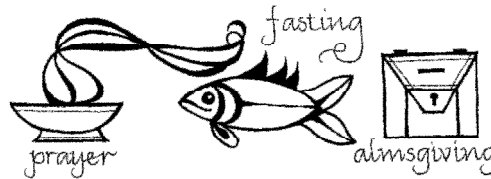


# Third Sunday of Lent March 07, 2010



## Weekday Masses

March 08: 7:15 pm; Mar. 09, 10, 11, 12: 8:30 am



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 14. Remember to turn your clocks *forward* one hour on Saturday night, March 13, before you go to bed.

## FAITH FIRST 2009-2010

### UPCOMING CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS:

**March 17:** First Communion

**March 20, 9 am or 1 pm:** Confirmation Reconciliation: See workbook for time slot.

**March 21:** Holy Spirit Day for Confirmands at the Cathedral. We meet on the steps of the Cathedral at **1:15 pm**. See you there!

### CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS:

**I cast my net this week by...**

- Helping my mom clean the dishes this morning. *Anthony P.*
- Saying sorry to my mom when I did something bad. *Julie C.*
- I helped my dad because he had a big operation. *Tatiana T.*
- I prayed for people in Haiti and Chile. *Nicolas B.*
- I went to Confession. *Emmanuelle C.*
- Feeding my sick dog. *Justice I.*
- Doing the shovelling for my grandparents. *Joshua G.*
- Lending my friend my hockey stick. *Tyler G.*



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (The Burning Bush)  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 (Examples for Us)  
Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9 (The Fig Tree)

**Adults:** What changes can I make in my daily life to atone for my past sins and failings and to help me do better in the future?

**Children:** Who among my friends is in most need of a helping hand? What can I do this week to show them God's love?

**VOCATIONS REFLECTION:** *The Lord is kind and merciful*, and calls us to proclaim his name. Considering a call to priesthood or religious life?

**COME AND SEE EVENING** for men aged 18-54 years who may be discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest. St. Willibrord's Parish (351 Willibrord Ave., Verdun), **Friday, March 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348 or vocationsmtl@hotmail.com**

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

### DAY CAFÉS:

**Mar. 15, 9-10am:** Mom's in Touch

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

### EVENING CAFÉS:

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

**Mar. 12 & 26 7-9 pm:** Lenten Series: Exploring "The Passion of the Christ"

**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](mailto:youthministry@stthomasabecket.org)



**NEXT YOUTH GATHERING: FRIDAY MARCH 19** in the parish hall. We have an exciting and dynamic guest speaker coming in who has travelled throughout Quebec and parts of Canada sharing with youth about his life struggles and the life lessons that he's learned. Come and hear what he has to say! join us for fun, faith, food and friendship.

**LOOKING FOR YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES?** Contact Corey at the office for more information 514-626-4111 ext. 222

**COME CELEBRATE THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS:** Churches, parishes and Christians Communities will gather to pray for our priests on the weekend of **March 13 & 14**. Starts **Sat. (13<sup>th</sup>) at 2 p.m.** at the Notre Dame Basilica. Join fellow Catholics in the heart of Montreal for the *Urban pilgrimage, Night of Prayer*, and *Mass for Vocations*. Attend one event, or all three! See posters in the church or visit [www.diocesemontreal.org](http://www.diocesemontreal.org)



"The priestly vocation is a gift from God." - *Pastores Dabo Vobis*



**Development and Peace**

**"THIS PAST FALL** you may have signed an action card in support of the Development & Peace education campaign on food sovereignty. In Caritas in Veritate (by Pope Benedict XVI), we read that "hunger still reaps enormous victims

among those who, like Lazarus, are not permitted to take their place at the rich man's table" The food crisis is no longer headline news, but more people than ever before - one out of six - now suffer from hunger. With support from each of us, Development & Peace can continue its work as the official option by the Church in Canada for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. Together we can build a world where there are places enough at the table for all who hunger for justice."

*Bishop Pierre Morissette, President, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**BE AN EASTER FLOWER DONOR:** We invite you to make a donation toward our Easter Flower Fund for your personal intentions. Donations may be sent to the parish office or dropped in the Flower donation box in the church. Please include on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please also include your parish envelope number if available. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins. God bless.



*Keeping a Holy Lent*

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** One of the more positive developments of our times is the rebirth of the tradition of spiritual direction. Wise and holy men and women agree to become "soul friends" to other Christians discerning God's will in their lives. One

of the most important questions in this spiritual walk is this: "What is the deepest desire of your heart?" The question is not so easily answered. What first pops to mind is invariably found to be a secondary or tertiary desire rooted in a deeper and more fundamental one. The Samaritan woman at the well was having an intense experience of spiritual direction. Jesus was helping her to become aware of the deepest desires of her heart. Serial husbands were simply a symptom of something more basic. Fasting connected to prayer is a traditional discipline of spiritual direction. Willingness to reflect on my insatiable desire for a pizza before bedtime can become a moment of deeper revelation. Perhaps the insight will be as seemingly embarrassing as coming to know that food is a temporary relief from loneliness. Living without that easy relief may help me to see my disconnectedness from friends, family, parish and the master who waits for me at the well. From what does your use of food and drink give you temporary relief? What might you do about these deeper desires?

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**WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:**

St. Veronica: **March 13, 10:30-noon** † St. Thomas à Becket: **March 16, 7:30 pm** †

St. Luke: **March 18, 7:30 pm** † St. David: **Mar 21, 2:30 pm** †

St. Edmund: **March 23, 7:30 pm** † St. John Fisher: **March 27, 10:30 am** †

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 6 TO MARCH 14**

|                 |  |                              |                  |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Mar. 06</b>                           | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  |                  |
| 4:30 pm         | Rohan Dias                               |                              | Furtado Family   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Mar. 07</b>                           |                              |                  |
| 9:00 am         | Our Parishioners                         |                              |                  |
| 11:00 am        | Giuseppe & Diamante Della Rocca          |                              | Alex Della Rocca |
| <b>Mon.</b>     | <b>Mar. 08</b>                           |                              |                  |
| 7:15 pm         | Glen Tapp                                |                              | Dorothy Roscoe   |
| <b>Tues.</b>    | <b>Mar. 09</b>                           |                              |                  |
| 8:30 am         | Ida & Giuseppe Bastone & Agnes O'Donnell |                              | Rina Reda        |
| <b>Wed.</b>     | <b>Mar. 10</b>                           |                              |                  |
| 8:30 am         | Al Becker                                |                              | May & family     |
| <b>Thurs.</b>   | <b>Mar. 11</b>                           |                              |                  |
| 8:30 am         | Joanne Bogie-Caron                       |                              | Lorraine Bougie  |
| <b>Fri.</b>     | <b>Mar. 12</b>                           |                              |                  |
| 8:30 am         | Teresina Reda                            |                              | Rina Reda        |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Mar. 13</b>                           | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> |                  |
| 4:30 pm         | Mario Muoio & Aninna Perri               |                              | her daughter     |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Mar. 14</b>                           |                              |                  |
| 9:00 am         | Lemuel jr. Salazar                       |                              | Leonora Bascao   |
| 11:00 am        | Our Parishioners                         |                              |                  |

*Readings for March 8 to March 12*

|               |                |                  |              |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Mon.</b>   | <b>Mar. 08</b> | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b    | Lk 4: 24-30  |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | <b>Mar. 09</b> | Dn 3: 25, 34-43; | Mt 18: 21-35 |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | <b>Mar. 10</b> | Dt 4: 1, 5-9     | Mt 5: 17-19  |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | <b>Mar. 11</b> | Jer 7: 23-28     | Lk 11: 14-23 |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | <b>Mar. 12</b> | Hos 14: 2-10     | Mk 12: 28-34 |

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** Week of March 7: Maddocks & Floreani by Letitia.

**BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE**

|              |                |   |                     |
|--------------|----------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Tues.</b> | <b>Mar. 09</b> | Becket Woodworking Club                 | 7:00 pm             |
|              |                | Becket's Knight of Columbus meeting     | 7:00 pm             |
| <b>Sat.</b>  | <b>Mar. 13</b> | Wedding: Susana Jané to Orlando Andrade | 1:00 pm             |
|              |                | Wedding: Sarah Bird to Derek Patino     | 3:00 pm             |
| <b>Sun.</b>  | <b>Mar. 14</b> | Family Breakfast                        | after 11:00 am Mass |
| <b>Tues.</b> | <b>Mar. 16</b> | Lenten Reconciliation                   | 7:30 pm             |

**FAMILY BREAKFAST MARCH 14** after the 11 a.m. Mass. Enjoy eggs, bacon, beans, potatoes, fruit, rolls, coffee and juice (for the children). Served by Becket's Knights and helpers. \$5.00 per person.



NEVER criticize Momma's porridge, son.



**ON MONDAY, MARCH 22**, parishioners are invited to join Fr. Michael outside the Morgantaler abortion clinic on the corner of St. Joseph blvd. and St. Laurent, for a day of prayer to end abortion. Please consider devoting an hour or two this Lent to pray for the sacredness of life. This is a peaceful prayer vigil that is part of the 40 Days for Life campaign, and participants will be required to read and abide by a statement of peace. Please see Fr. Michael after any of the weekend Masses to find out more and to get information about carpooling down to the prayer vigil.

**✝ PALM WORKSHOP:** Come and learn how to make beautiful palm crosses and flowers and help us prepare decorations for the Sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter! Join us at the parish office **March 22, 7:00 p.m.** All welcome.

**WE HAVE 2 NEW COORDINATORS FOR THE PARISH BAZAAR!**

We would sincerely like to thank and welcome two ladies who have volunteered to become coordinators for this year's parish bazaar. They are: Mimi Domanski and Diane McGregor. The bazaar will take place Nov 6-7, 2010. Mimi and Diane will be setting up a meeting in the near future for planning the event and to recruit volunteers to help out with the bazaar. We wish them much success. We also hope that many of you will come forward to help out, in some way, for this fund raising and fun event.

**URGENT REQUEST:** Walker needed for tall male senior. 514-626-4111.