

Exaltation of the Holy Cross



September 14, 2014

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

"How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us, a tree now brought us life".

~ St. Theodore of Studios

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: SEPT. 13 TO SEPT. 21

(L) indicates living intention

Saturday	Sept. 13	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Sept. 14	
9:00 am	Pauline Jasmine & Raymond Desormeaux Sr.	Marjorie Ramchandran
11:00 am	Mary Carroll	Pat Carroll & family
Monday	Sept. 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
8:30 am	Therese Lebel Tremblay	Boyle & Yap families
Tues.	Sept. 16	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
Wed.	Sept. 17	
8:30 am	Bianca Silvieira	Juliette Coelho
Thurs.	Sept. 18	
8:30 am	Philippe Betita	Marieta & Chuck Lawton
Friday	Sept. 19	
8:30 a.m.	Jovito Marcelino	family
Saturday	Sept. 20	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Mattieu Frechette	Friends of Becket
Sunday	Sept. 21	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Shirley Beaudin	Margaret Dugal

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of September 14: Mary Carroll, requested by Pat Carroll and family.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon	Sept. 15	1 Cor 11: 17-26,33	Jn19: 25-27
Tues.	Sept. 16	1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31	Lk 7: 11-17
Wed.	Sept. 17	1 Cor 12: 31-13:13	Lk 7: 31-35
Thurs.	Sept. 18	1 Cor 15: 1-11	Lk 7: 36-50
Fri.	Sept. 19	1 Cor 15: 12-20	Lk 8: 1-3

LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them, especially Mario Iannantuono, and Diane Gallo.

RCIA MEET AND GREET: for anyone who wishes to convert to the Catholic faith or for those who have been baptised and wish to become fully initiated Catholics. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a guided conversion process lead by a team of clergy and lay church members over a seven month period from September to Easter. If you are interested, please join us on **Sept. 24, 7:30 pm** at 4414 Imperial, Pierrefonds. Info: Deacon Marco Argentino 514-624-8745.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 13/14:
OFFERINGS: \$ 5536.00

ALTAR GUILD MEETING: September 15 at 9:15 a.m. in Cahill Hall. New members welcome.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Numbers 21:4b-9 (Complaining Against the Lord)

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11 (The Exalted Christ Jesus)

Gospel: John 3:13-17 (Saved Through the Son)

Adults: To what extent do I try to join the trials and sufferings of my life to those of Jesus?

Children: When I see a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross, do I say a prayer of thanks to him for loving me that much?

Youth: Do I always have the trust that Jesus had? No matter what comes across my path, God does not forsake me. Do I remember that God loves me and is with me – now, and forever?

FAITH FIRST - IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Book Pick-up (ONE WEEKEND ONLY):

Saturday, Sept. 13, 1:00pm-6:00pm, Cahill Hall

Sunday, Sept. 14 8:30am-1:30pm, Cahill Hall

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL BAGS AND FAITH FIRST BOOKS

will take place September 27 and 28 at all Masses. Open to all students, of all ages!

Faith First Office 514-626-4485

FURNACE FUND TARGET ACHIEVED! As Fr. Marco mentioned recently to the congregation, we have reached our fundraising goal for the furnace. Thank you very much to everyone who so generously donated to the building fund for this cause! We will now continue our fundraising for other building-related projects including a floor scrubber machine, kneeler refurbishing, ceiling fan replacement/cleaning, energy efficient LED lighting for the parking lot, and new flooring for priest's quarters. God bless you for your continuing support.

AN INVITATION TO: *THE MARRIAGE COURSE*: This course is offered to any married couple who would like to enrich their marriage. If you already have a good marriage, that's good news, but *any* marriage can be made better. After all, you have a lifetime to share and enjoy together! Over the course of seven evenings, you and your spouse can spend quality time discovering the essence of a healthy marriage, and **privately discussing** the topics covered each evening. \$60 per couple. **Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm, beginning Sept. 17, ending Oct 29.** Registration, and info: Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR This will be held this year on **November 1& 2.** Registration forms will be sent out in the next few days to last year's participants. New ones welcome. For more info, call Darroch (514)-626-3648.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: cookies, gravy, tomato paste, toilet paper. We continue to build a pool of volunteer drivers who own small trucks, and/or minivans who would be willing to make occasional deliveries of furniture (mostly beds, and cribs) to needy families. Please contact the parish office if you can help. 514-626-4111.

BECAUSE HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A BREAK, Becket Pantry is open year round for needy families in our community. We thank our dedicated Becket Pantry team of volunteer packers, drivers and our dispatcher who work hard throughout the year to ensure that our shelves are well stocked, and that food baskets are delivered to the less fortunate. The beginning of the school year can be very difficult for some families. Please be generous!

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. St Thomas @ Becket Council will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on Sept 13& 14, 2014. Please consider joining us. For more information visit www.kofc.org or contact Guy Taillon, Recruiting Officer at 514-887-4898 or gta.taillon@gmail.com

HEALING BY LAUGHTER YOGA, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Cahill hall. Free.
SQUARE DANCE for better physical, mental and spiritual health, Tuesdays, 11:00 am to 12:30 p.m. \$3 per session. Info: Vita 514-694-1118

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY is taking place in Cahill Hall this weekend, Sept 13 & 14. Children aged 4 to 12 are welcome to join us as we communicate the message of the weekly Gospel using "child-friendly" words and examples. Additional registration will take place 30 minutes before and following masses the weekends of Sept 20-21 and Sept 27-28. We rely on volunteers to make this program successful – no experience required, except to impart The Word to our youngest parishioners. Please come see us at the registration table or contact Sophia @ 514 694-4758 (evenings please).

BEFORE YOUR FALL AGENDA FILLS UP... Consider registering for the Parish Vitality Conference, to be held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, Nov. 13, and Le Nouvel Hotel, Nov. 14-15. Headlining the conference are authors Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, who, in their 2013 book Rebuilt, describe how their Baltimore parish was thoroughly transformed. For conference schedule, list of workshops and registration visit www.parishvitality.com

FUNDRAISER ENTERTAINMENT EVENING for Centre Bienvenue, Friday, September 26 at 7 pm at St. Thomas à Becket. Centre Bienvenue had its humble beginnings at Becket in 1978 and has now grown into a centre offering services in mental health. Tickets \$10.00. Call Vita 514-694-1118.

JUSTICE AND PEACE UPDATE ON MINING OMBUDSMAN: As you may remember parishioners from Becket met with local MPs in February and March to present the Development and Peace mining ombudsman petition that you signed during our 2013 fall campaign. Our petition was presented in the House of Commons on June 2 and June 5 by local MPs. In addition, on June 3, an MP from Montreal moved that Bill C-584, An Act respecting the Corporate Social Responsibility Inherent in the Activities of Canadian Extractive Corporations in Developing Countries, be read a second time, and referred to a committee. The debate that followed mentioned the work of Development and Peace. On May 14, hundreds from across Canada, including parishioners from St. Thomas à Becket, gathered on Parliament Hill to call for an ombudsman for the extractive sector. Members of Parliament received over 80,000 cards signed by their constituents asking for an ombudsman. Visit this link to see a video of the event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCz-S91NfdQ>