

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9,
2012



Weekday Masses:
Dec. 10 no Mass; Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14: 8:30 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 08 TO DEC. 16

Saturday	Dec. 08	Second Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Robert Clark Sr.		The Principe family
Sunday	Dec. 09		
9:00 am	Elio, Frank & Luigi Genio		Chiara Genio
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Mon.	Dec. 10		
~ NO MASS ~			
Tues.	Dec. 11		
8:30 am	Steve Orzechowski		Maria Purisima & family
Wed.	Dec. 12		
8:30 am	Catherine & Cecilia Mossa & family		Rina Della Rocca & family
Thursday	Dec. 13		
8:30 am	Luciano Della Rocca		Rina Della Rocca & family
Friday	Dec. 14		
8:30 am	Walter D'Silva		Atwell D'Souza & family
Saturday	Dec. 15	Third Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Grace Basciano		Mary Basciano
Sunday	Dec. 16		
9:00 am	Pasquale, Luigi & Giovanni Fata and Angelina Filipelli		Chiara Genio
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

Weekday Readings:

Mon. Dec. 10	Is 35: 1-10	Lk 5:17-26
Tues. Dec. 11	Is 40: 1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed. Dec. 12	Zec 2: 14-17	Lk 1: 39-47
Thurs. Dec. 13	Is 41:13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Fri. Dec. 14	Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 9: Rosina Reale, requested by Rosaria Sefaratti.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348. vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEC. 01/02:

OFFERINGS: \$ 5832.55
PRIEST'S PENSION FUND: \$ 3261.00

FABRIQUE NEWS: Our Fabrique and Helping Others Committee Elections took place on December 9. Congratulations to our two new wardens, Francis Apgao (2015) and Lorne Flavelle (2015). May all our wardens work in joyful and fruitful partnership with Fr. Michael in the administration of our parish. Thank you very much to our outgoing wardens Dawn Richardson and Norman Wight for sharing their time and talents to further the mission of our parish and universal church. Congratulations to Jacqueline Gagné and Rosa Raschella who were both elected to two-year terms on the Helping Others Committee. May God bless you and your families.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Adults: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Children: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

FAITH FIRST WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: Following are some of the reflections we have received from the children this past week: *I took some time to get to know God when I...*

did many nice things for my family for Advent because Advent is the time to prepare for Christmas. *Michaela P.*

watch over new born kittens. *Lisa H.-M.*

thanked him for my health. *Sarah C.*

helped my teacher sweep the classroom. *Megan E.*

went to church *Bianca T.*

pray, do Faith First and ask my parents questions. *Bianca P.*

did my catechism. *Megan D.*

bought food for the Christmas basket. *Lianne M.*

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: December 11 at 7:30 pm.

Penitential service with individual confessions.



CAFÉS (CATHOLIC ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SERIES) 2012-2013

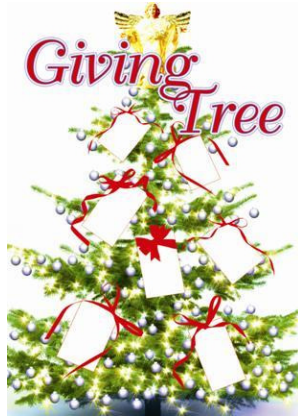
Open to all, our Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment Series is an opportunity for every member of our parish to grow in faith and deepen their prayer life. Join us!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD: Every Friday, 7-8 Reflections on the upcoming Sunday readings to better prepare ourselves to receive the Word. All welcome. Presenter: Fr. Michael Leclerc. N.B. This will be our last meeting until the New Year. Stayed tuned for our next date.

CATHOLICISM, "THE INEFFABLE MYSTERY OF GOD" Dec. 13, 7-9 pm



WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR at the St. Thomas à Becket Annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on **Monday Dec. 31, at 6:30 pm.** Enjoy a gourmet catered meal, great music & dancing. Come dance the night away. Tickets available until Dec 23. \$40.00 each. Vegetarian meal can be ordered at time of ticket purchase. 16 & older, BYOBeverage. Info. Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898.



CHRISTMAS AT BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE: St. Thomas à Becket parish is once again invited to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters through Benedict Labre House this Christmas. Benedict Labre House serves Christmas dinner to approximately 250 homeless people. We can help 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. We will be collecting gifts **until Dec. 16**. God bless!

† WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE †

Jesus Light of the World (MQP)	Sun. Dec. 09	2:00 pm
St. Thomas à Becket	Tues. Dec. 11	7:30 pm
St. Luke	Thurs. Dec. 13	7:00 pm
St. Edmund of Canterbury	Tues. Dec. 18	7:30 pm

ANNUAL SING-A-LONG CHRISTMAS CONCERT & NATIVITY PLAY: **Dec 16, 7 p.m.** All Becket families, friends and neighbours are invited to join us for this festive and uplifting Children’s Christmas pageant and family sing-along. More children are needed for the nativity play! Info: Cathy 514-624-1562.

COME CHRISTMAS CAROLLING! Join our youth group and parish staff on **December 14**, as we visit the neighbourhood around Becket and share the spirit of joy, peace and love, through Christmas music. We will meet at the parish for practice at 6:30 p.m. All welcome!

**ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR AT BECKET
2012 – 2013**

Advent Reconciliation

Tues. Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Sing-along Christmas Concert

Sun. Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

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

Christmas Day Mass

Tues. Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Family

Sat. Dec. 29, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 30, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Holy Hour of Prayer for God’s
Peace in the world**

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

Mary, Mother of God

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

Tues. Jan. 1, 10:00 a.m.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JOAN HOPKIRK: The St. Thomas à becket family would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to one of our parishioners, Joan Hopkirk, who is receiving the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal for her years of volunteer work at the Lakeshore General Hospital and the West Island Palliative Care Residence.