

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 4

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Saturday	Sept 26	
4:30 pm	Gary Gatto	Lisa & family
Sunday	Sept 27	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Domenico Sabatucci	Family
Monday	Sept 28	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
Tuesday	Sept 29	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
8:30 am	Rosalie Beasley	The Family
Wednesday	Sept 30	
8:30 am	Magdalena Nitti Saluzzi	Michelle Figueredo & family
Thursday	Oct 1	
8:30 am	Atwell De Souza	Canorient Christian Association
Friday	Oct 2	
8:30 am	Rollande Christie	Denyse Fournier
Saturday	Oct 3	
4:30 pm	In thanksgiving from Clayton & Maureen Marolly	
Sunday	Oct 4	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Dean & Tom Stock	Cathy & Phil Stock

NB On First Friday October 2, adoration will end at 10:00 am, because of a funeral taking place at 11:00 am.

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Sept. 27: Jack Scimone, requested by his daughter Connie.

Oct. 4: Pina & Joe Di Stefano, requested by the family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Bernie Lavigne, husband of Lois, father of Danny*. Bernie was the weekday custodian at St. Thomas à Becket from 1983 to 2008, was deeply devoted to his work, and much loved by the parish community; he will surely be remembered for many years to come. Bernie not only took excellent care of our building, but also shared his woodworking talents with us, including the Ambry that can be seen beside the tabernacle. A private funeral will be held for Bernie in the coming weeks.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS SEPTEMBER 29, FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, OCTOBER 2



"The word 'angel' denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. Moreover, those who deliver messages of lesser importance are called angels; those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels." *Pope Saint Gregory the Great*

Archangels are the only "named" angels in all of scripture; they are Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. St. Michael is especially called upon

to defend us against evil and evil spirits. The following prayer is addressed to him and we pray it together at the end of every Mass at St. Thomas a Becket:

St, Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,

and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Those angels charged with the protection and defence of human souls are called Guardian Angels. Faith and tradition tell us that each individual in time has a Guardian Angel who watches over him throughout the whole course of his life and rejoices with him when he reaches Heaven.

Guardian Angels work unceasingly to preserve us from sin and the occasions of sin. They cannot interfere with or over-ride our free will, but their prayers and spiritual action serve to point out the good choices whenever the occasion arises. They can prod our conscience to become better informed, can offer us strength in the face of temptation, suggest good thought and holy desires, offer our prayers to God, and above all, lead us to Heaven at the hour of our death. If we fall, they help us rise again, gifted with patience and love, they never give up.

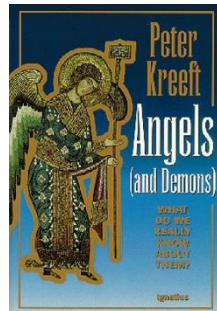
Angel of God, my guardian dear,

Through whom God's love protects me here;

Ever this day be at my side,

To light and guard, to rule and guide.

WORTHWHILE READING



***Angels and Demons: What Do We Really Know about Them?* by Peter J. Kreeft**

In response to actual questions many people have asked him about angels and demons, well-known author and philosophy professor Peter Kreeft separates fact from fantasy and myth from reality as he answers 100 common questions about these spiritual beings. Based on a very popular college course he teaches on this subject, this book responds to the incredible amount of interest in angelic beings and attempts to clear up some of the misinformation abounding in the numerous books

today on what we know about these mysterious spirits. Drawing on the Bible, traditional Church teaching and St. Thomas Aquinas, Kreeft gives straight, clear answers to the perennial and philosophical questions asked about angels and demons throughout time. In his typical lucid, profound and sometimes humorous style, Kreeft answers such questions as "What are angels made of", "How do angels communicate with God", "How do angels communicate with us", "Do demons, or devils, or evil spirits really exist?" and many more. Includes angel art.

CHRISTIAN ATONEMENT & ITS JEWISH ROOTS



The Day of Atonement (“Yom Kippur”) is probably the most important holiday of the Jewish year, beginning this year at sundown on September 27. Jews refrain from work, fast from food and drink for 25 hours, and attend synagogue services on this day (see the Book of Leviticus 16:29-30). Yom Kippur atones only for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person. To atone for sins against another person, you must first seek reconciliation with that person, righting the wrongs you committed against them if possible. Most of the holiday is spent in the synagogue, in prayer. The services end

at nightfall, with a long blast on the shofar (ram’s horn). It is customary to wear white on the holiday, which symbolizes purity and calls to mind the promise that our sins shall be made as white as snow (Isaiah 1:18). There is a communal confession ceremony.

Before the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem in 70 AD., Yom Kippur was the day on which God’s people were able to atone for their sins through the sacrifices made, on their behalf, by the high priest. Yom Kippur was evidence, and continues to be, that there are two very real aspects of God: mercy and justice.

The Day of Atonement has four major components: holy convocation (Num. 29:7); prayer and fasting (Lev. 23:27-29); offerings (Lev. 16); and a refrain from labour (Lev. 23:32). As Christians, we are able to look at these aspects of Yom Kippur and reflect that, whether gathered as a community proclaiming our faith through the Creed and receiving the body of Christ through Communion, or during our own focussed prayers and fasting on Good Friday, we can accept the atonement given through Christ’s blood. Yom Kippur reminds us that Christ became, at once, the high priest, the blood, and our “scapegoat.” His was the blood that the Father knew would be shed for our sins and the sins of all mankind. It is during Yom Kippur that God’s people would call out to be written in the Book of Life. As Christians, we know that by God’s grace and mercy, given through His Son’s most precious blood, our names are written in the book of life and yet we are also reminded throughout Scripture of God’s judgment (1 Cor. 11:32, Romans 2:5-8). But ours is a Judge both loving and merciful.

May we, as Yom Kippur approaches, renew within our hearts the depths of gratitude for the beauty of His Precious Blood that makes atonement for us.

From articles by Tracey Rich and Cheryl Dickow

BRENDAN KELLY has graciously offered to come out of retirement to return to his music ministry here at Becket, and will join us at the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass for the moment. Thank you very much Brendan and welcome back!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPT 19/20

Offerings:	\$ 3,305.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,010.00

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Parish Wardens

The Fabrique of the Parish of St. Thomas à Becket administers all Parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021) 620-6643

Peter Cook (2022) 620-2019

Norman Cousineau (2020) 624-8753

Siro Di Marco (2020) 620-6788

Michelle Figueredo (2021) 694-8879

Michael Sciotto (2022) 626-9550

Parish Hall Rental: Peter Cook 514-620-2019

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Guild: Anna Donald 620-2258

Altar Servers: Fr. Peter Sabbath 626-4111 ext 225

Baptism Preparation Team 626-4111

Children's Liturgy Parish Office 626-4111

Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator: Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930

Greeters: Norma Cook 620-2019

Ushers: Joe Ojeda 941-7914

Lectors: Tobias Koikaran 693-5514

Liturgy Team: Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930

Weekday Sacristan: Anna Donald 620-2258

Music Ministry Coordinator: Lino Viegas 620-0750

Choir Director: Brendan Kelly 944-7220

Parish Organizations

Sycamore - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222

Angels of Mercy - Sarah Sajedi 827-6408

Becket Pantry 626-4111

Catholic Women's League - Catherine Lee Jude 463-5991

Couples for Christ - Francis & Aurora Apgao 630-6586

Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare - Victoria Milewski 695-2616

Healing Ministry - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222

Helping Others 626-4111

Knights of Columbus - Joe Ojeda 941-7914

Marriage Course - John and Nathalie Bondyra 695-7896

Pastoral Home Care - Ailsa Lee Loy 626-7265

Prayer Group - (Thursday 9:15 am) Louise Eberwein 825-5198

Prayer Line - Christine Charron 694-3958

Seniors - Audrey Cassidy 626-3586

Social Club - Rina Callard 695-6995

Resources and Services

A.A. 376-9230

Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics) 866-9803

Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services 931-7311

Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine 931-7311

Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried? 344-2686

Tel Aide (listening line) 935-1101

Violence S.O.S. Hotline 1-800-363-9010

West Island Women's Shelter 620-4845

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath

Diocesan Website: www.diocesemontreal.org