

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2011



Weekday Masses: Dec. 12, 7:15 pm, Dec. 13, 14, 15, 16: 8:30 am

FAITH FIRST

Dec. 15: Confirmation Gathering #3

Dec. 18: High School Confirmation Gathering

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

I showed love to God and others ...

by helping my dad put up the lights on the Christmas tree. *Arid P.*

by bringing food to school for the families in need. *Gabriel P.*

by helping my mom do the groceries. *Katelyn D.*

by giving my toys to other kids. *Jonathan M.*

by giving my toys to other kids. *Jordan M.*

by praying for my great-grand father in heaven. *Stefano V.*

by saying my prayers. *Gabriella I.*

by raising money for Girl Guides. *Lisa Haley M.*

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: Rejoice; never cease praying. Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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.

Mon. Dec. 12, 9-10 am

Moms in Touch: Sharing discussions and prayer group of group for moms. With Cathy Zentner.

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!

Wed. Dec. 28, 7:30 pm

Becket Film Fest presents: Becket (Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole) rescheduled from Dec. 03.

† WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE †

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| 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 |



CALLING ALL YOUTH: Come join us for our annual Christmas carolling on Friday, Dec. 16. We will meet at 6:45 p.m., go carolling, then meet back at the church hall for hot chocolate & cookies. See you there!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 10 TO DEC. 18

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| 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 |
| Mon. | Dec. 12 | |
| 7:15 pm | Claude Barretto | Nelson Griba & family |
| Tues. | Dec. 13 | |
| 8:30 am | In thanksgiving to St. Lucy | Maria Perri |
| Wed. | Dec. 14 | |
| 8:30 am | Jim Brennan | Mark & Gloria Brennan |
| Thursday | Dec. 15 | |
| 8:30 am | Allan Patenaude | Elaine Leclerc |
| Friday | Dec. 16 | |
| 8:30 am | Ron Scott | Maureen Scott & family |
| Saturday | Dec. 17 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 4:30 pm. | Jane D'Lima | Edwina Dias & family |
| Sunday | Dec. 18 | |
| 9:00 am | Luciano Della Rocca | Rina Della Rocca |
| 11:00 am | Anna Nazzareno Loreto D'Allesio | Zanetti family |

Weekday Readings for Dec. 12 to Dec. 16

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| Mon. | Dec. 12 | Zec 2:14-17 | Lk 1:26-38 |
| Tues. | Dec. 13 | Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13 | Mt 21:28-32 |
| Wed. | Dec. 14 | Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 | Lk 7: 18b-23 |
| Thurs. | Dec. 15 | Is 54:1-10 | Lk 7: 24-30 |
| Fri. | Dec. 16 | Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 | Jn 5: 33-36 |

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is offered this week for Giovanni Gargiulo requested by the Rivera family.

CHANGES TO CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

All Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated in the church at **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**.

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: Dec. 04/05, 2011:

OFFERINGS: \$ 5770.00

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, BYOBeverage. Info. Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898.

TWINE ROSARY CORNER: Remember that twine rosaries can make a unique gift for your Christmas stockings! Available during office hours or give us a call! Christmas blessings to all.

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**.

A FAMILY OF FIVE needs beds and /or mattresses. 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). 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.



Please note there is no Mass Monday Dec. 26, 2011.

Parish and Faith First offices are closed Dec. 26 to Jan. 03.

For seniors who did not receive their cookbook please call Rina: 514-695-6995.