

# Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 11, 2020



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISH!** As we celebrate our 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary today, we give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received. We pray that during these difficult times, God will continue to make His love known among us, will sustain our zeal for mission, and embolden us to move forward with strength toward what lies ahead. May we continue to see, by faith, the needs of those around us, and the needs of those who shall come after us, so that all who enter may find in this parish a place of refreshment and strength. St. Thomas à Becket, pray for us.

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 10 TO OCTOBER 18

(L) indicates a living intention

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	
4:00 pm	Our Parishioners	
5:00 pm (Hall)	Agnes & Peter Holloran	Marie Foggo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Henry Redmond	The Redmond family
11:00 am	Claude Legault	Sylvain Legault
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 12</b>	
8:30 am	Agostino Scacchi	The Family
9:30 am (Hall)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>	
8:30 am	Luigi Di Caprio	The Family
9:30 am (Hall)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct 14</b>	
8:30 am	John Basciano	The Family
9:30 am (Hall)		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	
8:30 am	Rina Reda	The Family
9:30 am (Hall)		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	
8:30 am	Rosalie Beasley	The Family
9:30 am (Hall)	Bernie Lavigne	Maria & Rico Purisima
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct 17</b>	
4:00 pm	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
5:00 pm (Hall)		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	William (Billy) Bertrand	The Boileau family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

**\*\*\*Please contact the parish office if you would like to offer a Mass intention where they are available this week.**

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

Oct 11: Rena Reda, requested by the family

Oct 18: Jack Scimone, requested by Connie Scimone

#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER 3/4**

Offerings: \$ 3,831.00

## COMING TO CHURCH DURING THE RED ALERT PERIOD

The borough longer permits two Masses at the same time, in the church and in the hall, so we have adopted a new schedule:

*Monday - Friday:* Mass in church @ 8:30; Mass in hall @ 9:30

*Saturday:* Mass in church @ 4:00; Mass in hall @ 5:00

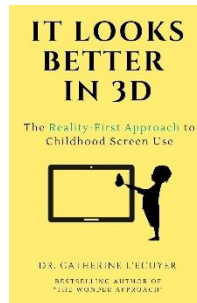
*Sunday:* Mass in church @ 9:00 and 11:00, as usual.

Pre-registration is now required for ALL MASSES, weekday and weekend, beginning immediately: <https://reopen.church/r/edidK17B> or call the office if you or someone you know is unable to register online.

Please be generous in giving others a chance to attend Mass by not pre-registering until later in the week.

The Rosary usually recited after Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Mass, and the Eucharistic Holy Hour on Fridays, are suspended until further notice.

## WORTHWHILE READING



***IT LOOKS BETTER IN 3D: The Reality-First Approach to Childhood Screen Use*** by Catherine L'Ecuyer

This book discusses the most common misconceptions about technology use in education. During the exceptional circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, increased screen use may be justifiable. However, the pandemic has also contributed to the acquisition of bad habits and aggravated some of the existing abuses in regard to technology use. Now, more than ever, it is necessary to take stock of the

circumstances surrounding this use.

*Quebec-born Catherine L'Ecuyer has a doctorate in education and psychology, and is a researcher, consultant and much-respected authority on children's education. She has addressed the Commission of the Congress of Deputies of Spain and at the European Commission, and has served as a consultant to the Spanish government regarding the use of digital technology by minors, and to the government of the state of Puebla in Mexico concerning preschool reform. Her first book, The Wonder Approach, has been published in eight languages. A sought-after international speaker, she currently collaborates with the Mind-Brain Group of the University of Navarra.*

## A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING



Gratitude is a response to a gift. For the large gifts—life itself, a miraculous cure, sacramental gifts—demand that gratitude include far more than a gesture of courtesy. God's generous presence in our lives lays claim to a form of gratitude that is never satisfied by the mere recitation of thanks, but

requires us to express our gratitude in action. The kind of gratitude that God is hoping to find is one that includes a bond of friendship and a commitment to service. God wants our gratitude because He wants our continuing friendship, which enables Him to lavish us with additional gifts. We know how easy it is to be ungrateful, how a preoccupation with ourselves can cause us to forget our benefits as well as our benefactors. But in addition to that, ingratitude weakens our bonds with both God and neighbour. Therefore, gratitude, which is a triumph over selfishness and isolation, is most pleasing to God. Gratitude is the memory of the heart, as someone has said. It is, therefore, an expression of love and abiding friendship. Gratitude is an expression that soon transforms itself into deed. There can be no happiness without gratitude. We need to know whom to thank for the gift of life. But we also need to thank Him, and the proper form of thanks is to safeguard and cherish what we have been given. Humility and restraint are appropriate ways in which we can show how much we truly appreciate what has been given to us.

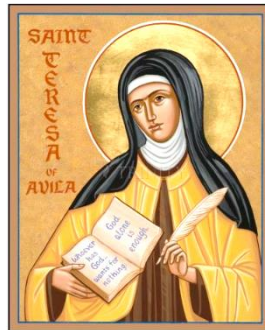
*by Donald DeMarco*

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone who has reached out to me during my illness. With gratitude in my heart, I pray your kindness will be returned a hundredfold.  
~ *Kathleen Rush Heald*

### **A Thanksgiving Prayer**

*Loving God, who created and sustains the universe, who loved us all into being, and who gives us every good thing,  
we thank you for the blessings that you bring into our lives.  
We thank you for the gift of life itself, which you gave us in our mothers' wombs.  
We thank you for the fresh start of each new day, which is a sign of your renewing and creative love.  
And we thank you for our friends, our families, our neighbours and our coworkers, whose human love is an image of your divine care.  
Increase our gratitude this Thanksgiving Day, and help us to recognize all the good things that we have, both large and small.  
And magnify our desire to share what we have with others, so that they too may be grateful to you, Loving God. Amen.*

### **ST. TERESA OF AVILA: Feast day October 15**



St. Teresa of Avila was a Spanish Carmelite reformer and mystic whose life of prayer enriched the Church during the 16th century counter-reformation. Born in the city of Avila in 1515, to a family descended from Jewish merchants who had converted to Christianity during the reign of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, as a child Teresa felt captivated by the thought of eternity and the vision of God granted to the saints in heaven. When Teresa was 14, her mother died, causing the girl a profound grief that prompted her to embrace a deeper devotion to the Virgin Mary as her spiritual mother. As a teenager, she became convinced that the surest road to salvation lay in forsaking marriage, property, and worldly pleasures completely, and so she joined the Carmelite Order. She was a “good” nun, but not a fervent one until twenty years later. When she was nearly 40, Teresa found herself dramatically called back to the practice of contemplative mental prayer. She experienced profound changes within her own soul, and remarkable visions from God. Under the direction of her confessors, Teresa wrote about some of these experiences in an autobiography. She began to play a significant role in the renewal of the Church that followed the Council of Trent. She proposed a return of the Carmelites to their original rule of life, a simple and austere form of monasticism – founded on silence and solitude – that had received papal approval in the 12th century and was believed to date back to the Old Testament prophet Elijah. Together with her close collaborator, the priest and writer later canonized as Saint John of the Cross, she founded what is known today as the Order of Discalced Carmelites – “discalced,” meaning barefoot, symbolizing the simplicity to which they chose to return the order after a period of corruption. The reform met with fierce opposition, but resulted in the founding of 30 monasteries during her life. As her health failed, she wrote: “O my Lord, and my spouse, the desired hour is now come, the hour is at last come, wherein I shall pass out of this exile, and my soul shall enjoy in thy company what it hath so earnestly longed for.” St. Teresa of Avila died on October 15, 1582, and canonized in 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri. In 1970, Pope St. Paul VI proclaimed St. Teresa as one of the first two woman Doctors of the Church, along with 14th century Dominican St. Catherine of Siena.

**WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS** to all who sent so many beautiful cards, mass cards, food and flowers. your kindness will not be forgotten.

~ *Isabelle Diorio and family*

## PARISH INFORMATION

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

### PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish 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	Siro Di Marco (2020)	620-6788
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo (2021)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2020)	624-8753	Michael Sciotto (2022)	626-9550

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	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:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	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