

**February 10,
2013**

**Fifth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Weekday Masses:
Feb 11: No Mass., Feb 12, 13, 14, 15: 8:30 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEB. 09 TO 16

Saturday	Feb.09	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Umbelina D'Souza	Gregg Fernandes
Sunday	Feb. 10	
9:00 am	Parishioners	
11:00 am	Peter Van Warmerdam	Jean Mack & the Wellers
Monday	Feb. 11	
	No Mass	
Tuesday	Feb. 12	
8:30 am	Joseph Taillon	Lise Emsley
Wed.	Feb. 13	Ash Wednesday
8:30 am	Alberta Fiori	Yolande Desjardins
7:30 pm	Shannon McElligott	The Rivera Family
Thurs.	Feb. 14	Thursday Morning
8:30 am	Vanessa Empsall	Agape Prayer Group
Friday	Feb. 15	
8:30 am	Sally Lloyd	Catherine Graham
Saturday	Feb. 16	First Sunday of Lent
4:30 pm	Our parishioners	
Sunday	Feb. 17	
9:00 am	Lorenzo Artuso	Sharon & Roland Zeisel
11:00 am	Wilma D'angelo	Mervyn & Cynthia & family

Weekday Readings:

Mon. Feb. 11	Gn 1: 1-19	Mk 6: 53-56
Tues. Feb. 12	Gn 1:20-2:4a	Mk 7: 1-13
Wed. Feb. 13	Jl 2: 12-18, 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Feb. 14	Dt 30:15 20	Lk 9: 22-25
Fri. Feb. 15	Is 58: 1-9a	Mt 9: 14-15

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of February 10: Christine Donald, requested by her family.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to ordained or religious life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls, and leads the way.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (Rejoice in the Lord)
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (Parts of One Body)
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (Scripture Fulfilled)

Adults: What do you believe that the anointing you received at Baptism requires you to do?

Children: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

FAITH FIRST WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: Following are some of the reflections we have received from the children this week:

I showed I believe in God when I...

prayed for everyone at the dinner table. **Kiara S.**

helped my mom shovel the deck. **David D.**

said sorry to my friends at school. **Cedric L.**

said special prayers for my family. **Shaylee D.**

went sledding with my cousin, even though I didn't want to. **Evan A.**

asked Father Gerry questions about God and religion when he came over for dinner.

Isabella G.

helped my mom with the dog **Melissa V.**

prayed to him every night. **Sofia M.**

UPCOMING FAITH FIRST GATHERINGS:

FIRST COMMUNION GATHERING

February 13, ASH WEDNESDAY, 4:30 ONLY

LEVEL 4, SP4, SP5, SP6, Thursday February 21

CAFES 2013

The Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment Series are offered to all our parishioners as a means of deepening their life of prayer and learning more about our faith. Join us!

Mondays, Feb. 11, to March 11, 7-8:30 pm in Cahill Lenten Prayer Series will begin. Presented by Louise Eberwien 626-9462 (weekdays) and Paul Empsall 825-5198. There is a fee of \$20.00 for the book.

Fri. Feb. 15, 6-7 pm A Family Adoration Hour with Vita Lewis.

Tuesday February 19, 7-9 p.m. Catholicism Series with Fr. Robert Baron. A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church

Visit the parish website for more information www.stthomasabecket.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 02/03:

Offerings: \$5495.00

COME AND SEE: Interested in learning about the Priesthood? Join us for an informal get-together, Feb. 15, at 5:30 pm at St. Willibrord's Parish, 351 Willibrord Ave. Verdun. Metro Verdun. For men 18-54 years. The evening includes supper, recreation, prayer, input and sharing. Info: Fr. Steven Otvos 514-925-4348

Youth Corner

BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – APRIL 20

Are you interested in representing St. Thomas à Becket in a ball hockey tournament? Are you between the ages 12-18? Do you enjoy free fun and food? If the answer is yes to all of these questions then come out and be part of the 2013 St. Thomas à Becket ball hockey team and represent your church at the fifth annual Apostles Cup on April 20. *The deadline to sign up is February 23. Space is limited!*



For information about any of these activities or to register, please contact Damian Rivera at (514) 696-9432.

BECKET'S KNITPICKERS meet on February 15, at 1:30 pm. See you there.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – Tuesday Feb. 12 General Meeting, Cahill Hall 1:30 pm. Please try to attend.

World Day of Prayer March 1, 7:30pm at St.Barnabas Church, Pierrefonds.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Kick-Off Event. You are all welcome to join us on Tuesday, February 12 to inaugurate 40 Days for Life prayer vigil for the end of abortion. This will be our ninth vigil. We will gather for 7 p.m. in Lahaie Park – corner Saint-Joseph East and Saint-Laurent Blvds, for prayers. The vigil runs from February 13 through to March 24. For more information, call (514) 344-2686, or email 40daysforlifemontreal@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Please remember that February 13th is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten journey. This is a day of FAST & ABSTINENCE. The Church asks that all members 14 years and older abstain from eating meat, and that those between 18 & 59 observe a fast. Fasting means restricting your food intake to one regular meal and two small meals that together do not add up to another full meal.

Ashes will be distributed at the 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT THIS YEAR? Ask Catholics what they're doing for Lent this year, and they'll probably tell you that they are giving up a favorite food, a favorite pastime or anything else they really love but isn't essential in their lives. Giving up something for Lent fosters self-discipline and tempers our desires. It is a form of fasting. It is a form of penance. It promotes spiritual growth. If you're giving up something for Lent, that's great. But think also about the possibility of doing something positive to bolster your spiritual life and make the world a better place. Look for ways that you can increase your knowledge of your faith, strengthen your spiritual life or perform special acts of mercy and kindness at home, at work, in your parish or in your community.

A POOR MAN'S LUNCH will be held on Saturday February 23 from 11:00 to 2:00 pm in the parish hall to promote VOCATIONS to marriage, single life religious & non-religious. Through talks, music, and song we will learn how others have responded to God's call to relationship with Him through their vocations. Everyone is welcome. Entrance fee 10\$. Contact Vita at 514-694-1118. Visit: www.stthomasabecket.com / Ask the Pastor page to learn more.

SAINT VALENTINE is a widely recognized third century Roman saint commemorated on February 14 and associated since the High Middle Ages with a tradition of courtly love. Nothing is known reliably of St. Valentine except his name, in fact there are at least three possible Valentines, one was a Roman priest martyred on February 14, another is the bishop of Interamna (modern Terni), both said to be buried along the Via Flaminia outside Rome. The third is said to be a saint martyred on the same day with a number of companions in the Roman province of Africa, for whom nothing else is known. Because of the uncertainty, the Church removed his name from the universal calendar of saints, although in Rome he is still venerated as a saint and martyr. St. Valentine, along with being the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages, is also patron saint for bee keepers, travellers, young people, and epilepsy.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR (S) We are looking for one or more people who may be interested in helping to direct our 9am children's choir. Please consider this important stewardship opportunity. Contact Lino Viegas or Fr. Michael.514-626-4111.