

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2009



Weekday and Christmas Masses
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for complete Mass schedule.

FAITH FIRST 2009-2010

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: I cast my net this week by...

Helping my brother do his homework. *Lauren S.*

Greeting people at the door. *Jordan M.*

Donating the poor. *Joseph T.*

Helping those in need by being kind. *Sarah S.*

Making my bed. *Bianca F.*

Working hard to get a great report card. *Olivia J.*

Helping my grandma do the laundry. *Kelsey Z.-C.*

Helping my mom do baking. *Jordan M.*



DID YOU KNOW...FAITH FIRST is a home-based religious education program for children from kindergarten through high school. The reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation are an essential part of our faith journey and are included in the program. Registration for 2010 will take place in the spring, 514-620-4057.

Wishing all our families a peace filled Christmas!

N.B. FAITH FIRST OFFICE is closed for the holidays Dec. 24 to Jan. 4.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(A Faithful Servant)

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a (A Ruler Shall Come)

Reading II: Hebrews 10:5-10 (Doing God's Will)

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 (Mary and Elizabeth)

Adults: How has the Holy Spirit stirred me to recognize God's presence?

Children: What can I learn from Mary's visit to Elizabeth?

VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS:

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Mary set out in haste, carrying the good news of God's great love. Wherever you go today, take God with you.

Christmas: A Child is born for us; a son is given to us! Such good news deserves to be heard. Who will proclaim the tidings of great joy in the world?

Diocesan Vocations Office: 925-4348.



A Message from our Youth Minister... Hello everyone my name is Corey Jolly and I'm the Youth Minister at St. Thomas à Becket Parish. I would like to invite all youth in high school to our upcoming events and gatherings that will be taking place in 2010. We've had a great beginning and we want to keep the ball rolling. I'm very excited about the upcoming year, and I'm inviting you all to come and it check it out. Our next get together will be on **Friday Jan. 8, 7pm in the hall.** All high school aged youth are always welcomed!! Stay connected with us on Facebook under the St. Thomas à Becket Youth Group. You can reach me at the office at 514-626-4111 ext. 222 or by email at youthministry@stthomasabecket.org. Have a very Merry Christmas and Joyful Happy New Year!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 19 TO DEC. 27

Saturday	Dec. 19	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
4:30 pm	Anthony Philip D'Souza		Atwell D'Souza & family
Sunday	Dec. 20		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Berthavida Valero		Dawn & Judee Valero
Mon.	Dec. 21		
7:15 pm	King Kiley		Cheryl Montgomery
Tues.	Dec. 22		
8:30 am	The deceased members of the Reda family		Rina Reda
Wed.	Dec. 23		
8:30 am	Marcel Piché		The Paquette family
Thurs.	Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE (church)	
4:30 pm	Maria & Victor Kozlowski		Family
7:00 pm	Rosa Hvalica		Flora & Emil Markic
10:00 pm	Berthavida Valero		Becket Social Club
Thurs.	Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE (hall)	
4:30 pm	Susan D'Souza		Edward D'Souza
Fri.	Dec. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	
10:30 am	Ida Bastone-Reda & Maria Pia		Rina Reda
Saturday	Dec. 26	HOLY FAMILY	
4:30 pm	Domenico Pandolfo		Rosa & family
Sunday	Dec. 27		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Berthavida Valero		Knights of Columbus

Readings for Dec. 21 to Dec. 18

Mon.	Dec. 21	Sg 2: 8-14	Lk 1: 39-45
Tues.	Dec. 22	1 Sm 1: 24-28	Lk 1: 46-56
Wed.	Dec. 23	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24	Lk 1: 57-66
Thurs.	Dec. 24	Is 62: 1-5/Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25	Mt 1: 1-25
Fri.	Dec. 25	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1: 1-6	Jn 1: 1-18

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 20: Chris Kolodnicki requested by Willy & Alfred Kolodnicki.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS



Thank you to all who covered the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants! Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made:

Frances & Bill Cunningham, Anna Gallo, Sabina Gallo, Joyce Gallo, Rudy Gall, o Floria Gallo, Tony Gallo, Albert Kojoian, Bruce Shelgrove, Stella & Stanley Szuszowski, Anneliese Kunz Del Fabro, Mary Anna & Ellis Charasidis, Alfonso Mio, Lee Loy, Charles & Wilson families, Tadeusz Rzeszutek, Maddocks & Floreani families, Louis A. Pereira, Dusan Medvescek, Mary Hyjek, Mary & Mike Saukas.

SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS: St. Thomas à Becket has been collecting used stamps for Development and Peace for 1 year. Many thanks to the small and large donors. Please continue saving your used stamps! Volunteer philatelist will sort, catalogue, price and sell these stamps to collectors; all proceeds, averaging \$20,000 per year, go to projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Cut stamps from envelopes leaving a margin so as not to touch the perforations. Leave postcards whole as they are worth more. Leave old and antique envelopes that you may find whole as that is how collectors want them. --Deposit in the DEVELOPMENT & PEACE STAMP BOX in the narthex. Yvonne Bourque 514-697-8512

THE ANGELS OF MERCY express their gratitude, on behalf of the homeless, to all those thoughtful & generous souls who donated clothing to keep the homeless warm this winter. More is needed and the clothing donation box will be in the hall again in January.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Annual Christmas Concert & Children's Nativity Pageant

Sun. Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

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

4:30 p.m. in the hall

Christmas Day Mass

10:30 a.m.

Holy Family

Sat. Dec. 26, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 27, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Vigil of Adoration and Prayer

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

Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

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

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

Epiphany of the Lord

Sat. Jan. 2, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 3, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Sat. Jan. 09, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 10, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



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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. Ordination dates for December: Fr. Michael Tauro, Dec. 1, ('71); Fr. Tomas Dowd, Dec. 7 ('01); Fr. Robert Clark, Dec. 11 ('98); Fr. Dermott O'Callaghan, Dec. 20 ('86); Fr. Paul Pomkoski, Dec. 20 ('86)

We also remember all our diocesan priests who have been called from this life and who have gone before us in faith: Fr. Frank McMahon Dec. 2 ('69); Fr. Henry Dobbelsteyn, Dec. 8 ('84); Fr. Stanley Quinn, Dec. 8 ('84); Fr. Kevin Griffin, Dec. 12 ('94); Fr. Henry Hall, Dec. 18 ('06); Fr. John Brennan, Dec. 23 ('74); Fr. Louis Murphy, Dec. 24 ('76); Msgr. Martin Reid Dec. 24 ('74); Fr. Norman Griffin, Dec. 26 ('82); Fr. Wenceslaus Stakunas, Dec. 26 ('88); Msgr. Wilfred McDonough, Dec. 28 ('54); Bishop Norman Gallagher, Dec. 28 ('75); Fr. John Brayley, Dec. 29 ('90).

FABRIQUE & H. O. COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS: Thank you to all who participated in our Fabrique and Helping Others Committee elections on Dec. 6. Congratulations to our two new wardens: Norman Wight (2013), and Remi Perron (2013). Congratulations to Carolyn Moss, and Cathy Giullietti who were each elected to two-year terms on the Helping Others Committee. May the Lord bless and guide you all, and may you work in a rewarding and fruitful partnership. God bless your families for their generous support of your service.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR at the St. Thomas à



Becket annual New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance on Thurs. Dec. 31, @ 6:30 p.m. Gourmet catered meal, great music & dancing. Come dance the night away. Tickets available until Christmas Eve. \$35.00 each. Vegetarian meal can be ordered at time of ticket purchase. 16 & older, BYOBeverage. Info: Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 450-424-3769.

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