



Christmas

December 25,
2016

Oh Holy Night

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 24 TO JAN. 01

(L) indicates a living intention

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday	Dec. 24	
4:00 pm	Susan De Souza	Edward D'Souza & family
4:00 pm (Hall)	Ken Doran	Kathleen & Tom
6:00 pm	Maria Rosario & Maria Aurora Soler	Robertson family
8:00 pm	Garry & Terry Hayes	Claire Hayes & family
10:00 pm	Sean Richardson	Gerry, Dawn & family
Sunday	Dec. 25	
9:00 am	Raymond & Marjorie (L)	
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Dec. 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr
8:30 am	Alfonso & Maria Reda	Rina Reda & family
Tuesday	Dec. 27	
8:30 am	Elmo & Alfonso Reda	Rina Reda & family
Wednesday	Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:30 am	Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
Thursday	Dec. 29	
8:30 am	For all martyred priests	
Friday	Dec. 30	
8:30 am	Pasquale Reda	Rina Reda & family
Saturday	Dec. 31	
4:30 pm	Jim & Millie Ross	
Sunday	Jan. 01	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Francesco Antonio Speranza	Fr. Mike Shaw

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Dec. 25: Rufina Pineda & Madeline Obregon requested by family.

Jan. 01: Christina Donald (L) requested by Anna Donald & family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - there will be NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY weekends of Dec 31/Jan 01 and Jan 07/08 - We will resume Jan 14/15 We need 2 more adult volunteers to keep the Saturday 4:30 session going - please call Sophia 514-694-4758 after 6pm on weekdays to sign up

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Offerings amounts for Dec. 17 & 18, Christmas and New Year, will be published in the Bulletin of January 08.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



At this holy time of Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we remember with gratitude our redemption by the Lord who chose to live among us in all the difficult and very human circumstances of our lives. We also remember the amazing fact that Jesus Christ, Son of God, second Person of the Holy Trinity, although he doesn't need us, he wants us—you and me, small, weak and sinful as we are—to build His kingdom. We are called to be His hands, His feet, His voice. This is both a great privilege and an awesome responsibility.

We recently concluded our 50th anniversary celebrations, which by Divine Providence, coincided with the Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis. In his Apostolic Letter to mark the closing of the Jubilee Year, the Holy Father encourages us “to continue, with joy, fidelity and enthusiasm, experiencing the richness of divine mercy.” We do this by increasing our awareness of the many reminders of His mercy in the prayers of Mass; by experiencing it in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), where in the formula of absolution the priest begins: “God, the Father of mercies...”; through the Anointing of the Sick (“Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit”); through learning about the always-merciful God in Scriptures; in practising the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; and by living mercy in our daily lives.

With gratitude to the 50th Anniversary Committee, to our employees and countless volunteers who make our parish run, Fr. Tijo joins me in my Christmas wish that each of us grows in these different facets of mercy during 2017 so that we become ever more known as a “parish of mercy”. May God bless you and keep you ever in His mercy.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The clergy, pastoral team and wardens of St. Thomas à Becket Parish join in wishing you every blessing this Christmas—in your homes, families, schools and places of work—and throughout 2017.

Father Peter Sabbath, Pastor

Father Tijo George, Associate

Elena Castiglione Elsa Rivera Heidi Thibodeau Anna Donald

Janet Arts Peter Cook Robert Demers Siro Di Marco Gerry Robertson

ONLINE DONATIONS AND ENVELOPE BOXES: There have been some questions posed as a result of changing donation methods. Those parishioners who have opted for recurring monthly donations will note that their boxes are no longer available. The idea was to save costs and become more green in a small way. There are white envelopes in the pews, which are always available for your convenience should you wish to use these. The only info to be recorded is your name and address and dollar amount. A numbered envelope is not necessary. On the Canada Helps website, you will notice that any secondary collection is always noted in the drop-down box, where you choose the fund to which you wish to contribute. You also have the option to instruct us in the comment section of your donation. Unfortunately because of the many varied recipients of our second collections, it is not possible to make these recurring. We trust this has helped to clarify any grey areas. For more information, please contact our bookkeeper Elizabeth Barroso at 514-626-4111 ext. 223.

NB: The parish office will be closed on December 26 & 27 and January 02.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FAITH FIRST OFFICE

A Christmas blessing to all our families:

Oh Lord, bless this Christmas season with peace and joy,

Grant that everyone may reflect on Your goodness.

Rid each heart of fear and distress, loneliness and pain, leaving only the serenity and security of resting in Your everlasting love.

In the precious name of Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Blessings,

Elena & Karen



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Thank you to all who covered the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants! Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made: *Frank & Frances Corrace, Gabriel & Maddelena Scartozzi, Giuseppina & Domenico De Cicco, Mary Hyjek, Ken Doran, Mary & Mike Saukas, Gerry Emsley, the Nudo and Pasqua families, Maria & Domenic Verdone, Gerald Thompson, Antonio Cabral, Sean Richardson, Maximo & Graciana Carandang, Alfonso Mio, Domenico Mancini, Gerry MacDonald, Agnes O'Donnell, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Ernesto Spadafora, Tadeusz Rzeszutek, Anthony & Grozdana Listes, Mary & Larry Leblanc, Concetta, Salvatore & Sam Ilaqua, Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Anneliese Kunz Del Fabbro, Kathleen Steer, Dorothy Lyall, Joey Bastone & Assunta Reda, Louis A. Pereira, Di Francesco family, Louis & Lorraine Merlo, Art & Terry Tobin, John & Helen Gareau.* Flower donations received after Dec. 14 will be published in the bulletin of January 08.

YOUR BUILDING FUND DONATION AT WORK: Thanks to your generous donations, the following upgrades/repairs were completed at Becket in 2016: lighting upgrades on the apron area, in the narthex, the hallway to the parish office and the basement; new steps at the main entrance, including a new ramp leading to the Narthex west entrance; repairs to the storage shed foundation, repairs to the lighting for the outdoor statue of the Virgin Mary, relocation of the garbage bins to the shed area, installation of additional electrical circuits in parish hall, sun shades in the hallway from Cahill to the office, and new signage on the building exterior. Additional repairs and improvements are planned for 2017.

New Year's 2017 at Becket

*Holy Hour of Prayer
for God's Peace in the World
Sat. Dec. 31: 3:15 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.*

