

**March 01, 2015**

**Second Sunday  
of Lent**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 8. Remember to turn your clocks *forward* one hour on Saturday night, March 7, before you go to bed.

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 08**

(L) indicates a living intention

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 pm	Conjetta Tilli	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 01</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Dorotea, Giuseppe & Vito Marcario	Rina Della Rocca
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 02</b>	
8:30 am	Maria & Luigi Reda	Rina Reda & family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 03</b>	
8:30 am	Luigi, Rosina, Edda & Francesco Reda	Rina Reda & family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 04</b>	
8:30 am	Roland Trepanier	P. Trepanier
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 05</b>	
8:30 am	Emile Chiz	Marjorie Duguay
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 06</b>	<b>First Friday</b>
8:30 am	Lily Szoke	Jane Walton
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 07</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 08</b>	
9:00 am	Emil Chiz	Franciscan Fraternity of St. Francis and St. Clare
11:00 am	Arthur Bourgeois	Gisele Cormier & family

**SANCTUARY LAMP** Week of March 01: Luciano Romano, requested by the Rivera family.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 21/22**

Offerings: \$ 5585.00  
Building Fund: \$ 4124.89

**PARISH LOGO:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee is looking for a logo that represents our Parish of St. Thomas à Becket for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Please submit your designs by March 15 to mikerinacallard@sympatico.ca. The winner will be announced by Easter, April 5.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

**Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34**

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**

**Adults:** Am I willing to spend some dedicated time “apart” with Jesus in prayer during Lent, waiting for whatever God wishes to reveal to me?

**Youth:** Jesus seems to ask a lot of his disciples. The sacrifices he asks of us can seem overwhelming. Are we sometimes like St. Peter who once wondered aloud if it was really worth it? (Matt 19:27) Jesus says that whenever our motive is right — when our labor and sacrifice are for his name’s sake — we will be rewarded. Do not be afraid!

**Children:** When I pray to Jesus, do I also try to be still and listen to what he is saying in my heart?

### FAITH FIRST:

Upcoming Events:

Confirmation Reconciliation Celebration: Saturday, March 14 from 10am-noon.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** Stew, salmon, ham, tomato paste, instant coffee, muffin mix, toothpaste, shampoo, dish soap. Thank you for your generosity.

**JOINT PARISH MISSION** with *St. Luke, St. Thomas à Becket* and *Jesus Light of the World*. **March 26, 27, 28.** What Does Your Heart Desire? with Michael Dopp.

Leading up to our Lenten Mission, we will offer a reflection question each week: Today in the Gospel, God says, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him!” Does my heart desire to listen to God’s Beloved Son, Jesus? What are the obstacles in my life that keep me from answering, “Yes”?

**THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?** Consider attending a diocesan-wide Lenten Mission with fellow parishioners. Lent is a chance to renew our faith. In addition to fasting and giving alms, we are invited to pray and reflect. This year, all English-speaking parishes have the chance to do so together at a diocesan-wide Lenten Mission on **March 17-18-19**. The mission is all about The Catholic Faith and You! The preacher is Bishop Thomas Dowd, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal. All evenings begin at 7 p.m. at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, 11775 Filion, Montreal.

**BECKET SQUIRES NEWS:** St. Thomas à Becket is proud to announce, that 12 young men began their journey as Columbian Squires last weekend and more are expressing an interest in joining our ranks. The future of our parish looks amazing. A special thanks goes to our Knights of Columbus council, for their support and for serving a warm and welcoming celebratory lunch. As well as our brothers from St. Brendan’s parish, for helping us with our first investiture ceremony.



### WORLD YOUTH DAY - KRAKÓW 2016 Info

Session: Any youth already signed-up for or interested in participating in this wonderful pilgrimage are invited to come to an info session on **Sunday, March 8 after the 11am mass in Cahill Hall**. Info: Fr. Tijo at 514-626-411 ext 232.

**BECKET ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** March 09 in Cahill hall after morning Mass. New members welcome.

**††† WEST ISLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE †††**

St. John Fisher	March 07, 10:30 am – noon.
St. Veronica:	March 14, 10:30 am – noon.
St. Luke:	March 27 (during Lenten Mission evening).
Jesus Light of the World	TBA
St. Edmund:	March 25, 7:00 pm

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who have died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

*Mary Josephine Harty*, mother of Msgr Harty; *Germain Demers*, father of Robert demers; *Marian Niznik*, father of Marianne Barillaro; *Giulio Mazzilli*, husband of Anne Marie Mazzilli.

**DISCOVER GOD SPEAKING TO YOU IN THE SILENCE OF YOUR HEART**

Montreal Retreats offers a spiritual retreat weekend during this Lenten season - a time of graced silence and prayer which allows you to re-center your life on God and to deal prayerfully with current life issues. Weekend of March 13-15, 2015 at La Maison de Prière in Longueuil. Cost: \$130 (includes meals and lodging.) For more information, call Paul Empsall (514) 626-9462, or go to our website: [www.montrealretreats.org](http://www.montrealretreats.org)

**CALLING ALL HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES** and families considering homeschooling. I am starting a Montreal Catholic homeschooling social group where children and parents can socialize and at the same time be with families who practice the same faith! Parents will benefit from the support and encouragement of fellow homeschooling parents while the children meet new friends. This initiative has the support of Bishop Thomas Dowd and our very own homeschool chaplain, Fr. Gilles Suprenant. Contact Cathy at [cathcerisano@hotmail.com](mailto:cathcerisano@hotmail.com) or call at [514-624-1562](tel:514-624-1562) for more information.

**NO NEED TO THROW OUT THE CHOCOLATE, BOOZE, AND CARBS...**

Pope Francis has a different idea for fasting this year. According to Francis, fasting must never become superficial. He quotes the early Christian mystic John Chrysostom who said: "No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." This is not to downplay the role of sacrifice during the Lenten season. But Francis reminds us that these activities must truly enrich others: "I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." So, if we're going to fast from anything this Lent, Francis suggests that even more than candy or alcohol, we fast from indifference towards others.

In his annual Lenten message, the pope writes, "Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience." "What are you giving up for Lent?" It's a question a lot of people have heard the last few days. If you want to change your body, perhaps alcohol and carbs are the way to go. But if you want to change your heart, a harder fast is needed. This narrow road is gritty, but it isn't sterile. It will make room in ourselves to experience a love that can make us whole and set us free.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

during weekend Masses or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick:** by appointment

**Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration:**

First Friday of the month

**Benediction:** Fridays after morning Mass

**Baptism:** Please contact the office

**Marriage:** Please contact the office one year in advance

**Vocations:** Please contact our Priests or Deacon for more information.

**R.C.I.A.:** Deacon Marco Argentino