

**Twenty-third
Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
September 6, 2009**

Weekday Masses:
Sept. 7, 7:15 pm
Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11: 8:30 am



WELCOME FR. MICHAEL LECLERC! Fr. Michael Leclerc has been appointed as our new parish curate as of September 1, 2009. Fr. Michael was ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Basilica on June 19 this year, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests and the first day of the "Year of the priest" in honour of the 150th anniversary of the death of Saint Jean Vianney, the curé d'Ars. A special year indeed! We extend our warmest wishes to Fr. Michael, and offer our prayerful support in his new ministry here at Becket.

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.**

REMINDER TO PARENTS: If you have borrowed a *Catechist Guide* or *At Home Guide* could you please return it to the Faith First office immediately.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Strengthened by Faith)

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a (Be Strong)

Reading II: James 2:1-5 (Show No Partiality)

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 (He Makes the Deaf Hear)

Adults: As I listen to today's Gospel, what thought patterns or prejudices cry out within me to be opened by the touch of Jesus?

Children: What does it mean when we say that "actions speak louder than words"?

VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS: Jesus groans to the heavens, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of "Ephphatha!" echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to priesthood or religious life. Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348.

BECKET CHILDREN'S CHOIR will resume on September 20 with our first practice at 8:00 a.m. sharp in the choir loft. Newcomers welcome. Must be able to read song lyrics. Info: Kathleen Lalonde 514-695-7230.

BLESS YOUR SCHOOL BAGS, BOOKS AND FAITH FIRST

WORKBOOKS! Our annual blessing of school bags, books and Faith First workbooks will be held at all weekend Masses, **September 26 & 27**. This special blessing is offered to students of *all* ages.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM: Sundays from October to May during first half of the Mass. St. Thomas à Becket has had a very successful Children's Liturgy Program for many years. In order for this program to continue, we need new co-ordinators and teachers immediately. The current co-ordinators are stepping down, as they no longer have children in the program. If you are interested, please contact either: Margaret 514-626-0841 (9 am Mass) or Wanda 514-626-4619 (11am Mass). No experience needed – just a willingness to share your faith with the young members of our parish. The more volunteers we have, the less we each have to do. If you enjoy spending time with children, this can be a very rewarding and fun activity. Registration for 2009-2010 will take place **Sundays Sept. 20 & 27 and Oct 4 after Masses.**

FUN DAY! All new and returning students are invited Children's Liturgy Fun Day: **October 4th at 12:30 pm** – fun & games, face painting, and free lunch!

AN INVITATION TO: "THE MARRIAGE COURSE" A new session of "The Marriage Course" is about to begin! All married couples are invited to enjoy some quality time together to learn the essence to building strong and healthy marriages that will last a lifetime! Over the course of 7 evenings, in a warm and relaxing setting, you and your spouse can spend quality time discovering new things about yourself, your spouse, and your life as a couple. This very practical course will provide you with the tools you need to take a good marriage, or a struggling marriage, onto a whole new level! No group discussions. You and your spouse privately discuss the topics covered each evening. **Next session begins Oct 7** and will be held on Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm, in Kirkland. Information and registration: Nathalie or John, 514-695-7896. Why not take this opportunity to make your marriage the best it could be?

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! Our theme this year is "Women of Peace and Hope" Enjoy a presentation by Eleanor Arless, song, music, a catered breakfast, and a gift for you to take home. RSVP by **September 12.** Louise 630-6556 or Lauren 626-4129. Registration begins at 9:00 am, \$15.00 fee at the door.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Mon.	Sept. 07	Labour Day – Offices closed	
Tues.	Sept. 08	Becket Knights of Columbus meeting	7:00 pm
Sun	Sept. 13	K. of C. Family breakfast	after 11:00 am Mass
Sat.	Sept. 19	C.W.L. Women's Power Breakfast	
		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
		Children's Liturgy Registration	after Masses
Sat.	Sept. 26	Wedding: Christopher Fabes to Sabina Zabransky	2:30 pm

A NOTE FROM THE PARISH FINANCIAL DESK: as of 2009, tax receipts will be issued for amounts of \$25.00 or more.



CHECK YOUR MAILBOX: All parish groups, councils, committees, organizations, choirs, clubs, and ministry leaders are asked to come to the office to pick up your mail.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: stew, muffin mix, laundry detergent, rice, cereal. Also needed: baggers to help pack groceries. Please contact parish office for info.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS: During this special Year for Priests, we invite you to keep in your prayers all our diocesan priests as they celebrate their anniversary of ordination. Each month we will mention ordination anniversary dates:
Fr. Mike Shaw, Sept. 13 ('75) and Fr. Gerry Westphal, Sept. 17 ('76). God bless!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 6

Saturday 4:30 pm	Sept. 5 Franco Cieri	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The Di Marco family
Sunday 9:00 am	Sept. 6 Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Frank Apa	The Daigle family
Monday 7:15 pm	Sept. 7 Special intention	Sheila Anderson
Tuesday 8:30 am	Sept. 8 Alfonso Reda	Rina Reda
Wednesday 8:30 am	Sept. 9 Hilda & Walter Endacott	Bruno & Margaret Seguin
Thursday 8:30 am	Sept. 10 TBA	Pogue family
Friday 8:30 am	Sept. 11 Antonio Caputo	his wife Maria & family
Saturday 4:30 pm	Sept. 12 Rosa Pandolfo	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Rosa & family
Sunday 9:00 am	Sept. 13 Elio Luigi & Franco Genio	Chiara Genio
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

Readings for September 7 to 11:

Mon. Sept. 7	Col 1: 24-2:3	Lk 6: 6-11
Tues. Sept. 8	Mi 5: 1-4a	Mt 1: 1-16
Wed. Sept. 9	Col 3: 1-11	Lk 6: 20-26
Thurs. Sept. 10	Col 3: 12-17	Lk 6: 27-38
Fri. Sept. 11	1 Tim1: 1-2, 12-14	Lk 6: 39-42

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of Sept. 6: Augustino Vitali requested by his family.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS family breakfasts are back! Join us **September 13 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass** for our ever popular menu of eggs, bacon, beans, potatoes, fruit, rolls, coffee and juice (for the children). Served by your ~~shining~~ smiling Knights. \$5.00 per person. We look forward to seeing all of you after the summer! Stay tuned for details about the Knights "SteakNite" to be held **Oct. 24**. Good food, good wine, and great company!

P.P.C. AGM AND ELECTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS will be held on **October 25 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. The Pastoral Council plays a consultative role and functions as an advisory board to the Pastor by studying and reflecting on parish issues (worship, education, evangelization, stewardship, etc.) and then recommending conclusions. We pray and work together to discern the will of God on how best to serve the parish. Elected PPC members serve one, two or three-year terms on a rotational basis. Four three-year-terms and one one-year term must be filled at the AGM on **October 25**. If you would like to engage in pastoral planning, developing pastoral priorities and goals that help fulfill the ministry of the parish, please considering running for a position on our council. If you do not what to run for a position, please come to the AGM and vote for the persons you feel would best represent you and you family's pastoral needs. Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church as of Oct 3.

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.