

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 09, 2016



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY ST. THOMAS à BECKET PARISH!

On October 11, we will mark our 50th anniversary as a parish community. Through the tremendous generosity and sacrifice of our first parishioners, Becket has grown from a small mission of English-speaking Catholics, who once gathered for Mass in sister parishes and school gymnasiums, into the largest English-speaking parish in the West Island of Montreal. In 1966, the Archdiocese of Montreal recognized the need for a new parish for the English-speaking Catholics of the West Island allowing us to build the church we now have. Our 50th anniversary celebrations throughout this year have been an opportunity for all members of the community to reflect upon the many blessings God has bestowed on our parish, and the many obstacles we have overcome. On this Thanksgiving weekend, we take the opportunity to express our thankful appreciation to every single person who contributes to the life and vitality of St. Thomas à Becket Parish. Thanks to all for enriching us with your simple presence. You are God's precious gift. You are a blessing to us. May Our Lord continue to bless and guide us, and especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, to help us witness the enduring Love and Mercy of the Father.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: OCT. 08 TO OCT. 16

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| Saturday | Oct. 08 | Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 4:30 pm | Pierre Perri | Rosemarie & Joe Furino |
| Sunday | Oct. 09 | |
| 9:00 am | Our Parishioners | |
| 11:00 am | Jim Martin | Fr. Mike Shaw |
| Monday | Oct. 10 | |
| 8:30 am | Peggy Scully | Donna Ellis |
| Tuesday | Oct. 11 | |
| 8:30 am | Jeannie Rush | Kathleen & Tom Heald |
| Wednesday | Oct. 12 | |
| 8:30 am | Jack Scimone | Mary Scimone |
| Thursday | Oct. 13 | |
| 8:30 am | Armando & Emidio Campanella | Family |
| Friday | Oct. 14 | |
| 8:30 am | Ricardo, Javier, Evangelina & Benjamin Alvina | The Buor family |
| Saturday | Oct. 15 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 4:30 pm | Maria Braunwell | The Rosary Group |
| Sunday | Oct. 16 | |
| 9:00 am | Enrico Insogna | His wife |
| 11:00 am | Our Parishioners | |

NB Monday evening Mass has been cancelled until further notice.

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

MONICA MALLAIS, wife of Cedric Mallais

GLEN DOYLE, husband of Carrie, father of Maureen, Dennis and Brian.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Oct. 09: *Benny Kiley*, requested by Ron & Barb Kiley

Oct. 16: *In thanksgiving* from Clayton & Maureen Marolly

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS OF OCTOBER 01/02

Offerings: \$ 5, 248.00

Next special collection: October 16: World Mission Sunday

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR 2016 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Our annual collection for World Mission Sunday will take place October 15/16, 2016. In his message, on the theme Missionary Church, Witness of Mercy, the Holy Father "invites us to consider the *missio ad gentes* as a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material. On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to 'go out' as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family." See the Pope's full message here: <http://tinyurl.com/jkrohdj>

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ALIVE The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ("RCIA") begins on **Wednesday, October 12 at 7 pm.**



Learn what we believe as Catholics and why. For all who want to deepen their faith, especially those thinking of becoming Catholic or who are not yet Confirmed. Join Fr.

Peter Sabbath and Fr. Tijo George and their team and learn in an open atmosphere of discussion, prayer and friendship. No charge, no obligation. Contact Fr. Peter at (514) 626-4111 or at psabbath@gmail.com

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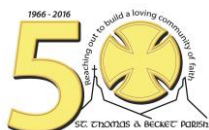
50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

Join us for our 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner with special guest Archbishop Christian Lepine.

Friday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 pm

Olympia Reception Hall, D.D.O.

Tickets \$70, on sale at all Masses.



Celebrate the last 50 years of our history with fellow parishioners!

Info: Dawn & Gerry Richardson 514 694-2984.

FAITH FIRST

Registration for 2016-2017 is now closed. Thank you to all who registered!

Upcoming Gatherings:

Confirmation gathering #1 **Tuesday, Oct. 11**

Level 1/2 gathering #1 **Friday, Oct. 14**

THE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR will be held on **Oct 29-30, 2016**. To reserve a table or for further information, please contact Gina Robertson at 514-626-3648.

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS – a weekend workshop, given by Fr. Ben St. Croix, Companions of the Cross. Friday, Oct. 14 (7-9 pm – registration at 6:30 pm) - & Saturday, Oct. 15 (9 am – 3 pm) - St. David's Parish Hall, 12450 Rue Gascon, Pierrefonds. There is no charge – a free will offering will be appreciated. Tea, coffee and water will be available – you must bring a bag lunch on Saturday. For more information and to reserve please call Hal Horwood – 450-621-6775, Lorraine Pecus 450-445-0372 or Gerry MacKay 514-626-8081.

50th ANNIVERSARY MASS – OCTOBER 16TH 11:00 AM
Please join us as we celebrate the golden jubilee of St. Thomas à Becket Parish
October 16th at 11:00 am.
Celebrant: Archbishop Christian Lepine.
Wine and Cheese reception to follow in parish hall

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: fruit, gravy, canned ham, prem, tomato juice, rice, crackers, tea, jam, cookies, cake/muffin mix bars of soap, toilet tissue, dish soap, laundry detergent, tomato paste.

MONTREAL CHALLENGE WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

All youth ages 18 to 30 are invited to learn, to share and to grow in faith. Through worship, music, prayer, youth testimonies, sharing, discussions, and games. November 11 to 13 (Friday 7pm to Sunday 5pm) Sacred Heart School, Montreal (Guy-Concordia Metro Station) \$60 Financial assistance available.
www.montrealchallenge.ca or contact outreach@montrealchallenge.ca

HELP THE HOMELESS PEOPLE OF MONTREAL!

The Angels of Mercy is a charity that delivers soup, sandwiches, warm clothing and toiletries to our less fortunate brothers & sisters of Montreal. We never have enough volunteers, so if you have two hours a month to help out, why not join the Angels of Mercy team? On behalf of our homeless people, we thank you and encourage you to visit our website: www.helpfeedthehomeless.org
Info: Catherine at 514-684-1606 or catherinelemieux@bell.net



REFLECTION ON SILENCE

Christ's cross does not only portray Jesus' silence as the final word of the Father, but reveals that God also speaks through silence. In this sense, it is an experience that says a lot about the human condition, because even after hearing, recognizing the Word of God, we must measure ourselves against God's silence, which is an important expression of the divine Word.

Listening to silence is particularly difficult in our times which are not conducive to recollection and seem to be afraid to break away for a moment from

the river of words that fill our days. This is why it is important to educate ourselves about the value of silence and rediscover inner silence and recollection: Silence helps us to dig deep into the inner space of ourselves, to allow it to be inhabited by God, so that His word remains in us, so that love for him is rooted in our minds and our hearts and animates our lives.

The liturgy must be full of moments of silence and nonverbal embrace. Even God remains silent during human prayer. In these moments, we feel a sense of abandonment; it seems God is not listening to us or responding to us. But this silence on God's part, as shown in Jesus' crucifixion, does not mean He is absent. Christians are well aware that the Lord is present and listens, even in the darkness of suffering, rejection and solitude. This apparent lack of answers is paradoxical for people of today who are often concerned about the operational effectiveness and results that we achieve, the prayer of Jesus means that we need to stop, to live moments of intimacy with God, detaching ourselves from the hustle of every day, to listen, to go to the root that sustains and nourishes life.

~ Pope Benedict XVI