

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2010



Weekday Masses

Mon. March 1: 7:15 pm
Mar. 2, 3, 4, 5: 8:30 am

FAITH FIRST 2009-2010

CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS:

I cast my net this week by...

Helping to shovel. *Angelo G.*

Praying. *Jasmine O.*

Making a get-well card for Nonno. *Marc I.*

Letting my sister take my spot at the dinner table. *Amelia C.*

Preparing myself for my sacrament of Reconciliation. *Tyler M.*

Studying my multiplication table. *Kaitlyn C.*

Helping my mom bake pancakes for pancake Tuesday. *Julia D.*

Praying for my grandparents. *Jonathan B.*



Wishing all our faith first families a relaxing and refreshing spring break.

See you all soon!

Elsa & Corey

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading 1: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (The Covenant with Abram)

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (Stand Firm in the Lord)

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36 (The Transfiguration)

Adults: How has the cross—suffering—become a source of faith in my life?

Children: Why is faith so important in my life?

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: *This is my beloved son, hear him.* Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say? **Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348.**

MARCH BREAK IS HERE! All youth are invited to join us for our March



Break activities at Becket: **Monday, March 1:** Boards games in

Cahill Hall. **Wednesday, March 3:** Street hockey in the church

parking lot. **Friday March 5:** Movie in the main hall. Come have

fun, make new friends, and enjoy free goodies. We look forward to seeing you. All activities take place between **1:30-4:30 pm.** For

more information please don't hesitate to call or email Corey at the office or check out our St. Thomas à Becket Youth group Facebook page.

WE NEED YOUR TIME, TALENT AND ENERGY: We're looking for actors, readers and stage hands for this year's Youth Passion Play. It will be a great opportunity to showcase your talent while sharing the message of our faith with our community during this most important and beautiful season of Lent. If you're in high school and are interested in helping out please contact Corey at the office at 514-626-4111 ext. 222 or at youthministry@stthomasabecket.org



"You are [Christ's] Heart. Through you He imparts true life, the life of grace on earth and the life of glory in heaven to all the members of His Mystical Body."

- St. John Eudes

CAFÉS: *Everyone* interested in exploring the Catholic faith or deepening their prayer life is invited to our Catholic Adult Faith Education sessions:

DAY CAFÉS: Saturday Sit-in: *Wrapped in Love (Prayer Shawl Ministry)* March 6, 10-11:30 am. Please bring 2 balls of bouclé & 6 mm/10US size knitting needles.

Fri. Mar. 12 & 19, 9:30-11:30 am: Lenten Series: Exploring “The Passion of the Christ”

EVENING CAFÉS:

Sat. Feb. 27, 7 pm: Becket Film Fest presents: *Faith Like Potatoes.*

Fri. Mar. 12 & 26 7-9 pm: Lenten Series: Exploring “The Passion of the Christ”



THIS YEAR, THE DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

HANDOUT called *Partner Profile* features a full-colour story in drawings about the communities of our Colombian partner, the Inter- church Justice and Peace

Commission. During our fall campaign, we showed how the spread of agrofuel crop plantations in the Global South leads to the loss of land and livelihoods for small-scale farmers. In the Choco region of Colombia, small rural communities have been persecuted, their houses burnt to the ground, and family members assassinated to clear land for these plantations. Our partner Justice and Peace helps them reclaim their land and their rights. Please read the handout.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 27 to MARCH 7

Saturday	Feb. 27	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
4:30 pm	Anneliese Kunz-Del Fabro	Kunz Family
Sunday	Feb. 28	
9:00 am	Marcario Family	Rina Della Rocca
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Mon.	Mar. 01	
7:15 pm	Guy Lalonde	Mary McClements
Tues.	Mar. 02	
8:30 am	Carol Clark	Rina Reda
Wed.	Mar. 03	
8:30 am	Al Becker	Audrey & Gerry Poisson
Thurs.	Mar. 04	
8:30 am	Carol Clark	Elaine Leclerc
Fri.	Mar. 05	
8:30 am	Kathleen Ellis	Donna & Steve Ellis
Saturday	Mar. 06	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
4:30 pm	Rohan Dias	Furtado Family
Sunday	Mar. 07	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Giuseppe Diamante	Alex Della Rocca

Readings for March 1 to March 5

Mon. Mar. 01	Dn 9: 4b-10	Lk 6: 36-38
Tues. Mar. 02	Is 1:10, 16-20	Mt 23: 1-12
Wed. Mar. 03	Jer 18: 18-20	Mt 20: 17-28
Thurs. Mar. 04	Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16: 19-31
Fri. Mar. 05	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of February 28: Special Intention.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: March 5 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.

WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

St. Veronica: *March 13, 10-noon* † St. Thomas à Becket: *March 16, 7:30 pm* † St. Luke: *March 18, 7:30 pm* † St. Edmund: *March 23, 7:30 pm* † St. John Fisher: *March 27, 10:30 a.m.* †

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Please see previous page for CAFÉS schedule

Tues.	Mar. 02	Becket Woodworking Club	7:00 pm
Fri.	Mar. 05	First Friday Adoration	9:00 a.m. to midnight
Tues.	Mar. 09	Becket Woodworking Club	7:00 pm
		Becket's Knight of Columbus meeting	7:00 pm
Sat.	Mar. 13	Wedding: Suzanna Jane to Orlando Andretti	1:00 pm
		Wedding: Sarah Bird to Derek Patino	3:00 pm



SIMPLE FARE: When we forget about the nourishment received in simple fare, lovingly prepared and shared, the heart, crying out, serves up alternatives. Compulsive consumption. Addictions. Eating disorders. While the first world gorges, the third world forages in dumps. And more, while the third world starves, the first world must perpetually diet.

Examine your diet and resolve to make the necessary changes if it is not healthy. Try vegetarian meals. If we eat the grains instead of feeding them to cattle, we can save the beasts caught in the middle — and also save the forests that are cut down to make grasslands for the cattle!

Learn to cook and serve the foods that the poor eat. Tasty and healthful meals can be made from lentils, rice, grains and legumes, which when eaten together offer the protein that we need. You may want to invest in a simple Indian or Mexican cookbook.

Make a collection box to set on the table. Label it: The Fasts of the Rich are the Feasts of the Poor. The money that you save by eating sparingly, not dining out and forgoing meat can be graphically transferred into alms. Do this especially during Lent. But why not every Friday as well?

LENTEN MISSION MASSES: As a means of helping ourselves to renew our relationship with God, the pastoral team is once again preparing a series of themed homilies for the five Sundays of Lent. This year's theme is "God is Faithful to His Word-Trust Him!" You are all invited to join us for coffee and discussion about this theme after every 11 am Sunday Mass throughout Lent. By allowing the Word to penetrate our hearts ever more deeply and by fortifying ourselves with the graces of the Sacraments, we can heed the call to greater trust and fidelity to God.



This Lent Christians throughout Montreal are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life campaign. The campaign will once again be focused on a peaceful prayer vigil across from the Morgantaler abortion clinic throughout Lent. Fr. Michael will be organizing a day for our parishioners to go and participate in the prayer vigil. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours of peaceful prayer and silent protest for this worthy cause. All parishioners are invited to offer a part of their prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent for an end to abortion in Canada. Please see Fr. Michael for more information or go to www.40daysforlife.com/montreal-english/

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: tomato paste, canned salmon, spaghetti sauce, small cereal, pudding, juice, sugar (2kg packages) shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: March 3 Twilight Retreat at 7 p.m. at the convent of the Sisters of Ste Anne in Lachine. Facilitator: Sister Collette Gilbert of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa. To reserve call Shirley 514-626-4002 by February 28.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON: We will be having our annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon on **Wednesday, March 17 at 12:00 noon** at the Casa Grecque, 3855 St. John's Blvd. The special guest speaker will be our own Fr. Robert. "Sing Along" with Kathleen Lalonde. Come early to be sure of getting a good seat.