

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2010

Weekday Masses
March 22: 7:15 pm;
Mar. 23, 24, 25, 26: 8:30 am



FAITH FIRST 2009-2010

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS:

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!

March 22: High School Gathering

March 25: Confirmation Gathering

CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS:

I cast my net this week by...

Vaccuming. *Sarah S.*

sharing ice cream with my dad. *Nico C.*

helping my friends in school and tutoring someone in my class. *Laura M.*

doing my Faith First homework. *Tiana I.*

being polite at my friend's birthday party. *Bianca D.*

praying. *Julia M.*

helping my teachers by taking the chairs down. *Alissa B.*

sharing my toys with my cousins. *Emma P.*



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21 (New Things)

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14 (Maturity in Faith)

Gospel: John 8:1-11 (The Woman Caught in Adultery)

Adults: How quick am I to cast the first stone? Do I make a distinction between the sin and the sinner?

Children: Do I forgive my friends when they do something that hurts me? Do I give them a second chance?

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: What am I racing after: fame, fortune, or life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line? *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. 25, 5-6 pm OR 6:45-7:45 pm Q&A with M. Million – What is Christian Initiation?

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

Apr. 07, 7-8 pm: Rediscovering Your Faith Series with M. Million: God is or Father...Becoming and instrument of His peace

WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

† St. David: *Mar 21, 2:30 pm* † St. Edmund: *March 23, 7:30 pm* †

St. John Fisher: *March 27, 10:30 am* †



GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH PASSION PLAY: So far we have recruited an excellent cast for our annual youth Passion Play, to be presented free to all parishioners, family and friends, April 2 at 8pm. Any youth still interested in participating are most welcome to join us. **Contact Corey at 514-626-4111 ext. 222.**

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MONTREAL CELEBRATES WORLD YOUTH DAY 2010 is celebrated every Palm Sunday. Together with the Bishop of Montreal, we invite all Becket youth to come downtown and join hundreds of young Montrealers in celebrating our faith. We're going to rock Montreal Catholic style!!!

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

YOUTH RETREAT: On **Saturday April 17**, Becket will host NET Ministries who will lead an all-day retreat for the youth of our parish. NET Ministries are a group of nine Catholic Youth Evangelists between the ages of 18-25 years who come from Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Ontario. They promise a dynamic, fun filled day!! Don't miss out!! For more information and to sign up please contact Corey at the office.

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.



A SENSE OF THE SEASON: The word *Lent* means springtime.

This word comes from the same root as *lengthen*. Daytime lengthens during Lent. The northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns into spring. In Hebrew, the word for *repentance* is the same as the word that means to *turn*, like the

turning of the earth to the sun, like the turning of the soil before planting.

"Even now, says the Lord, turn to me." (Joel 2:12) The word *sin* means separation. We are called to turn from our separate selves, from our sin, to come together in community. Self-denial is the way we express our repentance. In the lengthening brightness from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday afternoon, our holy Lent, we turn to God as our source of life. Self-denial is threefold, advises Matthew's gospel. We pray: "Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private." We fast: "No one must see you are fasting but your Father." We give alms: "Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you." Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring-clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand. Why are there forty days in Lent? It took forty days for sinfulness to drown in the flood before a new creation could inherit the earth. It took forty years for the generation of slaves to die before the freeborn could enter the promised land. For forty days Moses and Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life's work. At the beginning of Lent the bishop calls out the names of the catechumens who seek to be baptized at Easter. Their names are written in the book of the elect, the chosen. God has chosen them, and they have chosen to turn to God. Lent is the forty days before the baptism of the catechumens. The already baptized can share the excitement and the struggles of the elect and rediscover the meaning of baptism in their own lives. During the forty days, both catechumens and the faithful journey together to the holy font. We keep Lent together. We put aside our business-as-usual to support each other in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We turn to God to enlighten us and purify us throughout the lengthening brightness of our holy season of Lent. "For now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!"

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VOCATIONS MASS: All parishioners, family and friends are warmly invited to a *Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood* here at Becket on **Tues. April 20, 7:30 pm**. Msgr. Sean Harty will preside a concelebrated Eucharist. Refreshments to follow. Come support our seminarians and priests during this special Year for Priests!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 20 TO MARCH 28

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
Mon.	Mar. 22	
7:15 pm	Felictas Obregon	Marieta & Chuck Lawton
Tues.	Mar. 23	
8:30 am	Vi McCartney	Mary & Pat Carroll
Wed.	Mar. 24	
8:30 am	Lina & Marcario Family	Rina Della Rocca
Thurs.	Mar. 25	
8:30 am	Marjolaine Bruneau	Bill & Susan Leonhart
Fri.	Mar. 26	
8:30 am	Wlasyslav Latkowski	Kozlowski & Latkowski families
Saturday	Mar. 27	PALM SUNDAY
4:30 pm	Tibor Legath	his wife & family
Sunday	Mar. 28	
9:00 am	Elide Ceccato-Argentin	family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

Readings for March 22 to March 26

Mon.	Mar. 22	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Jn 8:12-20
Tues.	Mar. 23	Nm 21: 4-9	Jn 8: 21-30
Wed.	Mar. 24	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95	Jn 8: 31-42
Thurs.	Mar. 25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10: 4-10	Lk1: 26-38
Fri.	Mar. 26	Jer 20:10-13	Jn 10:31-42

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of March 21: Alex Kepecki & family, requested by Rina Reda.

BECKET HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

See first page for CAFÉS

Tues.	Mar. 23	Palm Workshop	7:00 pm
		Altar Servers meeting	7:15 pm
Sat.	Mar. 27	B.F.F. presents: <i>The Passion of the Christ</i>	7:00 pm
Wed.	Mar. 31	Chrism Mass (en Français) at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral	7:30 pm
Thurs.	Apr. 01	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:00 pm
Fri.	Apr. 02	Walk with Cross from Pointe Claire	12 noon
		Confessions	1:00 pm
		Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3:00 pm
		Youth Passion Play	8:00 pm
Sat.	Apr. 03	Pascal Vigil	8:00 pm
Sun.	Apr. 04	Easter Sunday Celebrations:	9:00 am 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

PALM WORKSHOP: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: March 23, 7:00 p.m.

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. All welcome.



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BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: juice, rice, stew, tomato sauce, jello.