

*The Twenty-First  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 21, 2016*



**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 20 TO AUGUST 28**

(L) indicates a living intention

N.B. Monday evening Mass (7:15 p.m.) will resume at Becket on September 05.

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>Aug. 20</b> Deceased members of the Marolly & Rodrigues families	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Clayton & Maureen
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>Aug. 21</b> Our Parishioners Maria Manzo De Notaris	Marco & Line Argentino & family
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>Aug. 22</b> Emidio Campanella	his mother
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>Aug. 23</b> Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>Aug. 24</b> Mr. & Mrs. L. Johnson	<b>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</b> family
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>Aug. 25</b> Zoran Mijatovch	Anna Donald
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>Aug. 26</b> Michael & Augustin Rizk (L)	Nashwa Riskulbos
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>Aug. 27</b> Thomas O'Grady & Lucy Sheehan	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Walter & Irwin O'Grady
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>Aug. 28</b> Our parishioners Catherine Bampadde	Mike Shaw

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**Week of:**

Aug. 21: *Rufina Pineda*, requested by her family.

Aug. 28: *Rufina Pineda* and *Lu Chite*, requested by family.

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

*Jack Scimone*, husband of Mary Scimone

*Peggy Scully*, friend of Donna Ellis

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS – AUGUST 13/14**

Offerings: \$ 4,580.50 Religious Education: \$ 1,130.00

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

**50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE SUMMER BBQ** hosted by the Becket Social Club. **Sunday August 28 after the 11 am Mass.** Burgers, Hot Dogs, Games, 50/50. Tickets \$5.00/person. Children 3 and under free. For tickets or more info call Rina @ 514-915-7586



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER GALA.** Friday October 14, 6:30 pm. Olympia Reception Hall (boul. St. Jean) Tickets \$70.00/person. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Rina @ 514-915-7586 or [50th@becket.ca](mailto:50th@becket.ca)

## FAITH FIRST NEWS

**LATE REGISTRATION** is still open until September for the 2016-2017 year. **NEW Families:** If your child is entering Grade One this fall (or in any grade up to Sec. III) and you would like them to receive religious education as well as prepare for their sacraments, please go to our website for more information and to register online: [becket.ca](http://becket.ca) --> Faith First--> Program Info

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21 (Gathering Nations)**

**Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (The Discipline of the Lord)**

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 (The Narrow Gate)**

**Adult:** Taking up our daily cross, dying to self, and living for the sake of others is how we enter the narrow gate and how we get to know Jesus intimately enough to receive salvation. How have you been called to live and act like Jesus?

**Youth:** Becoming least is a metaphor for dying to self. How can I respond to Jesus invitation to put others ahead of myself?

**Children:** What habits are you practising in order to be a good Christian?

## AN INVITATION TO THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

All couples considering marriage (whether currently engaged or not) are encouraged to learn how to lay the foundation for a relationship that will last a lifetime. The Marriage Preparation Course is ideal for couples who wish to discover more about themselves, and married life, before the day they say "I do!" The key to having a great marriage is not finding the right spouse, but being the right spouse! You are invited to join us over five weekly sessions, in a welcoming and relaxed home setting in Kirkland, on Thursday evenings, starting Sep 15, ending Oct 20.

There is absolutely no group work and all discussions remain completely private between you and your partner.

The fee for the course is \$50.00 per couple.

To register, or for more information, please contact Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, or at [kahndyra@sympatico.ca](mailto:kahndyra@sympatico.ca).

**BECKET CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is taking registration this weekend and next. Choir begins weekend of Sept 10/11. Please see the sign-up sheet and schedule in the Narthex.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** Baby items for newborn (due in November) and maternity clothes. Tinned fruits, and vegetables (green/yellow beans, creamed corn), stew, salmon, ham, chicken turkey, Prem/Kam, rice, rice mix, tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, tomato juice, KD, jam, jello pudding, juice, coffee, tea, peanut butter, crackers, cookies, shampoo, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent. Thank you very much for your continued support!

**THE ST. THOMAS à BECKET BOWLING LEAGUE** is looking for bowlers. We bowl Friday nights from September until May at 7 p.m. We are a fun group and if you would like to join us you can call Trudy McKinnon at 438-257-1033.

**ST. LUKE'S PARISH** will host an outdoor Multicultural Festival on Sept. 11. EVERYONE is invited to join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Admission is free. Entertainment (from 10 a.m.) by talented dance and singing groups, snacks and beverages available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are required if you wish to sample a variety of sumptuous ethnic dishes. (Italian, Indian, Mauritian, Latino and six others) and participate in a draw for door prizes. Special activities (and hot dogs) for children. Cost: \$10 for adults; \$7 for children under 12 and seniors 65 and over. \$30 for a family of two adults and any number of children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office 514-684-6488 weekdays, 8:30-12:00/1:00 - 4:00 or at the parking lot entrance to the church following weekend Masses. Info: Rosa Lam, 514 -908-7658.

### **SHOULD CATHOLICS FOLLOW THEIR CONSCIENCE?**



It's true: the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says quite plainly, "Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters" (CCC 1782). This teaching is at the heart of what it means to have free will.

But that doesn't mean that our conscience is free from all responsibility or can be ignorant of God's law. This is what the Catechism refers to as having a "well-formed conscience."

The Catechism assigns great responsibility to a person's conscience: "Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil... It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking" (CCC 1777).

In other words, our conscience isn't just "what we feel is right", it's what we judge to be right based on what we know of the teachings of God and Church. And in order to make that judgment, we have a responsibility to study and pray over these teachings very carefully. The Catechism has a section dedicated entirely to the careful formation of our conscience—that's how important it is in making right decisions.

And in the end, whether right or wrong, we're still held accountable for our actions: "Conscience enables one to assume responsibility for the acts performed" (CCC 1781). When properly formed, it helps us to see when we've done wrong and require forgiveness of our sins.

By seeking a fully-formed conscience, we actually experience great freedom, because we're drawing closer to God's infinite Truth. It's not a burden or something that keeps us from doing what we want; it's a guide to help us do what is right. "The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart" (CCC 1784).

~ Deal Hudson