

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2008

*You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church; the gates of hell will not
hold out against it.*



Weekday Masses: Aug. 25: 7:15 p.m., Aug. 26, 27, 28, 29, 8:30 a.m.

THANK YOU TO ALL for your patience during the renovations of the new church roof. As you have probably noticed, the parish hall does not accommodate as many people as the church. While most parishioners celebrate weekend Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, we ask that you consider attending the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass or 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass until the church re-opens.

FAITH FIRST



For those already registered for 2008-2009, book distribution will be held **Saturday September 20th and Sunday September 21st**. Late registration for Faith First is still available online at www.stthomasabecket.org. (Faith Education) If you have any questions, please leave a message at 514-620-4057.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23 (The Key of the House of David)

Reading II: Romans 11:33-36 (How Unsearchable His Ways)

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 (Who Do You Say That I Am?)

Adults: In my heart, who do I say that Jesus is?

Children: What stories do I know about St. Peter, and what can I learn from them?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: Peter received his special call when he acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour also receive a special call. Ask the Lord to direct your heart.

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 donation of \$20.00. 514-626-4111.

Week of August 24th: Martino Obregon, requested by the Obregon & Lawton families.

LECTORS: Please pick up a copy of the new schedule in the lector's mailbox in the Narthex. Thank you.





CRIB AND CROSS FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES offers again this fall *From Death to New Life: A Christian View of Loss* for persons struggling with a significant loss, such as the death of a loved one, divorce or other difficult change. Practical tools for working through bereavement will be presented in talks, reflections and discussions, are centered on the healing power of faith, hope and love. Led by Deacon Richard Boileau, with more than 15 years experience assisting bereaved people. **Fridays, Sept. 19 to Nov. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.** For information and registration: (514) 697-9813.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS – AUGUST 23RD TO AUGUST 31ST

Saturday	August 23	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Maria Reda	Rina Reda & family
Sunday	August 24	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Lira D'Souza	children and family
Mon.	August 25	
7:15 pm	Florence & Vincent Reuben	
Tues.	August 26	
8:30 am	Connie D'Souza	G. & J. D'Lima & family
Wed.	August 27	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Thurs.	August 28	
8:30 am	Jozef Straszynski	Di Marco family
Fri.	August 29	
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving	Merwyn Pereira
Saturday	August 30	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Alison Dowd	Mary & Keith Grant
Sunday	August 31	
9:00 am	Alison Dowd	Di Marco & Kowalski families
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

Weekday Readings for August 25th to August 29th

Monday August 25	2 Th 1: 1-5, 11-12	Mt 23: 13-22
Tuesday August 26	2 Th 2: 1-3, 14-16	Mt 23: 23-26
Wednesday August 27	2 Th 3: 6-210, 16-18	Mt 23: 27-32
Thursday August 28	1 Cor 1: 1- 9	Mt 24: 42-51
Friday August 29	1 Cor 1: 17-25	Mk 6: 17-29

MEALS ON WHEELS: St. Charles Meals on Wheels, which operates out of St. Michael and All Angels Church (Cabot St.) desperately needs volunteers. Drivers and deliverers are especially needed for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call Paul Ralph at 514-626-3390.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT BY ÆTERNAL MINISTRIES: We invite you to a contemporary Christian Music Concert by Æternal Ministries **September 20th, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph's Oratory in the crypt-church. Tickets sold at the door for \$5. Bilingual commentary and original songs in English. Come and experience unity in the Spirit with this Montreal group. Info: Denis Larochelle 514-733-8211 #2792
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BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Mon.	Sept. 01	Labour Day	
Fri.	Sept. 05	First Friday Exposition & Adoration	10:00am – midnight
Wed.	Sept. 10	Knights of Columbus meeting	7:00 pm
Sat.	Sept. 13	Wedding: Christina Arrizza to Scott Trickey	1:00 pm
Sat.	Sept. 20	Wedding: Trena Soares to Michael Vanin	1:00 pm



Erratum: Please note the Knights of Columbus meeting will be held **September 10th**, not September 3rd as mentioned in last week's bulletin. We apologize for any confusion caused.

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP: We are a group of people who are seeking to grow closer to God and to make our 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 the busyness of our everyday life. The study for this fall session is entitled, "You are God's Beloved," and focuses on how we can live in ways that, moment by moment, remind us of who we truly are: the beloved of God. All are welcome to join us! We meet every Thursday morning at 9:15 a.m. in Cahill Hall, beginning **September 18th**. For more information, call Louise at 630-6556.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: laundry soap, canned fruit, canned stew, canned salmon, crackers, brown grocery bags. Thank you for your generosity.

THE KEYS OF FAITH: Some people have expressed concern about theories in recent novels that question whether Jesus is *the Son of the living God*. This was Simon-Peter's response to Christ's question: *But who do you say that I am?* We should not be surprised by modern perceptions and interpretations. In fact, we know that Christ himself must have been disappointed with his contemporaries who mistook him for either John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or a prophet. Was this all they could deduce after years of listening to him preach? This reality offers an interesting perspective for those involved in the *new evangelisation!* But happily, all was not last. Simon-Peter declared that Jesus is *the Messiah, the Son of the living God*.



This was a welcome affirmation which comforted Jesus as he fulfilled his mission of bringing salvation to God's people. Simon-Peter's response was inspired by the Holy Spirit and Jesus would make him the cornerstone of his church. He would continue God's plan of inviting people into his eternal home. Jesus gave the keys to his family home to Simon-Peter whose faith was ardent, communicative, and destined to encourage future disciples. He himself would experience moments of weakness, indecision, and doubt. When he first considered following Christ's pathway of suffering and death, he expressed his own fears.

We can imagine Simon-Peter holding keys that would open and close the doors to the Kingdom of heaven. But what are these keys? As we read Matthew's Gospel, I would like to include the beatitudes in our response: Happy are the poor in spirit, the weak, the artisans of peace, those with pure hearts, those who remain faithful in adverse times, those who grieve...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Fr. Yves Guillemette

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