

*Fourth Sunday
of Advent
December 19,
2010*



Weekday Masses: Dec. 20, 7:15 p.m. Dec. 21, 22, 23: 8:30 a.m.

FAITH FIRST

DID YOU KNOW...FAITH FIRST is a home-based religious education program for children from kindergarten through high school. The reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation are an essential part of our faith journey and are included in the program. Registration for 2011- 2012 will take place in the spring. 514-620-4057.

Wishing all our families a peace-filled Christmas! Corey and Elsa

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: This is how my gift of SELF CONTROL bore fruit for Jesus...

counting to ten before each time I think I'm going to start a fight. *Sian D.*

not getting mad at my sisters. *Dylan R.*

not fighting back when I got called names. *Alessandro D.*

not arguing with my brother. *Bianca D.*

being patient while waiting in line. *Isabella D.*

not swearing. *Vincenzo F.*

not hitting my sister back when she hit me. *Nico. C.*

waiting for my treat. *Adamo M.*

praying for my brother when he was in hospital. *Gian-Luca V.*

playing my violin without arguing with my parents. *Julia M.*

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Emmanuel, God is with Us)

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 (A Virgin shall Conceive)

Second reading: Romans 1:1-7 (Jesus, Son of God)

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24 (Jesus, Son of Mary)

Adults: Where am I struggling to recognize God's presence, and what steps can I take to trust that God is leading me into the future?

Children: When things are bad, do I realize that they will become better because God loves and cares for me?

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: Stop asking for a sign and become one.

Consider becoming a priest or religious. **Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348** vocationsmtl@hotmail.com

THE YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE would like to wish you, your families and friends a very happy and blessed Christmas season. Thank you all for your generous spirit, the gift of your time and presence and more importantly your prayers. It's because of you that a positive Catholic youth culture is being created. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!



A MUSICAL CORAL “YOU ARE THE MANGER” will be presented by Becket’s Church Mice on **December 19** at the beginning of our annual Christmas Concert.

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!

Sat. Jan. 8, 7-9 pm: Becket Film Fest presents *Evan Almighty*

Thurs. Jan. 13: 5-6 & 6:45-7:45 pm Family Discipleship Series: Movie Heroes. Presenter: Nathan Gibbard

Fri. Jan. 14 9:30-11 am: *Healed by God*. Presenter: Samia Boghdady

Mon. Jan. 17, 9-10:00 am: *Moms in Touch* - prayer group for moms.

Sat. Jan. 22, 10-11:30 am: *Wrapped in Love* (Prayer Shawl Ministry) with Wendy Aitken & Elizabeth Barroso.

Tues. Jan 25, 7-8 pm: Rediscovering Your Faith Series: *Beyond the Seven Deadly Sins – from Sin to Virtue*. Presenter: Fr. Francesco Giordano

Thurs. Jan. 27, 7-9 pm: *Christianity and Islam*. Presenter: Anthony Mansour

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 18 TO DEC. 26

Saturday	Dec. 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Pauline Rebeiro		Atwell D’Souza & family
Sunday	Dec. 19		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Jim Hinch		Sutherland family
Mon.	Dec. 20		
7:15 pm	Edward Lajeunesse		K. & B. Donoghue
Tues.	Dec. 21		
8:30 am	Charles Rochefort		Denyse Fournier
Wed.	Dec. 22		
8:30 am	Sheila Melville		Betty & Andy Quinn
Thursday	Dec. 23		
8:30 am	Fr. Luis D’Araujo		N. & G. Furtado
Friday	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve (Church)	
4:30 pm	Ralph Peluso		Chuck & Marietta Lawton
7:00 pm	Maria Rosario & Maria Aurora Soler		Robertson family
10:00 pm	Maria Martins		Principe family
Friday	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve (Hall)	
4:30 pm	Don Million		Mike Shaw
Saturday	Dec. 25	Christmas Day	
10:30 a.m.	Marc Julius Coelho		Pat & Donny
Sunday	Dec. 26	Holy Family	
9:00 am	Susan D’Souza		Edward D’Souza
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

Readings for Dec. 20 to Dec. 24

Mon.	Dec. 20	Is 7: 10-14	Lk 1: 26-38
Tues.	Dec. 21	Sg 2: 8-14 Zep3: 14-18a	Lk 1: 39-45
Wed.	Dec. 22	1 Sm 1: 24-28	Lk 1: 46-56
Thurs.	Dec. 23	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24	Lk 1: 57-66
Fri.	Dec. 24	2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Lk 1: 67-79

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 19: Maria & Victor Kozlowski, requested by children and grandchildren.

DATES TO REMEMBER

See CAFÉ schedule above

Sun	Dec.	19	Annual sing-a-long Christmas concert	7 pm
Tues.	Dec.	21	Altars Servers practice	7 pm

2011 DONATION ENVELOP BOXES are available at the back of the church. Boxes are arranged alphabetically by name.

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

Corpus Christi: Dec. 20, 7:00 pm †. The special Advent edition of the *Word Among Us* includes many inspiring stories and meditations, as well as a helpful examination of conscience for Advent. Available at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS: Thank you to all who covered the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants! Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made: Mark Seguin, Lee Loy Wilson & Charles families, Anthony & Grozdana ListesEllis & Mary Charasidis, Gisèle & Paul Gervais, Dusan Medvescek, Selwyn Fitzwilliam & Louis A. Periera, Maddocks & Floreani families, Al Mack, Mr. & Mrs. Maximo Caradang, Antonio Cabral, Alfonso Mio, Maria Verdone, Sean Richardson, Agnes O'Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, AnneMarie Watkinson, Anna & Michel Gallo, Joyce, Rocky, Rudy, Flo, Tony, & Sabina Gallo, Albert & Martin Kojoian, Frances & Bill Cunningham.



ST. THOMAS À BECKET ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Friday Dec. 31, at 6:30 p.m. Gourmet catered meal, great music & dancing. Tickets available until Christmas Eve. \$35 pp. Inquire about Vegetarian meal 16 yrs + BYOBverage. Info: Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898

CHRISTMAS AT BECKET

Annual Christmas Concert & Children's Nativity Pageant

Sun. Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses Fri. Dec. 24

4:30, 7:00 & 10:00 p.m. in the Church

4:30 p.m. in the hall

Christmas Day Mass Sat. Dec. 25

10:30 a.m.

Holy Family (No 4:30 pm Mass on Sat. Dec. 25)

Sun. Dec. 26, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy hour of prayer for God's peace in the world

Fri. Dec. 31, 3:15 p.m.

Vigil of Adoration and Prayer

Fri. Dec. 31, 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Fri. Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord (No 4:30 pm Mass on Sat. Jan. 1)

Sun. Jan. 2, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Sat. Jan. 08, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 09, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



N.B. Parish and Faith First offices are closed for the holidays Dec. 24 to Jan. 4.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS ANNIVERSARIES: During this holy season of Advent and Christmas we invite you to keep in your prayers all our diocesan priests as they celebrate their anniversary of ordination: *Fr. Michael Tauro*, Dec. 01 ('71); *Fr. Thomas Dowd*, Dec. 07 ('01); *Fr. Robert Clark*, Dec. 11 ('98); *Fr. J. Dermott O'Callaghan*, Dec. 20 ('86); *Fr. Paul Pomkoski*, Dec. 20 ('86).

We also remember all our English-speaking diocesan priests who have been called from this life, and who have gone before us in faith: *Fr. Frank McMahon*, Dec. 02 ('69); *Fr. Henry Dobbeltsteyn*, Dec. 08 ('84); *Stanley Quinn*, Dec. 08 ('84); *Fr. Kevin Griffin*, Dec. 12, ('94); *Fr. Henry Hall*, Dec. 18 ('06); *John Brennan* Dec. 23 ('74); *Fr. Louis Murphy*, Dec. 24 ('76); *Msgr. Martin Reid*, Dec. 24 ('74); *Norman Griffin*, Dec. 26 ('82); *Fr. Wenceslas Stankumas* Dec. 26 ('88); *Msgr. Wilfred McDonough*, Dec. 28 ('54); *Most Rev. Norman Gallagher*, Dec. 28 ('75); *Fr. John Brayley*, Dec. 29 ('90).