

First Sunday of Advent



November 27, 2011

Weekday Masses: Nov. 28, 7:15 pm, Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 01, 02: 8:30 am

FAITH FIRST

Dec. 08: Eucharist Gathering #3

Dec. 15: Confirmation Gathering #3

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: Following is a selection of the reflections that children made last week:

I lived my faith by...

praying to God every night for everything I have. *Teresa T.*

spending more time with my little brother. *Gabriel D.*

helping Nonna with housework, when she broke her arm. *Noah D.*

visiting a senior centre. *Emily D.*

raising money to build a school in Sierra Leone *Maxime G.*

helping people to learn about Jesus. *André D.*

thinking of God. *Megan D.*

saying my prayers. *Giuliana C.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Be Alert

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7 (Our Redeemer)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (God is Faithful)

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 (Be Watchful)

Adults: Am I as concerned about my encounter with Christ as I am about my retirement benefits and mortgage payments?

Children: How can I help other children in need during this time of Advent?

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised.

Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348 vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org

CAFÉS: Developed for *all* parishioners, our CAFÉS offer you a chance to learn more about our Catholic Faith and enrich your prayer life. We offer over 50 CAFÉS throughout the year, for individuals, couples, families, young and old. Welcome!

Fri. Dec. 02, 9:30 – 11:00

What does it mean to be Catholic? Living the Catholic Tradition.

Presenter: Samia Boghdady (at Samia's home)

Sat. Dec. 03, 7 pm

Becket Film Fest: Miracle on 34th Street

Presenter: Steve Barillaro

Wed. Dec. 07, 7-9 pm

2012: Is it Over – Apocalyptic predictions

Presenter: Fr. Michael Leclerc

Thurs. Dec. 08, 5-6 pm & 6:45 – 7:45

Mary the First Disciple

Presenter: Margaret Million

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOV. 26 TO DEC. 04

Saturday	Nov. 26	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm.	Italo Falcone	Adamo, Sabrina & Daniele
Sunday	Nov. 27	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Des McNally	Fr. Mike Shaw
Mon.	Nov. 28	
7:15 pm	Maude Keating	The Cassidy family
Tues.	Nov. 29	
8:30 am	Antonio Fiori	Alberta Fiori
Wed.	Nov. 30	
8:30 am	Ena Murnagham	Carol Rose
Thursday	Dec. 01	
8:30 am	Emma Principe	The Principe family
Friday	Dec. 02	
8:30 am	Luigi Perri	Maria & John Bastone
Saturday	Dec. 03	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:30 pm.	Les Matthews	Brenda Fitzpatrick
Sunday	Dec. 04	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mary Carroll	Jean Mack & The Wellers

Weekday Readings for Nov. 28 to Dec. 02:

Mon.	Nov. 28	Is 2: 1-5	Mt 8: 5-11
Tues.	Nov. 29	Is 11: 1-10	Lk 10: 21-24
Wed.	Nov. 30	Rom 10: 9-18	Mt 4: 18-22
Thurs.	Dec. 01	Is 26: 1-6	Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Fri.	Dec. 02	Is 29: 17-24	Mt 9: 27-31

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is offered this week for Gerry McDonald, requested by Reda McDonald.

CHANGES TO CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: The Advent letter and full Christmas season schedule are now available. Please note that this year, we will be celebrating ALL Christmas Eve Masses in the church at the following times: **4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm.** There will be no Masses celebrated in the hall. Christmas morning Mass will be celebrated at **10:30 am.**

BECKET SENIORS LUNCH: Dec. 01 12 noon at Mezzamis, boul. St. Jean.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: December 2 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Please fill out the ballot for the new executive for 2012. This is urgent if we are to continue to have a council in our parish. You can place your ballot in the collection basket marked C.W.L. Christmas lunch will be held on **Dec. 06 at noon**, at Baton Rouge, boul. St. Jean. Please RSVP with Shirley 514-626-4002. Membership \$20.00 due for 2012.



CHRISTMAS AT BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE: The people of St. Thomas à Becket parish are once again asked to assist our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Benedict Labre House will be serving Christmas dinner to approximately 250 homeless people. Help us make their Christmas even brighter by donating a small gift. Pick a tag off the Giving Tree that will be placed in the Sanctuary and purchase the item listed on the tag. Place the gift in a gift bag and attach the tag from the tree, so we know what is in the bag. (do not wrap gifts please) Then place the gift under the tree. Deadline for drop off: Dec. 19.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS: November 13/14, 2011:
OFFERINGS: \$5981.00

† WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE †

St. Thomas à Becket	Tues. Nov. 29	7:30 pm
Jesus Light of the World	Sun. Dec. 4	5-7:30 pm
St. John Fisher	Sat. Dec. 10	10:30 am - noon
St. Edmund	Tues. Dec. 13	7:30 pm
St. Luke	Thurs. Dec. 15	7:00 pm
St. Veronica	Sat. Dec. 17	10:30 am - noon

FABRIQUE AND H.O. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DEC. 11, 12 NOON

All parishioners of full age (18), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. (Act Respecting Fabriques) There are six churchwarden positions. The term of office of churchwarden is three years. Three Churchwarden positions must be filled at this election. Two positions are three-year terms and one position is a one-year term to fill a vacated position. The Helping Others Committee manages our charitable outreach programs under the authority of the Fabrique: There are four elected Helping Others Committee members; the term of office is two years. Correction: *Three (3)* Helping Others committee positions must be filled Dec. 11.

BECKET'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Dec. 11, 12 noon. Mass.

Enjoy a great breakfast, and visit with Santa who will have gifts for all registered children. \$7.00 adults, \$25 for a family of four. To register your child(ren) call Lorne Flavelle: 514-620-9723. lorneflavelle@hotmail.com

ST. THOMAS À BECKET COOKBOOK and helpful tips made especially for the benefit of all seniors will be available after all Masses Nov. 26/27. One (1) free copy for each senior household.

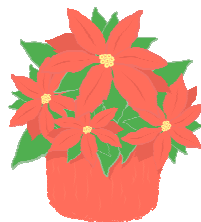
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: Thank you to everyone who participated in the PPC AGM and elections on Nov. 13. We welcome and congratulate our two new members, Darroch Robertson and John White, and returning member, Rina Callard. May God bless our Pastoral Council as they work in fruitful partnership to build up our parish and Church.

BECKET'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT: Christmas Basket food slips will be handed out again after all Masses this weekend. Please pick out a food slip (or two!) and buy the items that are listed. Bring the items to church and place them in the donation box in the Narthex or bring them to Cahill hall when you come to Mass. Other needs: new or lightly used **INFANT/CHILDREN'S ONLY** clothing, new or lightly used toys (all ages). Deadline for drop off is **Dec. 14.**

WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR at the St Thomas à Becket Annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on Saturday **Dec. 31, at 6:30 pm.** Enjoy a gourmet catered meal, great music & dancing. Come dance the night away. Tickets available until Dec 23. \$35.00 each. Vegetarian meal can be ordered at time of ticket purchase. 16 & older, BYOBverage. Info. Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy_514-887-4898.

THANK YOU to all our choir members and directors who presented the new accompaniments for hymns and Mass settings at the last catechetical session on the New Roman Missal. We spent a wonderful evening listening to, and learning the new music. Visit www.sabhailmusic.ca to download a free copy of Everlasting Joy.

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!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We invite 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 collection basket at Mass. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.