

Holy Family

December 26, 2010



Weekday Masses: Dec. 27, 7:15 p.m. Dec. 28, 29, 30: 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 FAITHFULNESS bore fruit for Jesus...

using tap water. **John B.**

finding an old lady's wallet at a store and giving it back.

Gian-Luca V.

going to church and praying every day. **Jeffrey M.**

cooking soup for the homeless. **Justin C.**

putting up a sign that says Come Holy Spirit. **Keisha F.**

praying for the less fortunate. **Tyler M.**

serving my first Mass with Fr. Robert and Deacon Marco. **Joshua G.**

helping my mom clean the house. **Sofia M.**

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

During the week of January 3, we will be working on our gift of KINDNESS.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Holy Family

First reading: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14 (Honor thy Parents)

Second reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 (Life in Family)

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (Joseph Protects)

Adults: Do I treat refugees and exiles today in the same way I would the Holy Family? How? Can I personally identify with what they went through?

Children: Have I ever been in a strange place where I did not feel at home? What happened?

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: The priests, brothers and sisters of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy responses to God's call. **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!!!

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. 26 TO JAN. 02

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| Sunday | Dec. 26 | Holy Family | |
| 9:00 am | Susan D'Souza | | Edward D'Souza |
| 11:00 am | Our Parishioners | | |
| Mon. | Dec. 27 | | |
| 7:15 pm | Eddie Mallette | | Bernice and children |
| Tues. | Dec. 28 | | |
| 8:30 am | Messrs & Mesdames Maresca & Principe | family | |
| Wed. | Dec. 29 | Feast of St. Thomas à Becket | |
| 8:30 am | Alzira Furtado | | Furtado family |
| Thursday | Dec. 30 | | |
| 8:30 am | Emelia Pawlak | | Jean Brisson & family |
| Friday | Dec. 31 | Mary Mother of God | |
| 4:30 pm | Esperanza Toledo | | Diane & Gilles Pagé |
| Saturday | Jan. 01 | | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Our Parishioners | | |
| Sunday | Jan. 02 | | |
| 9:00 am | Lorenzo Romei | | |
| 11:00 am | Our Parishioners | | |

Readings for Dec. 27 to Dec. 31

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| Mon. | Dec. 27 | 1 Jn 1: 1-4 | Jn 20: 1a, 2-8 |
| Tues. | Dec. 28 | 1 Jn 1: 5-2:2 | Mt 2:13-18 |
| Wed. | Dec. 29 | 1 Jn 2:3-11 | Lk 2: 22-35 |
| Thurs. | Dec. 30 | 1 Jn 2: 12-17 | Lk 2: 36-40 |
| Fri. | Dec. 31 | 1 Jn 2:18-21 | Jn 1: 1-18 |

BECKET HAPPENINGS

See CAFÉ schedule above

Thurs. Dec. 30 Wedding: Sara Valentini to Mariusz Karczewski 2 pm



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, Anne Marie Watkinson, Anna & Michel Gallo, Joyce, Rocky, Rudy, Flo, Tony, & Sabina Gallo, Albert & Martin Kojoian, Frances & Bill Cunningham, Mary Hyjeck, Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Anneliese Kunz Del Fabbro, Mary & Mike Saukas, The Harkin family, Mrs. Joan Tobin Harkin, Evelyn Ward, Mariangelo Brini, Giovanni Ambrosio, Orlando Ambrosio, Rosa Ambrosio, Maria Domenica Colasurdo, Modesto Iorio, Ben Kiley, Constance Weller, Kerry Dickinson.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS AT BECKET

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED: Some youth from Becket will be going to Ica, Peru on a Mission Trip with their school, Emmanuel Christian Academy, and are hoping for your support. A collection box will be available in the main hall on the weekends of **January 8-9th & 15-16th** to drop off your donations of **School Supplies** that will be distributed to the Peruvian children. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Merry Christmas to all! Sorry we had to cancel our Christmas lunch – tentatively rescheduled to January 18th. We will be in touch in the New Year.

HOLY FAMILIES: The lovely gospel accounts that we revel in during these days of Christmastime hold up for us the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth. And so we celebrate the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas Day. It's easy to gaze on the images in the Christmas crib and recognize the holiness of the newborn Jesus, his mother and his guardian. It may be harder to look at your own children or parents or brothers and sisters and see reflections of that same holiness in them. After all, living together, you see each other's bad sides as well as the good, the warts as well as the dimples.

But if we truly believe in what we are celebrating, the incarnation of God in the flesh, and the fact that Jesus saved us by his death and resurrection into which we are baptized, then we must cultivate the ability to see a reflection of the baby Jesus' holiness in each child in our own families, to see the holiness of Mary and of Joseph reflected in ourselves as parents and in our own parents.

Maybe it will help to remember not just the gurgling baby Jesus in the crib, but also the toddler Jesus at age two — in his own version of the “terrible twos.” Or to meditate on Mary and Joseph changing diapers and picking up the ancient Palestinian version of Cheerios from the kitchen floor — and the living room floor and the bedroom floor and. . . . The gospels are silent about Jesus' childhood, but truly human as well as truly God, Jesus no doubt had nosebleeds and skinned knees, tried dangerous stunts, didn't get enough sleep sometimes and so was cranky. Maybe there were even battles over homework. (Jesus would have studied Hebrew and the scriptures.)

And think of Jesus as a teenager. We get a glimpse of him in the gospel of Matthew at age twelve, wandering off in Jerusalem, causing Mary and Joseph to panic. Of course he didn't have the opportunity to take driver's ed. or ask for the car keys, but there were a myriad of other but similar parent-teen encounters, to be sure.

Some may find such speculation to be sacrilegious. “Jesus is perfect,” they'll object. “Jesus is God!” How very true. And Jesus was a baby, a teenager, a young adult, too. True God, true man. And maybe, just maybe one of the delights of this Christmas season is that some of the small quirky things about us as human beings — the terrible twos, the teenage struggle for independence, parents' angst about their child — maybe all of these are holy and part of what it means to grow toward perfection. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever!

