

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014



Happy Anniversary Deacon Marco on the occasion of your fifth anniversary of ordination to the diaconate for December 4. Thank you for your generous and devoted service at Becket. May God bless you and all your family, and may you find joy and peace in your ministry!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 07

(L) indicates living intention

Saturday	Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Jack Fitzgerald	Marjorie Duguay
Sunday	Nov. 30	
9:00 am	Fabio Iannantuono	Franco Iannantuono
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Dec. 01	
8:30 am	James Fraties	Lise Emsley
Tues.	Dec. 02	
8:30 am	Jenny Carberry-Gortler & Alfonse Gortler	Crystal
Wed.	Dec. 03	
8:30 am	Conjetta Tilli	family
Thurs.	Dec. 04	
8:30 am	Mary Alexander	Atwell D'Souza & family
Friday	Dec. 05	
8:30 a.m.	Alex & Helen Traff & daughter & Helen SNJM	Marjorie Duguay
Saturday	Dec. 06	Second Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Michalina Nowak-Krawczyk Fernandes	Marion & Carl
Sunday	Dec. 07	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Thida Buor	The Borrellis

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon	Dec. 01	Is 2: 1-5	Mt 8: 5-11
Tues.	Dec. 02	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10: 21-24
Wed.	Dec. 03	Is 25: 6-10a	Mt 15: 29-37
Thurs.	Dec. 04	Is 26: 1-6	Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Fri.	Dec. 05	Is 29: 17-24	Mt 9: 27-31

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Angela Barlow*, cousin of Margaret Million, *Conjetta Ilaqua*, mother of Giovanna Andreoli, *Yvette Eagle*, *Florence Fernande Garvey*, mother of Pat Empsall.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING: Dec 08 after morning Mass.

ADVENT CANDLES are available for \$8 per box and can be found at the back of the church.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: December 5 is the First Friday of the month. After Mass, you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 pm for exposition and adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 22/23:

Offerings: \$ 4823.00

DONATION ENVELOPES USERS: Your 2015 donation boxes are available at the back of the church – arranged alphabetically by name. Don't have an assigned donation box? Just use the envelopes that are available in the pews, and be sure to make your name and address so we can issue you a tax receipt. If you would like a box of envelopes just call the office and we will prepare one for you. 514-626-4111 ext 226. Alternatively, black boxes for new users will be available on the credenzas after Christmas.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7 (Our Redeemer)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (God is Faithful)

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 (Be Watchful)

Adults: Am I as concerned about my encounter with Christ as I am about my retirement benefits and mortgage payments?

Youth: Will you let Advent be a time for you to get in touch with just how much you need the Lord?

Children: How can I help other children in need during this time of Advent?

CELEBRATE BECKET'S 50TH 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 50th 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

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST: All parishioners are invited to participate in our "Keep Christ in Christmas Contest" Pick up details in the church or on the parish website. Deadline Dec. 19.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/ FATHER STEPHEN FAREWELL: Sign up for our annual Santa/St. Nicholas breakfast which takes place on **Sunday, December 14 at noon**, in the parish hall. Santa will give gifts to all the children, we will sing Happy Birthday to Jesus & enjoy a hot breakfast. Fr. Stephen Diraviam will join us as a special guest as we offer our thanks and best wishes to him on his new assignment at Holy Family Parish, in the Diocese of St. Jerome. Space is limited RSVP Lorne Flavelle 514-6230-1156 or lorneflavelle@hotmail.com

SQUIRES AND SQUIRE ROSES Becket is in the process of forming a youth group of Squires – boys aged 10 to 18, and Squire Roses – girls aged 10 to 18, with parents to act as advisors. This new program will include sports, volunteer work, retreats & religious activities. Contact Knight Daniel Murphy after Mass or at 514-993-0692 or email mooseandsquirrel@live.ca

FAITH FIRST - UPCOMING GATHERINGS:

Confirmation Gathering #3: Tuesday, December 9

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 30th at 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We invite you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donations". Write on the envelope: name of *your loved one* (memorial) along with *your name* (donor). Please include your parish envelope number if applicable. Drop your envelope in the Christmas flower donation box at the holy water font. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

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. All welcome.

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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who came out to help clean the church on November 15. Becket is a big church to clean, and your hard work is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Couples for Christ and all the Faith First families for giving up your Saturday morning to help out. God bless!

RAY OF HOPE TREE: Benedict Labre House, a day centre for the homeless of Montreal needs our help. Benedict Labre House will be serving Christmas dinner to approximately 250 homeless people and are once again asking for our donations of small gifts to be given during the dinner. Pick a tag off the Ray of Hope Tree that is in Sanctuary and purchase the item listed on the tag. Place the gift in a gift bag and attach the tag from the tree, so we know what is in the bag. (Do not wrap gifts please.) Then place the gift under the tree. Deadline for drop off: Dec. 14. Thank you and God bless.

HELPING OTHERS NEWS: Thank you to all the parishioners who filled out the Helping Others survey. In order of importance, you have asked that your donations be directed as follows: 1.hunger relief; 2. homelessness solutions; 3.shelter for the abused; 4. aid for those with disabilities; 5. hospice/ palliative care; 6. emergency disaster relief; 7. treatment of addictions; 8. support for refugees; 9. Education. Overwhelmingly you have asked that we send your money to local charities, then for needs across Canada, and finally for needs in foreign countries. In addition there were many great suggestions for future consideration such as Aboriginal community support, needy seniors, clean water, and religious communities.

ADVENT is a time of reflection and of waiting, when we prepare ourselves for the great feast of Christmas. A good confession is a great way to prepare ourselves spiritually, and to make place in our hearts for the Lord. Below is the schedule of Advent Reconciliations here at Becket and around the West Island.

West Island Advent Reconciliation Schedule		
Saint Thomas à Becket	Dec. 06	10:00 am - 12 noon
Saint Luke's	Dec. 11	7:00 pm
Saint Veronica	Dec. 13	10:30 am – 12 noon
Mary Queen of Peace	Dec. 14	3:00 pm
Saint Edmund	Dec. 17	7:30 pm