

Holy Family

December 27, 2009



Weekday and Christmas Masses

Please see the following page
for complete Mass schedule.

FAITH FIRST 2009-2010

UPCOMING GATHERINGS:

Wed. Jan. 6: Level 2&3

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

Folding the laundry. *Bryanna O.*

Visiting a sick old lady. *Eric C.*

Helping Nonna clean up after supper. *Alisha S.*

Cheering for my sister. *Brandon P.*

Helping others. *Kimberlie O.*

Sending money to poor people. *Alicia D.*

Helping my mom bake cookies. *Alexander T.*

Cleaning up my toys. *Erica C.*



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 very Happy New Year! ~

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Family Life in the Lord)

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (Honouring Your Father)

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21 (Put On Love)

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 (Finding Jesus in the Temple)

Adults: How can I show my love for Jesus to everyone I meet during this coming week?

Children: What can I do for each member of my family to show them, in a special way, how much I love them?

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world.

Diocesan Vocations Office: 925-4348.

CAFÉS: Want to discover your Christian roots, learn about the Church's history, or deepen your knowledge of our spiritual heritage? All parishioners and neighbouring parishes are invited to our new season of our **Catholic Adult Faith Education** sessions:

Fri. Jan. 9: Day Café - To Love and Serve the Lord 9:30-11:00 am

Mon. Jan. 11: Moms in Touch 9-10am

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 26 TO JAN. 03

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
Mon.	Dec. 28	
7:15 pm	Ernest Clement	Mike Shaw
Tues.	Dec. 29	
8:30 am	Lara Oliveiera	Lise & Gerry Emsley
Wed.	Dec. 30	
8:30 am	The deceased members of the Pulice family	Rina Reda
Thurs.	Dec. 31	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
		(Holy Day of Obligation)
4:30 pm	Eddie Mallette	Bernice and Children
Fri.	Jan. 01	
10:30 am	Sal & Rosalie Mnnillo	Rosemarie Della Rocca
Saturday	Jan. 02	EPIPHANY
4:30 pm	Anthony Philip D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
Sunday	Jan. 03	
9:00 am	Mickey & Fred Cottone	Mangione family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

Readings for Dec. 28 to Jan. 01

Mon.	Dec. 28	1 Jn 1: 5—2:2	Mt 2: 13-18
Tues.	Dec. 29	1 Jn 2: 3-11	Lk 2: 22-35
Wed.	Dec. 30	1 Jn 2: 12-17	Lk 2: 36-40
Thurs.	Dec. 31	1 Jn 2: 18-21	Jn 1:1-18
Fri.	Jan. 01	Nm 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7	Lk 2: 16-21

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of January 3: Estelle Grece requested by Jim and Sheena Hinch.

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 Gallo, 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, Agnes O'Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson Maria Verdone, Terry Tobin, Larry LeBlanc, Al Mack, Mr. & Mrs. Maximo Carandang, Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Al Mack.

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





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 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!

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

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.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: January 1 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.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome! If you are a new to our parish and would like to become part of our community, we invite you to take an unassigned envelope box (at the back of church), fill in the yellow card and drop it in the collection plate at any Mass. For information about parish activities and programs, please see the front and back cover of this bulletin for names and contact numbers.

N.B. PARISH OFFICE is closed for the holidays from **Dec. 24 to Jan. 5**.

CONFESSIONS OF A PARISH SECRETARY VOL. III: Working in Becket's parish office is never dull, and sometimes can be quite entertaining. We thought we'd once again share some of the funny questions and/or surprising conversations we have heard over the last few months:

--"My fiancée and I would like to get married at your church. What's the turn around on a wedding?"--

-- "Can I speak to Fr. Cahill?"--

--"Is this the Lakeshore General Hospital?"--

--"I need to get a message to my daughter. She's in Secondary V." (From a parent of a St. Thomas High School student)--

--"How do I get my kid First Communized?"--

Overheard in the music department:

--"Do you know if Joe is a Luthier?"--

--"Umm, no, I think he's an Atheist, but I'll show you someone who can fix your cello..."--

