

The First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2008



Weekday Masses: Dec. 01: 7:15 p.m.,
Dec. 02, 03, 04, 05 8:30 a.m.

Show us your steadfast love O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

FAITH FIRST:

Upcoming events – All welcome!

EVENING CAFÉ #3: Dec. 3, 7:30p.m.

What Makes us Catholic Presenter: Richard Bernier.

DAY CAFÉ #3: Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m.

We're in This Together Presenter: Elsa Rivera

I followed Jesus this week by...

Preparing the box for the poor. *David. F.*

Helping my grandma get up and down the stairs. *Kaitlyn H.*

Completing my faith first chapters with Nonna. *Luca D.*

Helping my grandparents with their Christmas lights. *Kevin P.*

Reading a prayer of the faithful for my uncle's wedding. *Kyra H.*

I made dessert for my family. *Amanda M.-M.*

Helping kindergarten children with their work. *Michael F.*

Setting a good example for my brother. *Veronica I.*

Helping my little brother write his name. *Miranda I.*

Cleaning my room to surprise my mom. *Chloe G.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK (Staying Watchful)

Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 (We Are the Clay)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (God Is Faithful)

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 (Be Alert)

Adults: What does "wait wisely and watch vigilantly" mean for you?

Children: How can you best prepare for Christmas this year?

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 Nov. 30: Lois Biley, in gratitude, from St. Thomas à Becket Parish.

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised.

Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348 vocationsmtl@hotmail.com.

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

St. Veronica: *Dec. 06, 10:30 a.m.* † Thomas à Becket: *Dec. 09, 7:30 pm* †

St. John Fisher: *Dec. 13, 10:30 am* † Mary Queen of Peace: *Dec. 14, 5:00 pm* †

St. Edmund of Canterbury: *Dec. 16, 7:30 pm* † St. Luke: *Dec. 16, 7:30 pm.* †

BECKET CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT: Thank you for picking up a Christmas basket food slip. Written on the foods slips are items that are needed to fill our Christmas Baskets. Please buy the items that are listed, then drop them in the donation box in the Narthex when you come to Mass. We also accept children's toys, books and games ONLY if they are new, or in mint condition. *No clothing please.*



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 14th**. Thank you!

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.



ADVENT LETTERS are available at the back of the church and include the schedule of Advent activities and holiday Masses. Take a copy for a friend!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS – NOV. 29TH TO DEC. 07TH

Saturday	November 29	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm	Antonio Fiori	Alberta Fiori
Sunday	November 30	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Alice Danylo	Rose & Serge Duguay
Mon.	December 1	
7:15 pm	Kevin McPhie	The Gaffney family
Tues.	December 2	
8:30 am	Al De Souza	The Rosary Group
Wed.	December 3	
8:30 am	Opal Doyle	Audrey & Gerry Poisson
Thurs.	December 4	
8:30 am	Ellen McAloon	Isabel & Alex Kean
Fri.	December 5	
8:30 am	Myrna Ray	Mariette & Chuck Lawton
Saturday	December 6	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Maresca & Mr & Mrs. Principe Family	
Sunday	December 7	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Biagio Tortolano	Tortolano family

Weekday Readings for December 1st to December 5th:

Monday Dec. 1	Is 2: 1-5	Mt 8: 5-11
Tuesday Dec. 2	Is 11: 1-10	Lk 10: 21-24
Wednesday Dec. 3	Is 25: 6-10a	Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Thursday Dec. 4	Is 26: 1-6	Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Friday Dec. 5	Is 29: 17-24	Mt 9: 27-31

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Tues.	Dec. 02	Becket Woodworking Club	7:00 pm
Sun.	Dec. 07	Breakfast with Santa	after 11 a.m. Mass
		Octet Plus Concert	7:00 pm
Tues.	Dec. 09	Advent Reconciliation	7:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 14	Wardens Elections	11:00 am
Sun.	Dec. 21	Annual Folk Choir Christmas Concert	7:00 pm

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is deeply concerned that in developing nations, local people in areas of oil, gas, mining, and logging exploitation experience poverty rather than benefit from their natural resources. Loss of livelihoods, violent conflict, human rights violations, environmental degradation and corruption have been noted. In particular there are adverse consequences for women. Competition for natural resources threatens human security worldwide.

BECKET SENIOR'S LUNCH will take place at Restaurant Au Vieux Duluth, (St. Jean boul. location) **Dec. 4th at 12 noon.**



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **December 5th** 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 in the book at the back of the church. **SPECIAL ADORATION HOUR FOR FAMILIES:** All families are invited to come and pray together **Dec. 5th from 5 to 6pm** during an hour of adoration specially prepared for families.

BECKET'S CHURCH MICE PRODUCTIONS proudly present *The Miracles of Christmas* **December 21st 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. 6, 13, & 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.** Join us!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: All are welcome to enjoy breakfast with Santa on **Dec. 7th after the 11:00 Mass.** Sign up begins this weekend after all Masses. \$6 per person or \$25.00 maximum per family (up to 5 people). Sponsored by Becket's Knights of Columbus. Guy Taillon: 450-424-3769.

CWL: Reminder to all members luncheon will take place **Dec. 9th 12:30 pm** at Casa Greque (St. Jean boul. location). Info: Elinor Gallagher 514-620-0951

FABRIQUE ELECTIONS DEC. 14, 2008: All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens on **Dec. 14th after the 11 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 at this election. 514-626-4111.

BECKET'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE: **Wednesday Dec. 31 at 6:30 pm.** Gourmet catered meal, great music and dancing. Join us and dance the night away. Tickets \$35.00 each. BYOBeverage. 16 & older. Reserved seating available. For more information or tickets call Gord & Tootsie 514-421-8699.



2009 ENVELOPE BOXES are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Boxes are arranged alphabetically by name. Please make sure you 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 call the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL LECLERC, seminarian interning at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, and who will be ordained to the diaconate on **Sunday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. All are invited to attend and offer their prayers for Michael!

CRIB AND CROSS FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES offers during this winter a workshop series - 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. Led by Deacon Richard Boileau, with more than 15 years experience assisting people in grief. **January 23 to April 24, 2009 from 7 to 9 p.m.** St. Ignatius Parish. Cost: \$90, includes printed materials. Info. & registration (514) 697-9813 or richard.boileau@videotron.ca

FIND GOD IN THE SILENCE OF YOUR OWN HEART Personally directed retreat weekend at Maison de Prière, Longueuil. Begins Friday evening, **Dec. 5th**, ends Sunday afternoon. Register 514-626-9462 or 514-697-6684.