

*December 15,
2013
Third Sunday
of Advent*



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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 14 TO DECEMBER 22

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
Monday	Dec. 16	No Mass	
Tues.	Dec. 17		
8:30 am	Iris Commeford		Joann & Heinz Brues
Wed.	Dec. 18		
8:30 am	Napoleon Bonaparte Flores Sr.		Flores – Lyons family
Thurs.	Dec. 19		
8:30 am	Denise Roy		Pat Fahey
Friday	Dec. 20		
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho		Pat & Donny
Saturday	Dec. 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Melroy D’Lima		family
Sunday	Dec. 22		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Emilia Pawlak		Jean Bisson

Weekday Readings

Mon	Dec. 16	Mn 24: 2-7, 15-17a	Mt 21:23-27
Tues.	Dec. 17	Gn 49: 2, 8-10	Mt 1: 1-17
Wed.	Dec. 18	Jer 23: 5-8	Mt 1: 18-25
Thurs.	Dec. 19	Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1: 5-25
Fri.	Dec. 20	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 15: Mary Carroll, requested by Pat Carroll and family.

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.

WEST ISLAND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Jesus Light of the World (MQP)	Dec. 15	3:00 pm
Saint Edmund of Canterbury	Dec. 17	7:30 pm

ANGELS OF MERCY A heartfelt thank you to all Becket parishioners, who helped provide a warmer winter for our homeless brothers and sisters. Thanks to your generosity we have collected hundreds of: pairs of socks, beautiful winter coats & jackets, sweaters, long & short-sleeved T-shirts, hats, scarves, gloves, a huge box of “almost new” shoes & boots, pants and many, many blankets & sleeping bags. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!! May your kindness and generosity come back to you 100 fold in the New Year!

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 CONTINUES!

Please don't forget the poor this Christmas. Pick up a food slip (or a few!) from the basket at the back of the church, buy the items listed then bring them to church during office hours. 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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First reading: Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10 (God will save us)

Second reading: James 5:7–10 (Be patient)

Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11 (Are you the Savior?)

Adult: What would Jesus see to praise about you right now?

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

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...

Cleaned the bathrooms with my sister. **Maya P.**

Helped my teacher. **Bradley P.**

Go to church. **Dan Gabriel S.**

Donated my books to charity. **Luca L.**

Made my bed and prayed with my mom. **Justin K.**

Helped my mom with the dishes. **Matteo D.**

Helped my teacher with placing stickers on the agenda. **Sofia T.**

Pray. **Matthew P.**

Helped my brother even though I was sick. **Julian R.**

Was patient when everything was getting moved out of my house. **Jonan Z.**

NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSALS December. 15: new time and location: 3 – 4:30 pm in the church. On **Dec. 22, we will rehearse at 3pm** followed by a family pot luck dinner in the church hall. 514-624-1562.

FABRIQUE AND HELPING OTHERS COMMITTEE NEWS: Our Fabrique and Helping Others Committee Elections took place on December 08. Congratulations to our two new wardens, Line Argentino (2016), and Anna Donald (2016). May our Fabrique members work in joyful and fruitful partnership with Fr. Marco, and our pastoral team and staff, in the administration of our parish. Thank you very much to our outgoing wardens Gisele Harper and Brian Raymond for sharing their time and talents to further the mission of our parish and universal church. Congratulations to Gisele Harper and Heidi Thibodeau, who were both elected to two-year terms on the Helping Others Committee. May God bless you and your families.

THE KNITPICKERS have made a donation to World Vision Canada and have chosen a very appropriate gift (we think). An alpaca will be given to a family, who will be able to use the more than 5 kilos of fine wool produced annually. This wonderful animal will allow the recipients to make clothing, blankets and even carpets to sell at market. Not a ba-a-a-a-d idea!!! Blessings to all during this Christmas season.
~ *Elizabeth Barroso*

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 DECEMBER 07/08
Contributions: \$ 5223.00
Helping Others: \$ 3647.00

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2013 -2014

Christmas Eve Masses
Tues. Dec. 24
4:00, 6:00, 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.
Note new Mass times!

Christmas Day Mass
Wed. Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Family
Sat. Dec. 28, 4:30 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 29, 9:00 a.m.
& 11:00 a.m.

Holy Hour of Prayer for
God's Peace in the World
Tues. Dec. 31, 3:15 p.m.

Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Tues. Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 1, 10:00 a.m.

CALLING ALL GREETERS,
USHERS, EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS AND LECTORS:

If you have not already signed up for upcoming holiday celebrations, please contact the parish office. There are still a few places to fill for Christmas and New Year's celebrations.