

Third Sunday in Lent March 15, 2009



*Weekday Masses:
March 16: 7:15 p.m.
March 17, 18, 19, 20: 8:30 a.m.*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

FAITH FIRST

CAFÉS (Adult Faith Formation):

Wed., March 18, 7 p.m. The last evening CAFÉ: *Why Did Jesus Die?* Presenter: Steve Barillaro & Alpha team.

Fri., Mar. 20, 9:30 a.m.: Day CAFÉ: *Getting Real-The Power of Acceptance.* Presenter: Elsa Rivera

Mon. Mar. 23, 5:45: High School Gathering: Cahill hall.

Wed. Mar. 25, 4:30 or 6:15 pm: Eucharist Gathering:

Thurs. Mar. 26, 5:45 p.m.: H. S. Confirmation Gathering @M. Million's home

Fri. Mar. 27, 9:30 a.m.: Lenten Day CAFÉ

Sat. Mar. 28: Confirmation Reconciliation Celebrations - please check package for assigned time. Attendance is mandatory. Children *must* be accompanied by an adult.

THIS WEEK I FOLLOWED JESUS BY:

I behaved this week. **Brianna D.**

Getting my project done, reading my Confirmation book, getting up early for church. **Catherine O.**

Putting out food for the dog. **Bianca D.**

I used my manners. **Gabriel P.**

Helping my parents around the house. **Heather Z.**

Cleaning my room. **Samantha D.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 (Repent and Be Converted)

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a (Jesus Is Expiation for Our Sins)

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 (Emmaus)

Adults: What decisions can I make to protect the fragile gifts of our earth's environment?

Children: Do I realize that God has given me my body and that I must take care of it?

VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS: Do we demand signs or do we hear the Lord speaking to our heart?

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Sun.	Mar. 15	Mission Mass Homily discussion	after 11 am Mass
Tues.	Mar. 17	Becket Woodworking Club	7:00 pm
Wed.	Mar. 18	Last Evening CAFÉ	7:00 pm
Thurs.	Mar. 19	Becket Seniors Meeting - parish hall	1:30 pm
Fri.	Mar. 20	Lenten Day CAFÉ	9:30 am
Sat	Mar. 21	<i>The Proud Tree</i> rehearsals	9:30 am

WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

† St. Thomas à Becket: *March, 24, 7:30 pm* † St. Luke: *March 24, after 7:30 pm Mass* † Mary Queen of Peace/St. David: *March 29, 5:00 pm (bilingual)* † St. Edmund: *March 31, 7:30 pm* † St. John Fisher: *April 4, 10:30 a.m.* †

BECKET'S CHURCH MICE PRODUCTIONS will present *The Proud Tree* on **Good Friday, Apr. 10, at 10:30 a.m.** All young parishioners invited to participate, including teens who need to fulfill community service requirements. Practices take place in the church **Mar. 21, Mar. 28, & Apr. 4, 9:30-12 p.m.**

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 14 – MARCH 22

Saturday	March 14	3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
4:30 pm	Mr. Robert Beaulieu	Pauline & John Basciano
Sunday	March 15	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Vincenzo Cefaratti	The Colannino family
Mon.	March 16	
7:15 pm	Purite Chan	Josie & family
Tues.	March 17	
8:30 am	Phoebe Walton-Burke	The Fortins
Wed.	March 18	
8:30 pm	Benito Rossi	The Doran family
Thurs.	March 19	
8:30 a.m.	Claude Larente	Denise Larente
Fri.	March 20	
8:30 a.m.	Max Fernandes	Braganza family
Saturday	March 21	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
4:30 pm	Bernadette Peteanis	Fran Bourgeois
Sunday	March 22	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Marc-André Jasmin	Mariette Massicotte

Weekday Readings for March 16 to March 20:

Mon.	March 16	2 Kgs 5:1-15b	Lk 4: 24-30
Tues.	March 17	Dn 3: 25, 34-43	Mt 18:21 35
Wed.	March 18	Dt 4: 1, 5-9	Mt 5: 17-19
Thurs.	March 19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a
Fri.	March 20	Hos 14: 2-10	Mk 12:28-34

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of March 15: Mona Munro requested by Joyce Dawson

LENTEN MISSION MASS HOMILY DISCUSSIONS The parish pastoral team has prepared a series of mission Masses for the five Sundays of Lent, which will develop the Word of God at the 11 am Masses and be followed by an invitation to a discussion over coffee after Mass. By allowing the Word to penetrate our hearts ever more deeply, and by fortifying ourselves with the graces of the Sacraments, we can rise to the call of living the gift of our Christian lives to the fullest.

“You love the World...and we walk with You.”

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: It's the time of year for the Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign. This campaign is a major fundraiser, aiming to raise \$10 million this year. Share Lent provides us with an opportunity to consider the plight of the poor and unjustly treated and to support the work of D&P in empowering the poor and alleviating their suffering. D&P works in collaboration with organizations and grassroots groups in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

CHARITY BROADWAY MUSICAL “The Music Man”, March 21st, 2:00 p.m. All bus tickets have been sold, but there are some tickets left for those wanting to drive directly to Cité des Jeunes. Remember, after the show we meet at the St. Jean Casa Grecque for supper. 514-626-7374 or 514-626-8074.

~ *Church Etiquette* ~

The priest should be the last in, and the first out.

AN INVITATION TO: "THE MARRIAGE COURSE" Looking for an intimate and effective way to make your marriage stronger, healthier and last a lifetime? A new session of "The Marriage Course" is about to begin! This course is offered to any married couple who would like to enrich their marriage. You will learn how to make a good marriage even better, or give a struggling marriage the tools necessary to overcome the issues being faced. Why not take this opportunity to make your marriage the best it could be? Over the course of 7 evenings, in a warm and relaxing setting, you and your spouse can spend quality time discovering the essence of a healthy marriage, privately discussing the topics covered each evening. No group discussions. Next session begins **April 1**, and will be held on Wed. nights at 7:15 pm, in Kirkland. Registration & information: Nathalie or John Bondyra, 514-695-7896.



MARRIAGE JUBILEE Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year, divisible by 5? Come join us at our annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration on May 23 and 24. Info: Rina and Mike Callard: 514-695-6995.

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD The English-speaking Catholic Community are warmly invited to the 17th Annual "*Evening of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood*" at St. Ignatius of Loyola **Wed., April 29 at 7:30 p.m.** Msgr. Sean Harty will preside a concelebrated Eucharist. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Come and support our Seminarians and Priests! Information: Diocesan Vocations Office 514-925-4348.



DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY 2009: Archbishop Jean Claude Cardinal Turcotte invites all young people of the Diocese to gather together to meet Christ, and to celebrate World Youth Day 2009. The theme this year is "*We Have Set Our Hope on the Living God*" (1 Tim 4:10). Our objective is make the person of Jesus the centre of the faith and life of every young person so that He may be their constant point of reference and the inspiration of every initiative and commitment for the education of generations to come. **Sat. April 4, 1:00 pm** at the Chinese Catholic Mission, 979 rue Côte (Place D'Armes Metro). For more information, please contact the parish office or Damian at 514-696-9432 or the Youth Ministry office 514-931-7311 ext 273

SPRING CLEANING FOR FREEDOM: So many of us have accumulated much more than we need. It bursts from our closets, overflows our shelves and clutters our lives. Lent might be a wonderful time to deliberately release ourselves from the many "things" we own by cleaning out our closets and simplifying our lives in a prayerful and intentional way. On one level, this is ridding ourselves of things we don't need, or things that we hated to part with except that they are hopelessly out of style or obsolete. Certainly, we all have many things that are "extra" or "unneeded", but could be wonderful for those who can't afford them. Another level of this journey into personal freedom is to ask ourselves how much I really do need. How much clothing do I choose to have? How much jewellery? How much sporting equipment? How much electronic equipment? How many sets of silverware or dishes? We can get as serious and go as deeply into this as we desire to find fruit. This is not "should I get rid of what I don't need?" This is different, more faith-filled, and takes us into giving up 'good' stuff -- perhaps stuff we are attached to -- because we want to experience the exercise of freedom. We do this because we sense that we are not free in some areas that are tremendously important for us, important for our salvation, and growing in freedom before the things of our lives can be a great grace. This freedom, too, will place us in greater solidarity with those who find such great happiness and joy in trusting in God, while having so much less than we imagine we could survive on. What else might we do that fits with my circumstances and the needs around us and in the world?



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