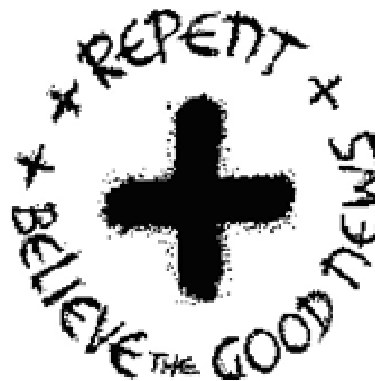


*February 17,  
2013*

*First Sunday  
of Lent*



*Weekday Masses:*

*Feb 18: No Mass., Feb 19, 20, 21, 22: 8:30 a.m.*

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEB. 16 TO FEB. 24**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>		
9:00 am	Lorenzo Artuso		Sharon & Roland Zeisel
11:00 am	Wilma D'Angelo D'Souza		Mervyn & Cynthia & family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 18</b>		
	No Mass		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 19</b>		Rina, Ralph, Frank & Maria Pulice
8:30 am	Vanessa Empsall		
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b>		
8:30 am	Merrill Whelan		Carol Rose
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Feb. 21</b>		
8:30 am	Shannon McElligott		Rina Reda & family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 22</b>		
8:30 am	Frances Lalonde		family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	
4:30 pm	David Marolly		The Marollys
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 24</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Sr. Jean Livesay SNJN		Richelieu Rose Group of Associates & Sisters

*Weekday Readings:*

<b>Mon. Feb. 18</b>	Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18	Mt 25: 31-46
<b>Tues. Feb. 19</b>	Is 55: 10-11	Mt 6: 7-15
<b>Wed. Feb. 20</b>	Jon 3: 1-10	Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thurs. Feb. 21</b>	Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25	Mt 7: 7-12
<b>Fri. Feb. 22</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** Week of February 17: Mabel Oliveira (L) and family requested by Joan, Kathleen, Christine, Anna & Julia.

**VOCATIONS REFLECTION:** What tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support.

Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348. [vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:vocationsmtl@diocesemontreal.org)



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Theme: I was a stranger and you welcomed me. All are welcome at the 2013 World Day of Prayer service.

**March 1, 1:30 pm** at St. Edward the Confessor *or*

**March 1, 7:30 pm** St. Barnabas Church, located on Colin St., corner Westpark.

**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](http://www.stthomasabecket.com) / Ask the Pastor page to learn more.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

(Forty Days of Purification)

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (Creation Story)

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (Grace Overflows)

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus Fasted)

**Adults:** What roots of sin lie at the source of the temptations I deal with on a regular basis?

**Children:** How can I show my love for God this Lenten season?

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

*I showed that I am Jesus friend when I...*

played with my friend when nobody wanted to play with her. **Erica S.**

talked to Jesus before bed. **Briana G.**

read to my brother. **Grace B. S.**

helped the drama teacher clean up the classroom **Samantha E.**

took the dishes out of the dishwasher. **Brina F.**

held the door at school after recess an made valentine cards for seniors. **Matteo D.**

hug and kiss my mom and dad. **Emma B.**

prayed the rosary. **Claire C.**

#### UPCOMING FAITH FIRST GATHERINGS:

**Thursday Feb 21:** Level 4, SP4, SP5, SP6

**BECKET SENIORS:** meet on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm at the parish.

#### 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!

**Tues. Feb. 19, 7-9 pm** The Catholicism Series: *A Body both Suffering and Glorious the Mystical Union of Christ and the Church.*

**Fri. Feb. 22, 10 am to 12 pm.** **\*\*NEW!\*\*** Day Café: *Creating Sabbath Space.*  
Presenter: Samia Boghdady. Location 8 Place Madeira, Kirkland. 514-694-3564.  
Continues on March 1,8,15,22.

**Wed. Feb. 27, 7 – 9 pm** What is Vatican II? Sacrosanctum Concillium:  
Constitutions on the Sacred Liturgy. Presenter: Margaret Million.

Visit the parish website for more information [www.stthomasabecket.org](http://www.stthomasabecket.org)

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 09/10:

Offerings: \$ 4789.00

Helping Others: \$ 3156.00

## **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 or to register, please contact Damian Rivera at (514) 696-9432.

**BECKET KNITPICKERS IS LOOKING FOR YARN DONATIONS!** For every donation of three new skeins of yarn, you will receive a coupon for a draw. The prize is a curly scarf, a picture of which will be uploaded to the Becket website shortly. This scarf is handmade by our only male Knitpicker. The needs during this time of year are particularly great and varied. A lucky winner will be chosen **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you all in advance for your generosity. Information: Elizabeth Barroso 514-626-411 ext 223.



**WHAT ALMS GIVING REALLY MEANS:** Giving alms has always been an important part of Lent. For many people, it means giving money to Catholic charities or some other good cause.

But the concept of almsgiving goes much deeper. It is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need—not just with our money—but with our time and our talents. Today we might call it 'stewardship.'

Lent gives us the opportunity to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It gives us a chance to share what we have and who we are with other people. It puts us in communion with others and helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ.

Think carefully about how you will share your time, your talents and your treasure during Lent. Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35)

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** invite you to Share lent Online. Visit [devp.org/sharelent](http://devp.org/sharelent) and discover more about this year's them: *Human Dignity – More than Ever*, as we celebrate the inherent dignity of all human beings. Human dignity is at the core of our values, guiding us, as an organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, to act, to give, and to support those with whom we share this fundamental human principle.

*"Everyone must consider their every neighbour without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his or her life and the means necessary to living it with dignity, so as not to imitate the rich man who had no concern for the poor man Lazarus."*  
~ *Gaudium et Spes 27*

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – All are welcome to join us for a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil for the end of abortion. This will be our ninth vigil. We gather for in Lahaie Park – corner Saint-Joseph East and Saint-Laurent Blvds, for prayers. The vigil runs from **February 13 through to March 24**. To sign up, or for more information, call (514) 344-2686, or email [40daysforlifemontreal@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifemontreal@gmail.com).

**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.

**2012 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE** at the back of the church. Receipts are arranged alphabetically by name. Some tax receipts have been "bundled" with uncollected 2013 envelope boxes. Thank you.