



**November 23,  
2014**

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 22 TO NOVEMBER 30**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>
4:30 pm	Vito, Caterina & Cecilia & families	Rina Della Rocca & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 23</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Angelina Alvaro Armeni	Rose & Pietro Rascella
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 24</b>	
8:30 am	Caterina Valela	Mr. & Mrs Jean Bisson
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Nov. 25</b>	
8:30 am	Conjetta Tilli	family
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Nov. 26</b>	
8:30 am	Maria Luisa Pulice	Rina Reda
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>	
8:30 am	Michael Oliveira	Mabel & family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Luke Van Barneveld	Marjorie Duguay
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
4:30 pm	Jack Fitzgerald	Marjorie Duguay
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>	
9:00 am	Fabio Iannantuono	Franco Iannantuono & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

**SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of November 30:** Gerry McDonald requested by Reda McDonald & family.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Nov. 24</b>	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5	Lk 21:1-4
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Nov. 25</b>	Rv 14:14-19	Lk 21:5-11
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Nov. 26</b>	Rv 15:1-4	Lk 21:12-19
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9	Lk 21: 20-28
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>	Rv 20: 1-4, 11-21:2	Lk 21:29-33

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Steven Williams*, brother of Diane Flavelle, *Richard Davies*, nephew of Diane Flavelle, *William Earle Armstrong*, father of Norma Cook, *Mary McMahan*, *Angela Barlow*, cousin of Margaret Million, *Conjetta Ilaqua*, mother of Giovanna Andreoli.

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** Dec 08 after morning Mass.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 16/17:**

Offerings: \$ 5827.00

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 (I will Judge)  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28 (All in All)  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46 (Surrounded in Gloria)

**Adults:** How might my attitude change if I were to see Christ in every person I meet?

**Youth:** Who can I love instead of judge?

**Children:** Jesus taught us that we should help each other. Do I remember to help my friends and my family whenever I can?

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS** will be held on **November 30, at 12 noon**. Three three-year positions and one one-year position must be filled at the AGM on Nov.30. All members of the parish are invited run for a position on the pastoral council and/or vote for the persons you feel would best represent you. The pastoral council functions a consultative body within the parish to assist the pastoral team in developing and implementing our pastoral project. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church for anyone who is interested.

**CELEBRATE BECKET'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!** Saint Thomas à Becket Parish will be 50 years old on October 11, 2016! We are looking for volunteers to help us plan our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year-long celebrations. If you would like to be a part of this committee please contact Rina Callard at 514-695-6995 or email [mikerinacallard@sympatico.ca](mailto:mikerinacallard@sympatico.ca)

**KNITPICKERS UPDATE:** 780 baby hats and 20 lapghans are set for pick-up by the Royal Victoria Hospital this week. Ninety percent of these hats were crocheted by our only male member during these past few months. His personal goal of 1000 has been achieved for 2014. God bless you and your generosity, John - and a resounding thank you to all our knitpickers, who continue to work their magic in this community!

**BECKET'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are holding a recruiting campaign during the month of November. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to Catholic men 18 years of age or older. For more information please visit the Knights table in the Narthex after Mass or contact our Grand Knight Lorne Flavelle at 514-620-1156.

**BOOK OF THE DEAD:** Becket's Book of the Dead is available throughout the month of November at the back of the church for all parishioners who wish to add the name(s) of their deceased loved ones. Please note that if you have already listed a name you do not have to write it again each year. God bless.

### **FAITH FIRST - UPCOMING GATHERINGS:**

Eucharist Gathering #3: Tuesday, November 25.

Level 1 Gathering #1: Friday, November 28.

### **ADVENT CELEBRATION: NINE READINGS AND NINE CAROLS**

Becket will be hosting an ecumenical service of nine readings and nine carols to celebrate the beginning of advent. At least 10 West Island churches will be represented. Music by Aeternal. Fellowship and refreshments to follow. All welcome. Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**ANNUAL NATIVITY PLAY CASTING CALL:** Calling all St. Thomas à Becket 'church mice' actors and singers! It's time to start rehearsing for our annual Nativity Play. Every year, we present a short Nativity Play just before Annual Becket Christmas Concert. This evening is a highlight at our parish during the Advent season. Please email Cathy Cerisano at [cathcerisano@hotmail.com](mailto:cathcerisano@hotmail.com) or call at 514-624-1562 if you are interested in being in the play.



**WORLD YOUTH DAY - KRAKÓW 2016** All youth aged 18-35 are invited to World Youth Day in Kraków, Poland, July 25 – August 1, 2016. Visit: <http://worldyouthday.com/> for more information. All those interested please contact Fr. Marco at 514-626-411 ext 225.

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA** (Montreal City Council) will be holding their Annual Bake & Craft Sale on Saturday, November 29 (following the 5.00 p.m. Mass) and on Sunday, November 30 (following the 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses) in the Green Room of St. Patrick's Basilica. On sale will be home-made baked goods, Christmas crafts, books and a White Elephant Table. Bargains for everyone!

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** This year, we will be partnering with a sister parish for our Christmas Baskets Project. Beginning the weekend of November 22/23, we will begin to collect non-perishables and children's toys for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Parish of The Resurrection of Our Lord in Lachine. Please look for the big donation box November 22/23 in the Narthex. Items most needed: Tinned meats, peanut butter, cereals, tinned stews, granola bars, legumes (chickpeas, kidney beans), 100% fruit juice, apple sauce, rice, tinned fruit. Teaming up with Resurrection of Our Lord parish allows us to keep our pantry open so that we can offer help to families in need.

**ADVENT BLESSINGS: Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 - 7:15-9:00 pm**

Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Father Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of, "the One who is, Jesus Christ." He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness:

- 1- "Finding the Center"
- 2 - "Knowing you're a Sinner"
- 3 - "Realizing your Life is Not about You"

Presented by Deacon Marco Argentino. Part of our LAFs offerings. All welcome.

**ARE WE FIGHTING THE RIGHT WAR?** Even though Advent is marked in this country by millions of Catholics, Lutherans, Episcopalians and many other Christians, it's almost invisible in media coverage and cultural celebrations. Advent has become a profit-seeking period for retailers who would have us believe that the Christmas season begins in early fall or even late summer, as they exploit the themes of generosity and hospitality, and turn Advent into a frenzied orgy of consumerism, in anticipation of upcoming gift-exchange extravaganza - that "ends" on December 25. Even Advent calendars feature snow scenes or reminders that Santa is on his way, but rarely reflect religious themes. The war is not on Christmas, but on Advent. It is sad that Christians have become unwitting captives to this consumerism, demanding that this 'season' of over-consumption be done in Christ's name alone. As liturgical Christians, let us begin our Advent journey next weekend as a penitential time of preparation, reflection and prayer, as we wait, in joyful hope, for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord and the promise of His second coming.

The Christmas season begins on December 25 and continues for 12 days. May God grant you a blessed, and fruitful Advent Season!

**FABRIQUE AND H.O. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DEC. 14, 2014, 12 PM**

All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens and Helping Others Committee members on Dec. 14 after the 11 a.m. Mass. All parishioners of full age (18yrs), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. (Act Respecting Fabriques). Info: 514-626-4111.