

*Second Sunday
of Advent
December 07, 2014*



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 06 TO DECEMBER 14

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Saturday	Dec. 06	Second Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Michalina Nowak-Krawczyk	Marion & Carl Fernandes
Sunday	Dec. 07	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Thida Buor	The Borrellis
Monday	Dec. 08	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8:30 am	Helen D'Silva	family
Tues.	Dec. 09	
8:30 am	Conjetta Tilli	family
Wed.	Dec. 10	
8:30 am	Cyril Rebeiro, Jane & George D'Lima	D'Lima family
Thurs.	Dec. 11	
8:30 am	Cyril Rebeiro	Anne Gosnell
Friday	Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 a.m.	Caterina & Cecelia Bozzi & family	Rina Della Rocca
Saturday	Dec. 13	Third Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm	Our parishioners	
Sunday	Dec. 14	
9:00 am	Pierre Alarie	family
11:00 am	Luciano Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of December 07: Caterina Valela requested by Yolande & Pat Di Marco & family.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon	Dec. 08	Gn 3: 9-15 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12	Lk 1: 26-38
Tues.	Dec. 09	Is 40: 1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed.	Dec. 10	Is 40: 25-31	Mt 11: 28-30
Thurs.	Dec. 11	Is 41:13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Fri.	Dec. 12	Zec2: 14-17	Lk 1: 26-38

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Yvette Eagle, Florence Fernande Garvey, mother of Pat Empsall.*

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 29/30:

Offerings:	\$ 6,751.20
Building Fund:	\$ 1,992.00

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Dec. 9 - Catholic Women's League
Christmas luncheon at Riccardos, 4071 St. Jean Blvd. D.D.O. Please RSVP
Shirley at 514-626-4002.

DONATION ENVELOPES USERS: Your 2015 donation boxes are available at the back of the church. If you do not have an assigned box, you can use the envelopes that are available in the pews. Be sure to mark your name and address so we can issue you a tax receipt. Make sure to pick up a blank box for new users in the New Year. Info: 514-626-4111 ext 226.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (A Voice Cries Out)
Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14 (New Heavens and a New Earth)
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (Make Straight the Paths of the Lord)

Adults: What habits have I formed that need adjustment in order to prepare for Christ's coming?

Youth: Of all the messages that you send and receive, how many reflect the Good News of our redemption?

Children: If Jesus were coming to my house, how would I get ready?

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

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 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. 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." Join us as we explore the second and third paths to holiness: "Knowing you're a Sinner" "Realizing your Life is Not about You". Presented by Deacon Marco Argentino.

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.

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.

WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR at the St. Thomas à Becket Annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on Wednesday Dec. 31, at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a gourmet catered meal Chicken Masala 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 or tickets. Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898.

PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS NEEDED! We need volunteer parking lot attendants to help direct traffic during Christmas Eve Masses. Any parishioner aged 15+ wishing to volunteer, please contact Gisele at 514-626-2698.

ADVENT WREATH: An Advent wreath is not just a pleasant seasonal decoration but is meant to be a visual reminder of the coming of Christ. The season of Advent is not intended to be a merry four-week celebration of Christmas. Christmas is celebrated for 12 days – beginning December 25. The season of Advent is an echo of Israel's deep longing for the promised Messiah, a time of muted joy as we wait for Christmas. The advent wreath blends the themes of penitence and joy as we focus on the four comings or "advents" of Christ, represented by the four candles: the prophecies, His birth, His presence with us today, and His Second Coming. The advent candles call forth the memories of the contrast between the darkness of sin, and the rich messianic promise that God's people will see a "great light". In addition, an advent wreath should not be trimmed with ribbons or any other decoration that would distract from the symbolism. If you use an advent wreath, make sure someone is always supervising while the candles are lit! May God bless you with a joyful and fruitful Advent season.

West Island Advent Reconciliation Schedule

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