

The Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2008



Weekday Masses: Dec. 08: 7:15 p.m.,
Dec. 09, 10, 11, 12 8:30 a.m.

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

*Congratulations Fr. Rob on your 10th Anniversary of Ordination
to the Priesthood for December 11th. May God bless you in all you do!*

FAITH FIRST:

I followed Jesus this week by...

Praying all week. *Alessia P.*

Helping my cousins bake Christmas cookies. *Brianna M.*

Thanking my mom for taking care of me when I was sick. *Stefano V.*

Behaving in class. *Anthony D.*

I showed my friends how much I appreciate them. *Marco D.*

I helped my friend do a math problem. *Cristina D.*

Question of the week (Prepare the Way of the Lord)

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (A Voice Cries Out)
Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14 (New Heavens and a New Earth)
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (Make Straight the Paths of the Lord)

Adults: What habits have I formed that need adjustment in order to prepare for Christ's coming?

Children: If Jesus were coming to my house, how would I get ready?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim him in this generation?
Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348 vocationsmtl@hotmail.com.

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 December 7th: The Markic Family, requested by Flora Markic.

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

† 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.* Many volunteers are still needed! **Info: Philomena at 514-624-9279.**

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	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
Mon.	December 8	
7:15 pm	Winifred Kopytowski	Darroch & Gina Robertson
Tues.	December 9	
8:30 am	Antonietta Maresca	Mabel Oliveira
Wed.	December 10	
8:30 am	Caterina & Cecilia Mossa	Rina Della Rocca
Thurs.	December 11	
8:30 am	Antonietta Maresca	Gail & Ron Smith
Fri.	December 12	
8:30 am	Luciano Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca
Saturday	December 13	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Maresca & Mr & Mrs. Principe Family	
Sunday	December 14	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mario Vani	Di Marco Family

Weekday Readings for December 8th to December 12th:

Mon. Dec. 8	Gn 3: 9-15, 20	Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12	Lk 1: 26-38
Tues. Dec. 9	Is 40: 1-11		Mt 18: 12-14
Wed. Dec. 10	Is 40: 25-31		Mt 11:28-30
Thurs. Dec. 11	Is 41: 13-20		Mt 11: 11-15
Fri. Dec. 12	Zec 2: 14-17	Rev 11: 19a, 12: 1-6a, 10ab	Lk 1: 26-38

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Sun.	Dec. 07	Octet Plus	7:00 pm
Tues.	Dec. 09	Advent Reconciliation	7:30 pm
Sun.	Dec. 14	Wardens Elections	12 noon
Sun.	Dec. 21	Annual Folk Choir Christmas Concert	7:00 pm



HOCKEY IS BACK AT BECKET: All youth, and youth at heart are invited to join us for street hockey in the church parking lot on Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m., weather permitting. Bring your hockey stick and dress warm! Free hot chocolate for all. Info: Damian 514-696-9432.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS who organized and ran the bake sale for the children's choir, and to all who came out to buy our goodies or make donations. We raised enough money to buy six news choir robes! Special thanks to the Becket's C.W.L. for all their support.

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. Thank you to all who donated to the Bazaar bake table this year.

FABRIQUE AND H.O. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DEC. 14, 2008: All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens on **Dec. 14th after the 11 a.m. Mass**. Churchwardens assist the pastor in the administration of the parish. 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. **HELPING OTHERS COMMITTEE:** There are four elected Helping Others Committee members. The term of office for H.O. Committee is two years. Two two-year terms must be filled during this election. The H.O. Committee manages our charitable outreach programs under the authority of the Fabrique.

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. 13, & 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. Join us!



BECKET'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE: Wednesday Dec. 31 at 6:30 pm. Gourmet catered meal, great music and dancing, joke corner, door prizes. Join us and dance the night away. Tickets \$35.00 each. BYOBverage. 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

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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE QUEEN SELECTION EVENING: Calling Montreal women of Irish descent to the United Irish Societies' most esteemed competition. The Parade Queen Selection Evening will be held on **January 24, 2009**. Grand Prize: A trip to Ireland. Participants must be single, between 18 and 25 years of age, Canadian citizens, and residents of Montreal or surrounding areas. For more info please visit www.montrealirishparade.com or call 514-866-3523 or 514-426-4588.