

The Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2008



Weekday Masses: Dec. 15: 7:15 p.m.,
Dec. 16, 17, 18, 19 8:30 a.m.

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

FAITH FIRST:

I followed Jesus this week by...

Helping my teacher in class. **Jason D.**

Donating to the poor and hungry. **Kiana G.**

I prayed for my grandmother. **Nicholas O.**

Sharing my brand new puppets with my brothers. **Cassandra D.**

Singing in the choir and helping people enjoy their Sunday mornings. **Jessica D.**

Bought gifts for my family. **Juliano D.**

*Elsa and Richard would like to extend to all Faith First children, parents and
volunteers their warm wishes for a blessed and meditative Advent and a safe
and joyful celebration of Our Lord's Nativity.*

We look forward to serving you in 2009!

Question of the week (Recognizing the Lord)

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (The Spirit Is Upon Me)

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Pray Without Ceasing)

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (The One to Come)

Adults: Where in my life can I identify habits and attitudes which twist and cover God's love? What concrete steps can I take to remove them?

Children: How can I more clearly show my love for God, my family, and my friends?

VOCATION VIEWS REFLECTION: *Rejoice; never cease praying.* Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. 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 14th: **Tammy Pazzi, requested by Ed Pazzi**



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.

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

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.* †

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS – DEC. 13TH to DEC. 21ST

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
Mon.	December 15	
7:15 pm	Mr. Edi Schnider	his wife and children
Tues.	December 16	
8:30 am	Antonietta Maresca	David and Norma Francis
Wed.	December 17	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Thurs.	December 18	
8:30 am	Dan Murphy	Lucy & Kelly Pigeon
Fri.	December 19	
8:30 am	Mr. Anthony P. D'Souza	children & family
Saturday	December 20	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm	Nazzareno & Anna Loreto D'Alesio	Bernice & Peter Zanetti
Sunday	December 21	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	John D'Souza	family in Canada & England

Weekday Readings for December 15th to December 19th:

Mon. Dec. 15	Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17	Mt 21: 23-27
Tues. Dec. 16	Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13	Mt 21: 28-32
Wed. Dec. 17	Gn 49: 2, 8-10	Mt 1: 1-17
Thurs. Dec. 18	Jer 23: 5-8	Mt 1: 18-25
Fri. Dec. 19	Jdg 13: 2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1: 5-25

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Sun. Dec. 14	Wardens Elections	12 noon
Sun. Dec. 21	Becket's Annual Christmas Concert & Children's Play	7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Masses

4:30, 7:00 & 10:00 pm in the Church
4:30 & 7:00 p.m. in the hall

Christmas Morning Mass

10:30 am

Holy Family

Sat. Dec. 27, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 28, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy hour of prayer for God's peace in the world

Wed. Dec. 31, 3:15 p.m.

Vigil of Adoration and Prayer

Wed. Dec. 31, 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wed. Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Sat. Jan. 3, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 4, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Sat. Jan. 10, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 11, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



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

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! Last rehearsal will take place **Saturday Dec. 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. Join us!

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. 21st, at 7 pm** in the Church. Bring family and friends and get into the holiday spirit! Free.



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. BYOBeverage. 16 & older. Reserved seating available. For more information or tickets call Gord & Tootsie 514-421-8699.

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.



BECKET YOUTH CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR HOLIDAY BASH Dec 28th in the parish Hall. Pot Luck. Bring your friends! Details will be included in the bulletin of December 21st.

SPECIAL ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR PRIESTS PENSION PLAN:

Thank you for your generous donations to the priest's pension plan fund last weekend. As mentioned, the Archdiocese has appealed to all parishes to help cover the Priests' Pension Plan Debt of \$1,375,000, which must be paid over 5 years. The reasons for the deficit are two-fold: 1. Demographics – The average age of the population, including priests, has increased and people are living longer. Pension plan coverage must be extended for a longer period. 2. The continuous decline in long-term interest rates on the market. We all share the obligation to take care of our priests who have devoted themselves to the Church of Montreal for many years. Thank you for your generous and continued support!

NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome! If you are a new to our parish and would like to become part of our community, we invite you to take an unassigned envelope box (at the back of church), fill in the yellow card and drop it in the collection plate at any Mass. For information about parish activities and programs, please see the front and back cover of this bulletin for names and contact numbers.

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.

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