

*First Sunday
of Advent
November 28,
2010*



Weekday Masses: Nov. 29: 7:15 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 01, 02, 03, 8:30 a.m.

FAITH FIRST

UPCOMING GATHERINGS:

Wed. Dec. 01: Confirmation #3

Wed. Dec. 08 Eucharist #3

Sun. Dec. 12: High School

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: This week my gift of GOODNESS bore fruit for Jesus by...

giving up my recess to help my classmates with their work. *Miranda I.*

helping my mother to bake cookies to raise money for Sierra Leone. *David F.*

taking care of our kitten after she had surgery. *Marisa W.*

helping my dad to prepare the food for supper. *Kimberly A.-P.*

praying for a boy in Faith First. *Julia G.*

donating food for the food baskets. *Luca O.*

Next week, we will share how our gift of FAITHFULNESS bore fruit...stay tuned!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Be Prepared)

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 (The Lord Gathers)

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 (Salvation is Near)

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44 (Stay Awake)

Adults: If the Lord were to come today, would he find me watching, prepared, and full of hope?

Children: When Jesus comes back to us in glory, how do I think he will make this world different?

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: Stay Awake! Be Ready! God needs you to make known his imminent presence. *Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348 vocationsmtl@hotmail.com*

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES!!



Fri. Dec. 3, 7pm: Walk to Bethlehem - all youth and their families are invited to join us for this interactive theatrical excursion back to the time of Christ's birth. Presented by Hudson Community Baptist Church. For more information please contact Corey at 514-626-4111 ext 222.

Fri. Dec. 17 at 7pm: Christmas party in the parish hall for high school-aged youth and their friends. Details to follow.

CAFÉS: Catholic Adult Faith Education Sessions: Developed for *all* parishioners, our CAFÉS offer you a chance to learn more about our Catholic Faith and enrich your prayer life. All welcome!

Fri. Dec. 3, 9:30-11 am: *Committed in Faith.* Presenter: Samia Boghdady

Sat. Dec. 4, 7-9 pm: Becket Film Fest presents: *The Nativity Story*

Thurs. Dec. 9, 7-9 pm: *What is the meaning of Advent?* Presenter: Fr. Michael Leclerc

Mon. Dec. 13, 9-10:00 am *Moms in Touch* - prayer group for moms.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: December 3 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.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOV. 27 TO DEC. 5

Saturday	Nov. 27	First Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Claude Prud'homme	Robert & Carmel Cussen
Sunday	Nov. 28	
9:00 am	Our parishioners	
11:00 am	Antonio Fiori	Alberta Fiori
Mon.	Nov. 29	
7:15 pm	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Tues.	Nov. 30	
8:30 am	Messrs & Mesdames Maresca & Principe	family
Wed.	Dec. 01	
8:30 am	James Redmond	Walter & Linda O'Grady
Thursday	Dec. 02	
8:30 am	Julius D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
Friday	Dec. 03	
8:30 am	Carmen Medina	Raschella family
Saturday	Dec. 04	Second Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Alexandre Franzidis	Bill & Maureen Kelly
Sunday	Dec. 05	
9:00 am	Rosalba Di Grappa	her mother and family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

Readings for Nov. 29 to Dec. 03

Mon.	Nov. 29	Is 4: 2-6	Mt 8: 5-11
Tues.	Nov. 30	Rom 10: 9-18	Mt 4: 18-22
Wed.	Dec. 01	Is 25: 6-10a	Mt 15: 29-37
Thurs.	Dec. 02	Is 26: 1-6	Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Fri.	Dec. 03	Is 29: 17-24	Mt 9: 27-31

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of November 28: André Luc Dupont, requested by Dianne & Richard Beaulieu.

DATES TO REMEMBER

See Faith First activities and CAFÉs on first page .

Tues.	Nov.	30	Becket Woodworkers Group	7:00 pm
			Advent Reconciliation	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec.	03	First Friday Adoration	after Mass until midnight
Sun	Dec.	05	Breakfast with Santa	after 11:00 am Mass

2011 DONATION ENVELOP BOXES are available at the back of the church.

Boxes are arranged alphabetically by name.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: Thank you to everyone who participated in the PPC AGM and elections on Nov. 15. We welcome and congratulate our two new members, Ailsa Lee Loy, and Chuck Lawton and returning member, Pauline Basciano. May God bless our new PPC as they work in fruitful partnership to build up our parish and Church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Christmas Luncheon at Peche Peche **December 7, 12 noon.** If you haven't booked in, please call Shirley 514-626-4002. Please bring your 2011 membership fees. If you cannot make it to the luncheon, please put your membership in the collection plate.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: On October 30, Bill C-300, petitioning for greater accountability for Canadian mining companies was defeated in the House of Commons by just 6 votes. Development and Peace, as well as many other groups, was very disappointed with this outcome. We thank the 350 parishioners who wrote to their MPs in favour of this bill, as well as the MPs who supported us. Further roundtable discussions on this issue have been promised, so we encourage you to continue to pray and help us work towards just and sustainable mining practices through out the world. Visit www.dev.org for more information.

ADVENT MISSION WEEK ACTIVITIES:

Tues. Nov. 30, 7:30 pm: Advent Reconciliation: Penitential service with individual Confessions

Wed. Dec. 01, 7:00 pm (St. Edmund of Canterbury, Beaconsfield) The Trinity: A talk given by Bishop Lionel Gendron

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

St. Thomas à Becket: Nov. 30, 7:30 pm † **Jesus Light of the World:** Dec. 05, 3-5 pm

† **St. Veronica:** Dec. 11, 10:30 am to 12 noon † **St. Edmund:** Dec. 14, 7:30 pm †

St. Luke: Dec. 16, 7:00 pm † **St. John Fisher:** Dec. 18, 10:30 a.m. to noon † **Corpus**

Christi: Dec. 20, 7:00 pm †

ADVENT LETTERS are available at the back of the church and include the schedule of Advent activities and holiday Masses. Take a copy for a friend!

BECKET'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT: Christmas Basket food slips will be handed out after all Masses this weekend. Please pick out a food slip (or two!) buy the items that are listed, then place them in the donation box in the Narthex when you come to Mass. Perishables can be dropped off during office hours, Tues. to Fri., 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Needs: new or lightly used **INFANT/CHILDREN'S ONLY** clothing, new or lightly used toys (all ages). Deadline for drop off is **Dec. 15.**



BECKET'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Dec. 5, after 11:00 am Mass. Enjoy a great breakfast, and visit with Santa who will have gifts for all the children. \$7.00 adults, \$25 for a family of four.

CHRISTMAS AT BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE: Benedict Labre House will be serving dinner to approximately 250 homeless people this Christmas, and we would like to offer each of them a small, practical gift. Starting this weekend, pick a gift request tag from the Christmas Tree that will be set up at the left side of the Sanctuary. Gift vouchers from McDonalds are always useful. Please do not wrap gifts, but place in a gift bag, attach tag and drop off **by Dec. 19.** Let's show our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the community that we care for them!



Nativity Play

A MUSICAL CHORAL "YOU ARE THE MANGER"

will be presented by Becket's Church Mice on **December 19** at the beginning of our annual Christmas Concert. All children are welcome to participate. **Rehearsals: Dec. 04, 11 & 18 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm.** High school students can fulfill community service requirements. Wanda 626-4619.

BECKET'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held Sunday, **December 19, at 7:00 p.m.** All Becket families, friends and neighbours are welcome join us for this festive and uplifting sing-a-long

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: We encourage you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donations". Write on the envelope: *name* of your loved one (memorial) along with *your name* (donor). Please include your parish *envelope number* if applicable. Bring your donation to the office or drop it in the Flower Donation Box at the Church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins. God bless.

JOIN US TO WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR at the St. Thomas à Becket annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on Friday Dec. 31, at 6:30 p.m. Gourmet catered meal, great music & dancing. Come dance the night away. Tickets available until Christmas Eve. \$35.00 each. Vegetarian meal can be ordered at time of ticket purchase. 16 & older, BYOBeverage. Info: Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898

COOKING AND SEWING WORKSHOPS resume in the New Year. Stay tuned.

PASTA NIGHT: Becket's Knights of Columbus will once again offer their popular Pasta Night on **February on 19, 2011.** Watch for detail in the bulletin. Early reservations can be made by calling Guy Taillon at 450-424-3769.