

**December 08,
2013
Second Sunday
of Advent**



Congratulations Deacon Marco Argentino on your 4th anniversary of ordination to the Diaconate which took place December 4th. Blessings to you and your family.

Weekday Mass Schedule:
Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday to Friday

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 07 TO DECEMBER 15

Saturday	Dec. 07	Second Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Irene Reid	Mr. & Mrs. Jean Héroux
Sunday	Dec. 08	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Peter Nicklepolous	Fr. Mike Shaw
Monday	Dec. 09	
	No Mass	
Tues.	Dec. 10	
8:30 am	Alex Tilli	his sister Mary
Wed.	Dec. 11	
8:30 am	Caterina & Cecelia Mossa & family	Rina Della Rocca
Thurs.	Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 am	Catherine Tilli	her sister Mary
Friday	Dec. 13	
8:30 am	Luciano Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca
Saturday	Dec. 14	Third Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Dec. 15	
9:00 am	Stella Hyjek	Linda Saukas
11:00 am	Mary Carroll & family	Pat Carroll & family

Weekday Readings

Mon	Dec. 09	Gn 3: 9-15/Eph 1:3-6,11-12	Lk 1: 26-38
Tues.	Dec. 10	Is 40: 1-11	Mt 18:12 -14
Wed.	Dec. 11	Is 40: 25 -31	Mt 11:28-30
Thurs.	Dec. 12	Zec 2: 14-17	Lk 1:26-38
Fri.	Dec. 13	Is 48:17-19	Mt 11: 16-19

MASS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. In Spanish. Presided by Fr. Marco Guzman.

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 08: Mary Deyninger requested by Sylvia Thaemlitz.

ADVENT REFLECTION Dec. 09 & 10, 7:15 p.m. God didn't come to earth in the flesh for just 33 years. Christ didn't leave us when he ascended into heaven. We, the Christian community, continue the Incarnation. We are the body of Christ. We do not represent Christ, replace Christ or become merely His mystical body. We ARE the Body of Christ and we continue to give physical flesh to God. Come and deepen your understanding of the Incarnation and it's meaning for us. The evening will consist of a brief intro, viewing of the DVD, sharing and reflections & refreshments. Presented by Louise Eberwein and Paul Empsall.

NINE LESSONS AND NINE CAROLS: Join us on **Sunday Dec 8 at 4pm** for our Ecumenical service of nine lessons and carols to be held at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church (57 Westpark DDO - Opposite St. Luke's) . Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Help us make our sanctuary beautiful this Christmas by making a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donation". 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 Flower Donation Box at the Church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

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 you picked, 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. 15. God bless!

BECKET ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT IS UNDERWAY! Please pick up a food slip (or a few!) from the basket at the back of the church. Each slip of paper contains a food item that we will need to build our Christmas Baskets. Please drop off the items at church the following weekend. Your generosity is much needed this year as there are a growing number of families in need. We are also in great need of **volunteer drivers** on delivery day. Please contact the parish office to leave your name.

TURKEY NOTICE: The Christmas Basket Committee have already purchased 45 turkeys. We need 20 more. As freezer space is limited, we would appreciate monetary donations since we have no room to store any more turkeys. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Info: Norma Cook 514-620-2019

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First reading: Isaiah 11:1–10 (Justice for All)

Second reading: Romans 15:4–9 (Christ saves everyone)

Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12 (Repent!)

Adults: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ Jesus walks among us?

Child: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our fundraiser for the Philippines. Many thanks to all the volunteers, to those who contributed the raffle prizes and most of all, to the parishioners who donated \$3362.30. Please see church website for list of raffle winners. Thank you also to everyone who has made donations through our parish over the last few weeks. **MARAMING SALAMAT!**

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saint Thomas à Becket	Dec. 11	7:30 pm
Saint Luke's	Dec. 12	7:00 pm
Saint John Fisher	Dec. 14	10:30 am – 12 noon
Jesus Light of the World (MQP)	Dec. 15	3:00 pm
Saint Edmund of Canterbury	Dec. 17	7:30 pm

FAITH FIRST NEWS

UPCOMING GATHERINGS:

High School Gathering #4: Sunday, December 15

Below are some reflections that the children shared with us last weekend:

I was a disciple of Christ when I...

helped my mom set up my birthday party. **L. Dimitri**

read the bible to my brother. **Keisha F.**

taught my brother. **Carmine C.**

did my homework. **Conner K.**

helped my sister. **David D.**

went to church. **Giuliana C.**

set the table without being asked. **Sean G.**

said my prayers at night. **Nicholas C.**

helped my brother. **Megan D.**

donated food for the hungry. **Alexandra S.**



LIFE AND FAITH SESSIONS. LAFs invite us to discover more about our Christian traditions and spiritual heritage and enrich our life of prayer. Open to all.

Breaking Open the Word. Every Friday evening 7-8pm Reflections on the upcoming Sunday scriptures to better prepare to receive the Word. In Cahill Hall. **New Evangelization #3 "New Expressions" Part 1 Thursday Dec. 12, 7- 9pm**
Hands on Faith: Cookie Exchange: bring 2dz cookies, exchange 1dz, and leave 1dz for charity. **Saturday Dec. 14 10 – 11:30 am**

NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSALS take place **Dec. 08 at 12:30 pm** in the church, and **Dec. 15 at 1:30 pm** in the church hall. On **Dec. 22, we will rehearse at 3pm** followed by a family pot luck dinner in the church hall. 514-624-1562.

FABRIQUE AND H.O. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DEC. 08, 2013, 12 PM
All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens and Helping Others Committee members **Dec. 08 after the 11 a.m. Mass.** Parishioners 18+, of the Roman Catholic Faith, who live in the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. (Act Respecting Fabriques).

TIS THE SEASON FOR FRIENDSHIP, FUN & FOOD! Introducing a NEW Catholic Singles group inviting individuals between the ages of 30-40 to join us for a Holiday Potluck and fun activities on **Saturday, December 14 at 5:30 pm** in Cahill Hall. RSVP by December 9 on montrealcatholicsingles@gmail.com
Hope to see you all at our first event and feel free to invite a friend!

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/ST.NICHOLAS: Dec. 15, 12 Noon.
Join us for a hearty breakfast and gifts for the children. Reserve early to enjoy. Contact lorneflavelle@hotmail.com or 514-620-9723.

BECKET CHRISTMAS CONCERT / SING-A-LONG: Sun. Dec. 22, 7 pm.
Bring your family, relatives and friends to the Christmas Concert.

GREETERS WANTED during events and Masses during the Christmas season to greet people at the church doors (young people we need you). Please sign the notice in narthex. For further information call Norma Cook 514-620-2019.

WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR at the St. Thomas à Becket Annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on **Tuesday Dec. 31, at 6:30 pm.** Enjoy a gourmet catered meal, Prime Rib or Salmon, great music & dancing. Tickets available until Dec 23. \$45.00 pp. Meal choice can be ordered at time of ticket purchase. 16 & older, BYOBeverage. Info. Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 23/24
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