

# Mary Mother of God

January 1, 2012



*Weekday Masses: Jan. 02, 7:15 pm, Jan. 03, 04, 05, 06: 8:30 am*

## Happy New Year!

**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 2012-2013 will take place in the spring. 514-620-4057.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: January 6** is the **First Friday** of the month. After Benediction you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church.

**CAFÉS:** Developed for *all* parishioners, our CAFÉS offer you an opportunity 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.

**Tues. Jan. 10, 7:00 pm, CATECHISM 101**, presenter: Fr. Francesco.

**Sat. Jan 14, 7:00 pm, BECKET FILM FEST** presents: *Message in a Bottle*.

**Mon. Jan 16, 9:00 -10:00 am, MOM'S IN TOUCH**, prayer group for moms with Cathie Zentner.

**Wed. Jan 18, 5-6 pm & 6:45 -7:45 pm, GOD'S GIFTS**, presenter: Daniel Garvin.

**Wed. Jan 25, 7:00 pm THE FOUNDING MOTHERS OF MONTREAL**, presenter: Sr. Joyce Roberts.

The complete winter and spring CAFÉ schedule is available at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy.

**VOCATIONS REFLECTION:** Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets; in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. Pray that many will respond to the call to witness the Gospel as priests, brothers and sisters.

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**FABRIQUE AND HELPING OTHERS COMMITTEE NEWS:** Thank you to everyone who participated at our Meeting of Parishioners last December 11. Congratulations to Becket's new wardens: Janet Arts (2014), Gerry Richardson (2014) and Dawn Richardson (2012). A BIG THANK YOU to our outgoing wardens for their many years of dedication and service at our parish.

Congratulations to our new Helping Others Committee members: John Bondyra Carolyn Moss, and Heidi Thibodeau.

Thank you to all our wardens and Helping Others Committee members and their families, for their generous gift of time and talent. May the Lord bless and guide them all, and may they work in a rewarding and fruitful partnership.

**WHY EDUCATE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE?** “Educating young people in justice and peace” is the theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI for the World Day of Peace 2012, said a communiqué from Vatican’s Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace. The Catholic Church celebrates the World Day of Peace annually on the first of January. The theme of the 45<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace for 2012 states that there is an urgent need in the world today to enhance the important role of new generations in the realization of the common good and in the affirmation of a just and peaceful order, where fundamental rights can be fully expressed and realized. The Papal message says it is the duty of the present generation to prepare the base and create conditions for future generations to act freely and responsibly for a new world. The Papal message affirms that the Church welcomes young people as it sees them as a sign of an ever promising springtime, and holds out Jesus to them as a model of love “who makes all things new.” Pope Benedict’s message calls on all those responsible for public policy, to work for the creation of institutions, laws and environments of life that are permeated by transcendent humanism and offer new generations the opportunities to fully realize themselves by giving them a good education, a decent job and other essentials, to build a civilization of fraternal love, directed towards a more profound awareness of truth, freedom, of love and of justice for all persons. (*Radio Vaticano, May 19, 2011*)

*‘Let us not develop an education that creates in the mind of the student a hope of becoming rich and having the power to dominate. That does not correspond to the time we live in. Let us form in the heart of the child and the young person the lofty ideal of loving, preparing oneself to serve and to give oneself to others. Anything else would be education for selfishness.’*

**Archbishop Oscar Romero**

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 31 TO JAN. 08**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>MARY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	
4:30 pm.	Helen Barrowcliffe	Ron & Terri Fabes	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 01</b>		
10:30 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Jan. 02</b>		
7:15 pm	Clarence Cussen	Joyce & Joe Dawson	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan. 03</b>		
8:30 am	Raymond Harrison	Jack & Gisele Harper	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Jan. 04</b>		
8:30 am	Dave Drayton	Gerry & Lise Emsley	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 05</b>		
8:30 am	Gerry Emsley	The Quinns	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 06</b>		
8:30 am	Dave Drayton	Pat & Bill	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 07</b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	
4:30 pm	Eddie Mallette	Bernice	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 08</b>		
9:00 am	Margarida Aquiar, Manuel Do Monte, Serafim De Torres	family	
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

Weekday Readings for Dec. 26 to Dec. 30

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Jan. 02</b>	1 Jn 2: 22-28	Jn 1: 19-28
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan. 03</b>	1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Jn 1: 29-34
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Jan. 04</b>	1 Jn 3: 7-10	Jn 1: 35-42
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 05</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21	Jn 1: 43-51
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Jan. 06</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13	Mk 1:7-11

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is offered this week for Vito Valela, requested by Jean and family.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL:** 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: Gladys & Ralph Haley, Ellis & Mary Charasidis, Larry LeBlanc, Giovanni Ambrosio, Tony Buccongello, Mark Seguin, Al Mack, Giuseppina & Domenico DeCicco, Mary Hyjek, Mary & Mike Saukas, Antonio Cabral, Giovanni & Maria Tancredi, Antonio & Assunta Fugnitto, Frances & Bill Cunningham, The deceased members of the Chiz family, Mrs. Joan Harkin & family, Gerry MacDonald, Edward Cavanagh, Louis A. Pereira, Maria Verdone, Stella & Stanley Szuzkowski, Anneliese Kunz Del Fabro, John Lason, Rose & Adolphe Rivet, Vi & Jim Stanton, Sean Richardson, Alphonse & Marcelle Hauseux, Alfonso Mio, Mr. Paul Gervais, & Mrs. Gisèle Gervais, Mr. Patrick Loffredo, Mr. & Mrs. Batty, Rocky, Janice, Sabina, Joyce, Flo, Rudy, Tony & Mimi Gallo, Albert & Martin Kojoian, Bruce & Gisèle Snelgrove, Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Agnes O'Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Gerry Emsley.

***Christmas & New Year 2011-2012***

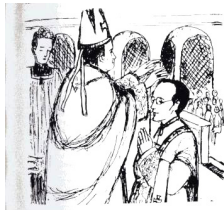
**Epiphany of the Lord**

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.



**ORDINATION NEWS:** All are invited to attend the priestly ordination of Deacon Jason Piper on **Friday, January 20 at 7:30 pm** at Saint Patrick's Basilica in Montreal. Please keep Deacon Jason in your prayers.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec. 10/11, 2011:**

OFFERINGS: \$ 6585.00

HELPING OTHERS: \$ 4311.00

Publication of contribution totals will be delayed due to holiday printing schedules. Thank you for your understanding.

**BESIDES BEING THE FIRST DAY ON THE CIVIC CALENDAR,** January 1st is also the Octave (eighth day) of Christmas, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and a Holy Day of Obligation:

*O God, who through the fruitful virginity of the Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the her intercession, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you. Amen.*

Please note that the parish and Faith First offices are closed through January 3.

