



# Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: APRIL 09 TO APRIL 17

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 09</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
4:30 pm	Italo Falcone		Adamo, Sabrina, Danielle
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 10</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Maria Del Carmen Esposito-Ojeda		Joe Ojeda & family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 11</b>		
8:30 am	Aldo De Gregorio		family
7:15 pm	Antonio Pan		Becket Wardens & staff
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Apr. 12</b>		
8:30 am	Thomas O'Grady & Lucy Sheehan		Walter & Irwin O'Grady
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Apr. 13</b>		
8:30 am	Mr & Mrs. L. Johnson		family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Apr. 14</b>		
8:30 am	Jennie Gortler		Richard Gortler
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Apr. 15</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Crisanto Buan		family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr. 16</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
4:30 pm	Mrs. H. Drago		Mervyn & Cynthia
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr. 17</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Marian Bondyra		Marco & Line Argentino & family

### SANCTUARY LAMP

#### Week of:

Apr. 10: Madeline Obregon, requested by Maria de Milo.

Apr. 17: TBA

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 02/03:

Offerings: \$ 4,431.65

Next special collection: April 24 – Building Fund

**INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE:** New series offer by Fr. Tijo George – April 14, 19 & 26. 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm each evening. In Cahill hall. All welcome.

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** are offered in Cahill hall after Tuesday morning Mass. All welcome.

## FAITH FIRST

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Level 3 (SP3, SP4) #3: Tuesday April 12th

Level 4 (SP4, SP5) #3: Thursday April 14th

Confirmation Gathering #6: Tuesday April 19th

## 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE NEWS

**Fr Stephen Otvos** will preach at the 4:30 pm Mass on **Saturday April 16** and at the **9 and 11am** Masses on **Sunday April 17**. Welcome Fr. Stephen!



**SPRING FAMILY DANCE** Saturday April 30, 7:30pm. Music for every generation. BYOBeverage \$7.50/person. Children 15 and under free

**THE MANY FACES OF BECKET PROJECT:** Have you been a part of Becket's 50 years? Share your memories and experiences. Help write Becket's history through your stories! Go to <http://becket.ca> => 50th jubilee page or <http://becket.ca/faces.php> to learn more

**VISIT TO HOLY DOOR IN QUEBEC CITY:** St. Thomas à Becket Parish will make a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in Quebec City on **Saturday, April 23** Bus leaves becket at 6:00 a.m. \$55.00 includes bus, lunch, taxes & tips. Call Vita Lewis 514-694-1118 or Theresa Santiago 514-696-0218 for more information.

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE** - Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! By June 2016, the government of Canada is expected to have amended the criminal code and will pass legislation to legalize physician assisted suicide throughout Canada. Although physician-assisted suicide has been legal in Quebec since 2014, physicians who object to euthanasia are required to refer to a hospital official. However, doctors with conscience objections consider referral, even to a third party, to be a type of participation.

Catholics are encouraged to visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) and support the Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience. Please visit the website above to contact your MP and MNA directly.

In more positive news, on March 30, 2016, the St. Raphael Palliative Care Home and Day Centre signed a 75-year lease with the Archdiocese of Montreal officially securing access to the property of the old St. Raphael church.

For St. Raphael's, this marks a significant milestone towards the realization of its project to build and operate a 12-bed palliative care home and the first palliative care day centre in Montreal. Renovation of the old church is expected to begin during 2016.

**BECKET'S 2016 MARRIAGE JUBILEE:** Is your wedding anniversary this year divisible by five? Join us at our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Jubilee on **April 22 & 23**. Sign up after all Masses starting April 2 or call Rina at 514-695-6995.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** tinned fruit, stew, ham; tea, laundry detergent. Thank you for your generosity!

**POSTPONED: “LIVING THE EUCHARIST”** - Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. With Elizabeth Koessler. Stay tuned for new date.

**STUDENTS SEEKING SUMMER WORK:** Any businesses that would like to hire students over the summer months are asked to contact the parish office at 514-626-4111.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS, CAR BLESSINGS, VISITS TO THE SICK:** Fr. Peter and Fr. Tijo are available for special blessings. Fr. Peter can be reached at 514-626-4111 ext 225, and Fr. Tijo can be reached at 514-626-4111 ext 232.



**THE ENGLISH WRITER C. S. LEWIS** described his conversion to Christianity as being “surprised by joy.” Lewis had a very particular understanding of joy, which he carefully distinguished from both happiness and pleasure. Joy comes with the satisfaction of our deepest desires. Joy is what we long for always and rarely find. It is the experience of genuine unity and harmony with the world around us. It is the intimate connection with a person that makes us feel whole and complete as human beings.

The history of Christianity can be said to begin with joy — the greeting of the angel to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for behold I proclaim to you news of great joy” (Lk. 2:10). And, of course, the most profound experience of joy is found in the Easter mystery — Jesus’ victory over sin and death in the Resurrection. Here the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and in Jerusalem and Galilee, encounter the Risen Lord and find their deepest longings fulfilled and their hearts burning within them.

The Oxford Dictionary defines joy as “vivid pleasure arising from a sense of well-being or satisfaction.” We might say that it is the opposite of restless anxiety or fear. Joy fills the emptiness in the pit of our stomachs. It causes us to feel that our unnamed fears are groundless. Joy counteracts our tendency to be constantly worried and depressed about the sad state of affairs the world has come to (again). Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, like the saints throughout Christian history, like C. S. Lewis and countless other lost souls who are restless and filled with longing, joy takes us by surprise. We are amazed by the grace of God that comforts us and fills our hearts with peace.

Why, then, are so many of us Christians still lost? Why is there so much bitterness and anxiety among us? Why do we still feel desperate and afraid? Why do we bicker and quarrel among ourselves? Have we forgotten the hope we received at Christmas? Have we lost all sense of Easter joy?

The fear and anxiety we Christians feel today stems from a lack of faith. Like the disciples, we fail to comprehend how God works in our world — bringing light into our darkness and healing into our brokenness. And we fail to listen for the “stronger voice of faith” among all the negative messages of doubt and despair in our world today.

Christians in the 21st century (as in every age) have been given the gift of joy. We have experienced, in a provisional way, what it means to be fully satisfied, to know lasting peace and to find true love. We are called to be stewards of the joy we have received in Christ — to nurture and develop it and to share it generously with others.

This Easter season, let us be joyful stewards of the gift of faith. Let us celebrate the Lord’s resurrection by being grateful, generous & responsible stewards of the Mystery of God’s love, which has saved us and set us free. Amen. ©Dan Conway