

**Twenty-second
Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 30, 2009**

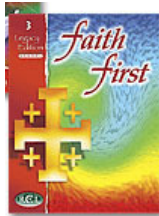


Weekday Masses:
August 31, 7:15 pm
Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4: 8:30 am

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO FR. PAUL! Fr. Paul has been assigned as Parish Assistant at St. Monica and St. Augustine of Canterbury, and Pastoral Animator at Concordia Multifaith Chaplaincy as of September 1, 2009. Thank you, Fr. Paul for sharing your time and talents with us at Becket. We wish you much joy and many blessings in your new ministries! We will invite Fr. Paul back to Becket for a farewell Mass and reception in early fall.

FAITH FIRST 2009-2010

PLEASE NOTE: LATE REGISTRATION ENDS SEPTEMBER 9



On-line *and* in-person late registration will end September 9. Please visit www.stthomasabecket.org, call the Faith First office at 514-620-4057, or email faithfirst@stthomasabecket.org for more information. *Newcomers:* please make sure to view the on-line Faith First program syllabus, which also provides the password that you will need to register. If you prefer to register in person, please come to the parish hall on **Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

**FAITH FIRST BOOK PICK-UP: Sat. Sept. 19, 1-4 pm and 5:30–6:30 pm
OR Sun. Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m. and 12 noon -1 p.m.**

PLEASE HELP US spread the word that Catholic faith formation and sacramental preparation are no longer offered at local schools. Know a family who may be interested in our program? Please invite them to contact us!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Purifying Our Hearts)

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 (Observe the Commandments)

Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 (Doers of the Word)

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (God's Commandments)

Adults: Can I name a time when the deep convictions of faith led me to make a decision or take action in a way that may have surprised or puzzled others?

Children: Because I believe in Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, what good things does God want me to do for others?

VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS: *Every worthwhile gift comes from above.* What gifts do you have? Are you being asked to use those gifts in full-time service for the church? Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348.

“COME & SEE” EVENINGS – For men 18-54 years old who may be discerning a call to the priesthood. The Diocesan Vocations Office is offering informal get-togethers from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ St. Willibrord Parish (351 Willibrord Ave, Verdun – Metro Station Verdun). First gathering is on Friday, September 25 -begins with supper & recreation and is followed by prayer & a time of input, sharing & discussion on issues concerning priestly life & ministry. For info contact 514-925-4348 or vocationsmtl@hotmail.com



BECKET'S CALENDAR IS FILLING UP! All parish groups, councils, committees, organizations, choirs, clubs, and ministry leaders are invited to come to the office to book your activities in the master schedule binder for 2009-2010. Entries are later transferred to the parish web calendar. Please make sure to check your bookings on the

parish web calendar at www.stthomasabecket.org in early autumn to ensure all your dates and times are correct. For parish hall (the big hall) bookings, please contact our hall rental warden, Norman Wight at 514-630-5602.

BECKET SENIORS will kick off their new season with a luncheon at Casa Grecque (St. John location) on **Thursday, Sept 3, at 12 noon**. All seniors are invited. Info: Audrey Cassidy 514-626-3586.

CWL: Becket's council of the CWL will meet **September 8, at 1:30 pm**, in Cahill hall. Any ladies interested in the CWL are most welcome to join us.

10TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST: Becket's Council of the CWL cordially invite you to join us **Saturday, September 19, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**, for a beautiful morning not to be missed! Find out why women keep coming back year after year to this little oasis! Our theme this year is "Women of Peace and Hope" "*Guide our feet into the way of peace (Luke 1:79).*" Our guest speaker, Eleanor Arless, Chair of the Communications Committee of WICC (The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada) will give a spiritual talk on "How do we become Women of Peace and Hope" in our world today. Our guest singer, Sonia Castiglione, with her voice of an angel will delight you. Enjoy song and music, a catered breakfast and a gift for you to take home. **BY RESERVATION ONLY – DEADLINE: September 12.** Please call Louise 630-6556 or Lauren 626-4129 as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., \$15.00 fee at the door.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 6

Saturday	Aug 29	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Jozef Straszynski	Di Marco Family
Sunday	Aug 30	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Helena, Dino & Emilia Fusco	The Fusco family
Monday	Aug 31	
7:15 pm	TBA (Tony Lacroce)	Fr. Mike Shaw
Tuesday	Sept. 1	
8:30 am	Robert O'Neill	The Taillon family
Wednesday	Sept. 2	
8:30 am	Patrick Callaghan	Marie Foggo
Thursday	Sept. 3	
8:30 am	Gino Montafferi	The Pogue family
Friday	Sept. 4	
8:30 am	Alfonso Reda	Rina Reda
Saturday	Sept. 5	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Franco Cieri	The Di Marco family
Sunday	Sept. 6	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Frank Apa	The Daigle family

Readings for Aug 31 to Sept. 4:

Mon.	Aug. 31	1 Thes 4: 13-18	Lk 4: 16-30
Tues.	Sept. 1	1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11	Lk 4: 31-37
Wed.	Sept. 2	Col 1: 1-8	Lk 4: 38-44
Thurs.	Sept. 3	Col 1: 9-14	Lk 5: 1-11
Fri.	Sept. 4	Col 1: 15-20	Lk 5: 33-39

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Fri.	Sept. 04	First Friday Adoration	10:00am – midnight
Sat.	Sept. 05	Wedding: Katherine Hewitt to Robert Kopty	3:00 pm
Mon.	Sept. 07	Labour Day – Offices closed	
Tues.	Sept. 08	Becket Knights of Columbus meeting	7:00 pm
Sat.	Sept. 19	Faith First Book pick-up	5:30-6:30 pm
Sun.	Sept. 20	Faith First Book pick-up	10 to 11 am & 12 to 1 pm
Sat.	Sept. 26	Wedding: Christopher Fabes to Sabina Zabransky	2:30 pm

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of August 30: Joe Dilk requested by Jim and Sheena Hinch.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Sept 4 is the First Friday of the month. After Mass, 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.

"The Eucharist is connected with the Passion. If Jesus had not established the Eucharist, we would have forgotten the crucifixion.

It would have faded into the past and we would have forgotten that Jesus loved us. There is a saying that to be far away from the eyes is to be far away from the heart. To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of his love ... When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then, when you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

BACK TO SCHOOL: Did you know that in our country today, nearly one in nine children live in poverty?¹ Most of us believe that three meals a day and a roof over our heads are a necessity. Unfortunately, many children know that a home and food are luxuries.

"In a world characterized by growing prosperity for some and pervasive poverty for others, Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt. 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first." (Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, #5)

As the school year begins, family budgets may be stretched to the limit. But this year, before you begin the annual ritual of getting ready for school, please take time to remember children who have much, much less.

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40b

As school begins, many families cannot afford basic school supplies for their children. So how can we help? Encourage your children to purchase some extra items to donate to children in need when they do their own school supply shopping. To be sure that the supplies get to children who can use them, you can bring the supplies to your school office, or the parish office. Thank you!

¹(2008 National Report Card on Child and Family Poverty in Canada)

Adapted from Faith First.com/catechist/makeadifference

STRUGGLING WITH GRIEF? CRIB AND CROSS FRANCISCAN

MINISTRIES offers during the Fall-Winter seasons two group 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. 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 people in grief. **Beginning Sept. 18 and running each Friday until Nov. 27, 2009** at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish \$90.00, includes printed materials.