

*Twenty-fourth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2017*



**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: SEPT. 16 TO SEPT. 24**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 17</b>	
9:00	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Jean Mack	The Bourgeois family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 18</b>	
8:30 am	Albert Walsh	Audrey Poisson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 19</b>	
8:30 am	Alex Tilli	his sister Mary
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept. 20</b>	
8:30 am	Jackie Scimone	Claudine
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>
8:30 am	Nina Kojoian	Dina & Remi Perron
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b>	
8:30 am	Nina Kojoian	Denyse Fournier
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Dean Stock	Cathy & Phil Stock
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 24</b>	
9:00 am	Jean Mack	Gerry Bourgeois & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

**SANCTUARY LAMP:**

Week of:

September 17: Halina & Richard Jakimowicz, requested by the family.

September 24: Juliette Coelho (L), requested by Rose & Julia

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Offering amounts for September 09/10

Offerings: \$4,478.00

Helping Others: \$1,552.00

**Upcoming special collection: Sept. 24 – Needs of the Canadian Church**

**TUESDAY MORNING MEET AND GREET** resumes Oct. 3 after morning Mass. All are welcome to join us in Cahill Hall for coffee and conversation.

## HOW DID JESUS CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR?



The Jewish new year, Rosh HaShanah (“head of the year”), begins at sundown Wednesday and lasts for 48 hours. It occurs ten days before Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). Together, the two High Holy Days are known as the Days of Awe. New Year’s Day falls in the month that Jews believe God created the world. Hence, Rosh HaShanah is also the birthday of the world.

Jewish tradition teaches that during the High Holy Days God decides who will live and who will die during the coming year. As a result, during these days (and in the days leading up to them) Jews

embark upon the serious task of examining their lives and repenting for any wrongs they have committed during the previous year. Jews are encouraged to make amends with anyone they have wronged and to make plans for improving during the coming year.

The Rosh HaShanah prayer service is one of the longest of the year, running from early morning until the afternoon and is so unique that it has its own prayer book called the Makhzor. The shofar is an important symbol of Rosh HaShanah. It is an instrument often made of a ram's horn and is blown one hundred times during each of the two days of Rosh HaShanah. The sound of the shofar blast reminds people of the importance of reflection during this important holiday. There is also the tashlich ceremony that involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of flowing water. Other significant symbols of Rosh HaShanah include dipping apple slices in honey, representing our hope for a sweet new year. Challah bread is usually baked into braids. The circular shape symbolizes the continuation of life.

## COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA: Why



is there such a collection? Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese/eparchy by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton, has described this Collection as an invitation to “all the faithful to participate in the life and mission of the Church through their active involvement in the life of their parish community, their prayers, their diverse charisms, their moral support, and

the contributions of their time and talents. The Collection for the Needs of the Church is an opportunity for Catholics to truly help their diocese/eparchy participate in the regional episcopal assemblies and the CCCB. Any additional revenue which is raised is used by the diocese/eparchy for its own pastoral programs and other activities.” The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend **September 23 and 24**. This annual charitable initiative furthers the collegiality and synodality of the Bishops’ ministry in leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and pastorally caring for all of God’s children, disciples of Christ in Canada.

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## FAITH FIRST NEWS

**First Communion Info Meeting** for parents with children celebrating this spring 2018 (second year)

Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 7pm-8pm - in the Church

**Confirmation Info Meeting** for parents with children celebrating confirmation in spring 2018.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 8pm-9pm - in the Church

**New Families Orientation Parent Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm - in the Church Hall

**Eucharist Gathering #1** Tuesday, Sept. 26th

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;

wisdom and knowledge for their minds,

and peace and zeal for their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**WELCOME SUNDAY** – after all Masses, September 30 & October 1.

We invite you to the parish hall to meet our groups, ministries and organizations that make up the life of St. Thomas à Becket. Find out more about them and how they make St. Thomas à Becket parish such a wonderful place! You just might find one or two you would like to get involved with! We look forward to seeing you there.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** stew, salmon, Prem/Kam, loose rice (small packages) baked beans, spaghetti, fruit, crackers, sugar, jam, gravy, cookies, juice, cake mix, bars of soap, laundry detergent. Winter clothes for baby boy (due in December), size 3 clothes for baby girl, asap. Thank you for your generous support.

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped make our ice cream social a huge success. We netted \$232.72. All proceeds go towards parish needs.

**THE MONTHLY WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT PROGRAM** will resume on Wednesday, September 20 at Villa Saint-Martin, Registration: 9:15 a.m.. Animator; Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Talks, music; quiet time for personal reflection and prayer; Eucharistic celebration, ALL women welcome. Please bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. Suggested donation: \$15.00. Pre-registration not required. Info.: (514) 684-1290.

**PARISH GARAGE SALE** Saturday, September 16, 9am-3pm. Anyone interested can rent a small table for \$15, or a long table for \$20. Proceeds go to the parish. Contact Anna Donald 514-620-2258

**APPLE FEST FUNDRAISER** Sunday, October 8 after both Masses. Volunteers needed to manage the tables. Donations of homemade apple creations: pies, cakes, squares, jellies, jams, etc. greatly appreciated. All proceeds go towards Becket's Altar Guild. Contact Anna Donald 514-620-2258