



# *Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 11,  
2016*

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 10 TO DEC. 18

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
4:30 pm		Deceased members of the Coelho & Menezes family	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>		
9:00 am		Our Parishioners	
11:00 am		Marino Argentin	Becket's Knights of Columbus
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>		
8:30 am		Desmond Marolly	Clayton & Maureen Marolly
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>		
8:30 am		Luciano Della Rocca, Cecilia & Piero Mossa	Rina Della Rocca
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>		
8:30 am		Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>		
8:30 am		Franco Pulice & family (L)	Rina Reda & family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>		
8:30 am		Ralph Pulice (L)	Rina Della Rocca
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
4:30 pm		Marino Argentin	Mary & Guy Taillon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 18</b>		
9:00 am		Anthony & Lira D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
11:00 am		Our Parishioners	

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who have died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: **Angelo Furtado**, father of Angelo, Susanna & Bob, & godfather of Angelo Rebeiro; **John Gregory**, husband of Monique L'Allier, former warden of St. Thomas à Becket parish. **Santiago Garavito**, brother of Amparo and Alicia Garavito

### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

#### **Week of:**

Dec. 11: Madeline Obregon, requested by family

Dec. 18: Alson Mack, requested by the Weller family.

### **FAITH FIRST**

#### **Advent blessing Week 3: Joy**

Dear Jesus, help us keep our focus on You during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy You bring into our lives. We want to find You in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger at Christmas. Amen.

### **BLUE CHRISTMAS - SALT AND LIGHT**

Please join us for a quiet ecumenical service of solace for people who have trouble feeling in the spirit of Christmas. St. Thomas à Becket along with Ste. Genevieve and Roxboro United Churches (with participation and sponsorship by Voluntas) look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday, December 14 at 8:00 pm at St. Thomas à Becket Church Hall. All welcome.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS:**

**Dec. 03/04 Offerings:** \$ 5, 293.50.

**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.

**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, BYOBverage. Info or tickets: Gord 514-421-8699 or Guy 514-887-4898.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED:** An elderly parishioner who lives on Hazelnut needs a drive to church on Sunday mornings. Please contact the office for more information. 514-626-4111.

**FABRIQUE ELECTION NEWS:** Our Fabrique elections took place on December 04. Congratulations to Anna Donald who was elected to a second three-year term, and to Peter Cook who was elected to a three-year term. Peter Cook is a first-time warden at Becket; he has been a member of our parish since 1980, a greeter for 10 years, and a lector for 20 years. Peter previously worked in the fields of science and technology. May our Fabrique members work in joyful and fruitful partnership with Fr. Peter, Fr. Tijo, and our pastoral team and staff, in the administration of our parish. Thank you very much to our outgoing warden Line Argentino for her time and talent in helping us to further the mission of our parish and universal church. May God bless you and your families.

### **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:**

**Universal:** That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization:** That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

## ***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 (New Year's)*

**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, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**



### **REFLECTIONS ON THE ADVENT SEASON**

During this time of longing and waiting for the Lord, we are invited to pray and to ponder the Word of God, but most of all, to become a reflection of the light of Christ, indeed of Christ himself. But we all know how difficult it is to mirror the light of Christ, especially when we have become disillusioned with life, accustomed to the shadowy existence of the world, or grown content with mediocrity and emptiness. Advent reminds us that we must be ready to meet the Lord at any and every

moment of life. Just like a security alarm wakes up a homeowner, Advent wakes up Christians who are in danger of sleeping through their lives.

For what or for whom are we waiting in life? What virtues or gifts are we pray-ing to receive this year? Do we long for healing and reconciliation in broken relationships? What meaning and understanding do we desire to have in the midst of our own darkness, sadness, and mystery? How are we living out our baptismal promises? What qualities of Jesus are we seeking in our own lives this Advent? Many times, the things, qualities, gifts, or people we await give us great insights into who we really are.

This Advent, allow me to suggest that you mend a quarrel. Build peace. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a kind answer even though you would like to respond harshly. Encourage a young person to believe in him/herself. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Make time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Listen more. Apologize if you were wrong. Be kind even if you weren't wrong!

Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine the demands you make on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express gratitude. Go to Church. Stay in Church a little while longer than usual. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it once again. Speak it even more loudly. Speak it quietly. Rejoice, for the Lord is near!

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