

**Twenty-fourth
Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
September 13, 2009**

Weekday Masses:
Sept. 14, 7:15 pm
Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18: 8:30 am



FAITH FIRST 2009-2010

**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.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Serving Others)

Reading I: Isaiah 50:5-9a (The Lord Is My Help)

Reading II: James 2:14-18 (Faith and Works)

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35 (Take Up Your Cross)

Adults: How are my expectations of Jesus based upon my need to be served or on my willingness to serve others?

Children: What might I need to give up so that I can follow Jesus more closely?

VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS: The Lord God opens our ears that we may hear. Lord, what are you asking of me? How do you want me to serve you? Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348.

BECKET CHILDREN'S CHOIR will resume on **Sunday, September 20, at the 9:00 am Mass** 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.

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!

IMPORTANT MEETING for all Children's Liturgy leaders, teachers, and helpers will take place after the Fun Day activities.

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 from pre-K to PhD! God bless all our students, parents, teachers and faith education leaders as we begin a new school year!

BECKET FOLK CHOIR will resume **Sunday, Sept. 20 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. New members are most welcome. No previous choir or musical experience is necessary. Folk choir practices take place at the church every Monday at 8:00 p.m., and we play at the 11:00 a.m. Mass every other Sunday.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 6

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	
Monday 7:15 pm	Sept. 14 Mary Couinho	Nelson, Griba, Nadine & Caitlin
Tuesday 8:30 am	Sept. 15 Frank Straub	Joan Cully
Wednesday 8:30 am	Sept. 16 Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Thursday 8:30 am	Sept. 17 Gerry MacDonald	Roberta Crout
Friday 8:30 am	Sept. 18 Armando Alves Armorim	B. Grzelak & N. Kruk
Saturday 4:30 pm	Sept. 19 Ena Coelho	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Vasco & family
Sunday 9:00 am	Sept. 20 Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Frank Apa	The Daigle family

Readings for September 14 to 18:

Mon. Sept. 14	Nm 21: 4b-9 Phil 2: 6-11	Jn 3:13-17
Tues. Sept. 15	1 Tm 3:1-13	Jn 19:25-27
Wed. Sept. 16	1 Tm 3:14-16	Lk 7: 31-35
Thurs. Sept. 17	1 Tm 4:12-16	Lk 7: 36-50
Fri. Sept. 18	1 Tm 6: 2c-12	Lk 8: 1-3

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of Sept. 13: Lucien Johnson requested by Patricia Johnson.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES with M. Million resume this Monday (7:30 pm) Tuesday (9:30 am or 7:30 pm), and Wednesday (9:30 am). **Contact:** M. Million: 626-1154.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY members: Please note the "Abundant Life Seminars" will begin in March to allow more time for good preparation.



AN ALPHA KICK-OFF INFORMATIONAL SUPPER will be held **Sunday Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.** in the parish hall. ALPHA is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. Come join us and investigate questions around the existence of God, the purpose of life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus and more. The Alpha course meets once per week for ten weeks. At each session people enjoy great food, laughter and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life and God is seen as too simple or too hostile...questions like Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? Alpha is for anyone...anyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye. All welcome.

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.

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 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!

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!

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Sun	Sept. 13	K. of C. Family breakfast	after 11:00 am Mass
Thurs.	Sept. 17	Becket Seniors meeting	1:30 pm
Sat.	Sept. 19	C.W.L. Women's Power Breakfast	9:00 am
		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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM AND ELECTIONS 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 consider running for a position on our council. If you do not want to run for a position, please come to the AGM and vote for the persons you feel would best represent you and your family's pastoral needs. Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church as of Oct 3.

THE ANGELS OF MERCY whose mission is to serve soup, sandwiches, juice and a nutrition bar every Sunday from November to April to the homeless of our city, is looking for monthly (6 times) soup makers, sandwich makers & drivers. Donations are also needed to purchase the juice & bars. If you feel called for this to be your mission this year, please contact Catherine at 514-684-1606.



WELCOME SUNDAY BBQ & CORN ROAST SEPTEMBER 27: We offer a warm welcome to all our parishioners, especially the Faith First families who have joined our parish this year. On September 27, we invite you to come to the parish hall and visit the many booths that will be set up by various parish organizations and ministries. Becket is a parish with a rich diversity of persons, backgrounds and talents. Young and old, families and individuals, you enrich us by your presence, and we are delighted to get to know you. Our hope is that you will take a closer look at the many activities that are happening in our parish, and consider becoming more involved. Coffee will be served **after the 9 am Mass.** A corn roast and BBQ will be offered **after the 11 am Mass.** Bring your picnic and something to share. BYOBeverage. We will have the BBQ ready for those who wish to BBQ. Sign up in the Narthex. For more info please call Rina Callard 514-695-6995.



NEW PARISH BAZAAR COORDINATOR (S) NEEDED: The parish requires a new Bazaar Coordinator (s). This annual fund raising event (proceeds go towards the church building fund) is normally held in the fall, so planning and coordination needs to be done very soon. The parish is open to new ideas/format/product offering for our bazaar. Any persons interested in coordinating this event, or being part of the committee, is asked to contact warden John Bondyra 514-695-7896 (H), 514-739-9181 (W).