



Second Sunday of Advent

December 04,
2016

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 03 TO DEC. 11

(L) indicates a living intention

Saturday	Dec. 03	Second Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Ken Doran Sr.		Mary & Guy Taillon
Sunday	Dec. 04		
9:00 am	Marino Argentin		Dawn & Gerry Richardson
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Dec. 05		
8:30 am	Kathleen Rush (L)		Rina Reda
Tuesday	Dec. 06		
8:30 am	Mary Whyte (L)		Rina Reda
Wednesday	Dec. 07		
8:30 am	Cecilia & Caterina Mossa		Rina Della Rocca
Thursday	Dec. 08	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:30 am	Ken Doran		The Doran family
Friday	Dec. 09		
8:30 am	Guy Guerette		Joy Vinson
Saturday	Dec. 10	Third Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Deceased members of the Coelho & Menezes family		
Sunday	Dec. 11		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Marino Argentin		Becket's Knights of Columbus

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who have died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Euford Sawyers*, brother of Jasmine Eames; *Angelo Furtado* father of Bob Furtado, godfather of Angelo Ribeiro; *Vera Lopez Ammon*, wife of the late Dr. Robert Ammon and mother of Robin Maloney.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Nov. 27: *Gerry MacDonald*, requested by Reda & family.

Dec. 04: *Marino Argentin*, Becket's Knights of Columbus.

FAITH FIRST

Confirmation gathering #3: **Tuesday, December 6**

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: stew, ham, vegetables, fruit, salmon, tomato paste, gravy, juice, KD, coffee, tea, jam, muffin/cake mix, crackers, jello/pudding mix, toothpaste, shampoo. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS:

Nov. 26/27 Offerings: \$ 4,867.50 Building Fund: \$ 1,709.00

RAY OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE: As we prepare our homes to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus let us remember those who are less fortunate. **Until December 10** we will be collecting gifts for Benedict Labre House. Please take a tag from our giving tree, purchase the item, wrap, place the tag on gift (for identification) then place the gift under the tree **by December 10**. Want to shop early? Tags will have the following suggestions:

Back packs, toques/hats, gloves, warm underwear (men and women), socks, deodorant, razors, feminine hygienic products, chocolates, used sleeping bags.

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 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 church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

KNITPICKERS' UPDATE Once again, the MUHC has reached out to our group and asked for lap blankets. It appears that there are several patients in the Montreal Neuro who will not be receiving a gift of any kind, while they are hospitalized over the upcoming Christmas season. Our group has stepped up and provided 67 blankets and 49 chemo hats for the CanSupport centre as well. Our work is ongoing and in great demand because the need is never-ending. We appreciate any yarn that you may find in your closets (or elsewhere!), as every bit helps. Thank you for supporting us these past four years. Info: Elizabeth Barroso 514-626-4111 ext 223.

2017 DINNER DANCE Usher in the New Year with family and friends at the St. Thomas à Becket Annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on Saturday Dec. 31, at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the Becket Social Club. Enjoy a gourmet catered meal, Chicken Masala or Grouper, great music & dancing. Tickets available until Dec 27. \$40.00 pp. Meal choice can be ordered at time of ticket purchase. 13 & older, BYOBeverage. Info or tickets: Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898.

THANK YOU SR. BRIEGE AND FR. KEVIN: Our parish mission last week was well-attended and well-received. There was a mix-up with the speakers' books and so they were not available. Here are their best-known titles, easily available online.

Sister Briega McKenna, O.S.C.:

- 1) MIRACLES DO HAPPEN: God Can Do the Impossible
- 2) THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENTS

Father Kevin Scallon, CM:

- 1) I WILL COME MYSELF: Experiencing the Risen Christ
- 2) IS ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU? Family Prayers in Time of Illness

WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls this year on Thursday, December 8. When declaring this doctrine as dogma in 1854, Pope Pius IX, professed, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin," committed by Adam and Eve, which we all carry before baptism. Mary, because of her participation in the plan of salvation, was saved from original sin at the time of her conception in the womb of her mother St. Anne (Jesus' grand--mother). God chose to

bestow on Mary special graces, understandable and proper for the Mother of God.

Unlike us, Mary was saved from sin before she had the opportunity to commit any. This belief does not take away from Jesus' glory as the Saviour of mankind. It only adds to it. It protects the holiness of God to be brought into the world through a woman who herself had been protected from the sin He was sent in the world to redeem. Mary remained without sin her entire life.

~ *Peter Kreeft*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Christmas at Becket 2016

Christmas Eve Masses

Sat. Dec. 24, 4, 6, 8 & 10 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses

Sun. Dec. 25, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

*Holy Hour of Prayer for
God's Peace in the World*

Sat. Dec. 31, 3 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Sat. Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 01, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Sat. Jan. 07, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan 08, 9 & 11 a.m.

*And I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the Kingdom of Heaven, and the name of that river was suffering ...
And I saw the boat which carries souls across the river,
and that name of that boat was love."*

~ *St. John of the Cross*