

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2010



Weekday Masses
March 15: 7:15 pm;
Mar. 16, 17, 18, 19: 8:30 am

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 parents at home during the week. *Marco G.*

Praying. *David G.*

Helping my dad clean the garage. *Amalia T.*

Helping my dad wash our car. *Stefano M.-R.*

Stopping my video games when my parents told me to. *Alessandro D.*

Donating clothes that are too small for me. *Elizabeth C.*

Donating food for the poor. *Eva. W.*

Visiting my grandmother. *Maily M.*



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 (The Yield of Canaan)

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (Ambassadors for Christ)

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (The Prodigal Son)

Adults: Am I envious of anyone? Do I believe that my own blessings are not enough?

Children: What person makes my life joyful and good? Have I thanked God for that person?

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: Like the father in the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to life as a priest or religious?

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

EVENING CAFÉS:

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



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 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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY is celebrated every Palm Sunday. Together with the Bishop of Montreal, we invite all Becket youth to join hundreds of youth from all over Montreal in celebrating our faith in downtown Montreal. We're going to rock Montreal Catholic style!!!



Corey 514-626-4111 ext 222 youthministry@stthomasabecket.org

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 21, IS SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

when parishes have a collection for Development and Peace. Perhaps you have been following the activities and almsgiving suggestions in the Development and Peace Lifestyle Awareness



Calendar. Solidarity Sunday is a wonderful time to donate the alms you have collected and any other alms you wish to give. Through Development and Peace, you can watch your gift grow in the hands of those with the least in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. This year's goal is \$10 million. This year, you may want consider joining Share Year-Round, the monthly giving program of Development and Peace. Find out more by talking to a Development and Peace member. Yvonne Bourque 514-697-8512.

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.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: Lenten Reconciliations will take place at Becket on **Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 pm**. Celebrating and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be among the most blessed of human experiences. Yet, there are a number of reasons why

we don't take advantage of this Sacrament or we don't celebrate it well. Fear, shame, bad experiences of the past, a long time since the last reception of the Sacrament or bad habits in celebrating it now are all possible reasons for struggles with this Sacrament. The solution is so simple. A basic understanding of the Sacrament and a small encouragement to give it a new try, with a new expectation, can literally change our lives and will certainly renew our faith.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us. In the story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus tries to tell us that God is simply waiting for us to "come home." In the story, the father is not only waiting, he is out by the road longing for the wayward son to return. And when the son begins to give his practiced speech of repentance, the father interrupts him and shouts orders to begin the celebration. Jesus is telling us that this is how God feels about our reconciliation. It isn't about our having to shame ourselves or face being scolded. It is all about letting ourselves receive the merciful and healing love and peace that only God's love can give us.

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WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

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 †**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Following last week's reflection on the topic of spiritual direction, anyone interested in finding out more about this ministry may inquire at the Ignatian Centre for Spirituality of Montreal (514-481-1064.) This Centre's main focus is that of individual spiritual accompaniment, both for those seeking this kind of help and the formation of those feeling called to this particular ministry.

CWL: Provincial Workshop "Glimpse into the Catholic Women's League" will be held **March 17, at 7:30 pm**, at St. Luke's Parish.

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: (No ordination dates for March.)

We also remember all our diocesan priests who have been called home to God: Fr. Ernest Cooney, Mar. 13, ('88); Fr. Francis Moyle, Mar. 15 ('97); Most Rev. Leonard Crowley, Mar. 15 ('03); Fr. Joseph Penny, Mar. 19 ('82); Fr. Joseph McManus, Mar. 20, ('71); Most Rev. Neil Willard, Mar. 25 ('98); Fr. Roland Blouin Mar. 29, ('05).



"...the greatest effect of God's mercy, the most precious grace He bestows upon mankind, is to send worthy priests, men after His own heart, seeking only His glory and the salvation of souls."

- St. John Eudes

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 13 TO MARCH 21

Saturday	Mar. 13	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
4:30 pm	Mario Muoio & Aninna Perri	their daughters	
Sunday	Mar. 14		
9:00 am	Lemuel jr. Salazar	Leonora Bascao	
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Mon.	Mar. 15		
7:15 pm	Glen Tapp	Alice O'Neil	
Tues.	Mar. 16		
8:30 am	Carol Clark	Audrey & Gerry Poisson	
Wed.	Mar. 17		
8:30 am	Avy Mendonca	Wendy Finlay	
Thurs.	Mar. 18		
8:30 am	Norman MacDonald	Marie Foggo	
Fri.	Mar. 19		
8:30 am	Carol Clark	Atwell D'Souza & family	
Saturday	Mar. 20	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
4:30 pm	Robert Desjardins	Di Marco family	
Sunday	Mar. 21		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Stanislaw Pawlak	Jean Bisson	
<i>Readings for March 15 to March 19</i>			
Mon.	Mar. 15	Is 65: 17-21	Jn 4: 43-54
Tues.	Mar. 16	Ez 47: 1-9, 12	Jn 5: 1-16
Wed.	Mar. 17	Is 49: 8-15	Jn 5: 17-30
Thurs.	Mar. 18	Ex 32: 7-14	Jn 5: 31-47
Fri.	Mar. 19	2Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;	Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of March 14: Dusan Medvescek requested by Maria Medvescek.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

See first page for CAFÉS

Sun.	Mar. 14	Family Breakfast	after 11:00 am Mass
Tues.	Mar. 16	Becket Woodworking	7:00 pm
		Lenten Reconciliation	7:30 pm
Thurs.	Mar. 18	Becket Seniors meeting	1:30 pm



ON MONDAY MARCH 22 parishioners are invited to join Fr. Michael for an afternoon of prayer for an end to abortion. We will be meeting at the parish at 12:30 to carpool down to the site. Please consider devoting a few hours this Lent to pray for the sacredness of life. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the Church for more details or talk to Fr. Michael after any of Masses.

FRIENDS OF KINKORA: Benefit concert featuring Kinkora alumni Shayne Murphy and Nathan Aswell as well as the Kinkora youth choir. **7:00 pm, Saturday, March 20, 2010** at the Eric McLean Auditorium, Loyola High School. Tickets are 5.00 each or 5 for 20.00 and you will eligible to win the grand door prize - 4 Air Canada tickets to anywhere in North America. For information, please contact Fiona 514-578-9313.