Mallette | Bernice & children | |
| Tuesday | Jan. 1 | (Holy day of obligation) | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Margaret Hayes | Joan Hopkirk | |
| Wednesday | Jan. 2 | | |
| 8:30 pm | Samuel Adame | Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meath | |
| Thursday | Jan. 3 | | |
| 8:30 am | Margaret Dawson | Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meath | |
| Friday | Jan. 4 | | |
| 4:30 pm | Samuel Adame | Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Meath | |
| Saturday | Jan. 5 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | |
| 4:30 pm | Carolyn Plamondon | Rita Caroline | |
| Sunday | Jan. 6 | | |
| 9:00 am | Mike & Mary Saukas | Linda Saukas | |
| 11:00 am | Miladin Balaban | Flora & Emil Markic | |

Weekday Readings for December 31st to January 4th

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| Monday Dec. 31 | 1 Jn 2: 18-21 | Jn 1: 1-18 |
| Tuesday Jan. 1 | Nn 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7 | Lk 2: 16-21 |
| Wednesday Jan. 2 | Jn 2: 22-28 | Jn 1: 19-28 |
| Thursday Jan. 3 | Jn 2: 29-3: 6 | Jn 1: 29-34 |
| Friday Jan. 4 | 1 Jn 3: 7-10 | Jn 1: 35-42 |



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FAITH ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS

COMING IN 2008: EUCHARIST with
Msgr. Murray Kroetsch. The 49th International
Eucharistic Congress is coming to Quebec 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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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1 JANUARY 2008:

THE HUMAN FAMILY, A COMMUNITY OF PEACE: At
the beginning of a New Year, I wish to send my fervent good

wishes for peace, together with a heartfelt message of hope to men and women throughout the world. I do so by offering for our common reflection the theme which I have placed at the beginning of this message. It is one which I consider particularly important: the human family, a community of peace. The first form of communion between persons is that born of the love of a man and a woman who decide to enter a stable union in order to build together a new family. But the peoples of the earth, too, are called to build relationships of solidarity and cooperation among themselves, as befits members of the one human family: "All peoples"—as the Second Vatican Council declared—"are one community and have one origin, because God caused the whole human race to dwell on the face of the earth (cf. Acts 17:26); they also have one final end, God"(1). *To read the complete message visit the link at www.cccb.ca or go directly to www.vatican.va*