

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011



Weekday Masses: Dec. 05, 7:15 pm, Dec. 06, 07, 08, 09: 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 brought peace...

to my friend by visiting her at the funeral home when her grandma died. *Evan M.*

by praying. *Simona D.*

by comforting my sister because she has a broken thumb. *Adam R.*

by holding my baby cousin so my dad could eat. *Jessica T.*

by praying for sick people to get better. *Miranda I.*

by apologizing. *Matthew E.*

by putting up the Christmas tree. *David D.*

by holding the door for my teacher when she had a lot of books in her hands. *Ariel P.*

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim him in this generation? *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!

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

Sat. Dec. 17, 10-11:30 am

Christmas Cookie Exchange: Please bring 4 festively wrapped packages of 6 cookies each. Please label if cookies contain nuts. You will take home 1 dozen and 1 dozen will be donated to our Christmas Baskets. Join us!

† WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE †

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

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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 03 TO DEC. 11

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	
Mon.	Dec. 05		
7:15 pm	Luninging (Neng) Synongco – Follett	Mary & Guy Taillon	
Tues.	Dec. 06		
8:30 am	Vincenzo De Lisa	Josie Romanelli	
Wed.	Dec. 07		
8:30 am	Mrs. Margaret McGonnell	Carol Rose	
Thursday	Dec. 08		
8:30 am	Susan D’Souza	Edward D’Souza	
Friday	Dec. 09		
8:30 am	Caterina & Cecilia Mossa & family	family	
Saturday	Dec. 10	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
4:30 pm.	Jane D’Lima	family	
Sunday	Dec. 11		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Rita Munro	Wendy Redmond	

Weekday Readings for Dec. 05 to Dec. 09

Mon.	Dec. 05	Is 35: 1-10	Lk 5: 17-26
Tues.	Dec. 06	Is 40: 1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed.	Dec. 07	Is 40: 25-31	Mt 11: 28-30
Thurs.	Dec. 08	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Lk 1:26-38
Fri.	Dec. 09	Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is offered this week for Maria Monticchiolo requested by the Rivera family.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: Hope to see you all at the luncheon on Dec. 06 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: Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Benedict Labre House Giving Tree. Together we will help to make Christmas a little brighter for many homeless people. Please remember to 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) Place the gift under the tree by Dec. 19. Still want to donate? McDonald’s Gift Cards are needed.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS: November 26/27, 2011:

OFFERINGS: \$ 5579.00
BUILDING FUND: \$ 1459.00

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

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.

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 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.**

YOUNG FAMILY needs a crib and clothes for a baby boy. Please contact the parish office at 514-626-4111.

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.

Advent, Christmas, & New Year

2011-2012

Annual Christmas Concert

Sun. Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

Sat. Dec. 24, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Sun. Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family

Fri. Dec. 30, 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass

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

Vigil of Adoration and Prayer

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

Mary, Mother of God

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

Epiphany of the Lord

Sat. Jan. 7, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 8, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Mon, Jan 9, 7:15 p.m.

