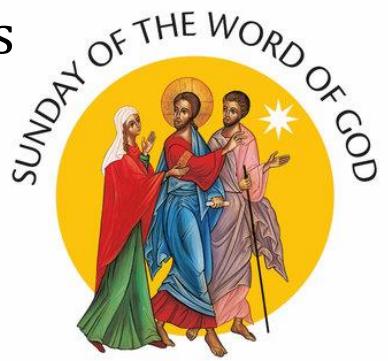


Third & Fourth Sundays in Ordinary Time



January 25 & February 1,
2026

MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 24 TO FEBRUARY 8

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| Saturday | January 24 | |
| 4:30 pm | Our Parishioners | |
| Sunday | January 25 | |
| 9:00 am | Deceased members of the Ferns Family | Lovie & Alain Rivard |
| 11:00 am | Dawn Valero Richardson | The Richardson Family |
| Monday | January 26 | |
| 8:30 am | Dean and Tommy Stock | The Family |
| Tuesday | January 27 | |
| 8:30 am | Paul Bourget | Marie Foggo |
| Wednesday | January 28 | |
| 8:30 am | Ana Simon Pinto | Ivan & Karen Francis |
| Thursday | January 29 | |
| 8:30 am | Vittorio Colacci | Palmina Colacci |
| Friday | January 30 | |
| 8:30 am | Jayson Yee | Theresa Santiago |
| Saturday | January 31 | |
| 4:30 pm | Our Parishioners | |
| Sunday | February 1 | |
| 9:00 am | Gennaro Vitiello | St. Thomas à Becket Wardens |
| 11:00 am | Our Parishioners | |
| Monday | February 2 | |
| 8:30 am | Claire Hayes | Robert and Tessie Demers |
| Tuesday | February 3 | |
| 8:30 am | Vittoria Hallal | Eddy Hallal |
| Wednesday | February 4 | |
| 8:30 am | Joseph Abram | St. Thomas à Becket CWL |
| Thursday | February 5 | |
| 8:30 am | Paul Meier | Priska & family |
| Friday | February 6 | |
| 8:30 am | Eugene Marciak | Richard Marciak & Family |
| Saturday | February 7 | |
| 4:30 pm | Our Parishioners | |
| Sunday | February 8 | |
| 9:00 am | Claudio Di Lella | Francoise La Penna |
| 11:00 am | Joanne Young-Rizzuto | Ciro Sasso & family |

SANCTUARY LAMP:

January 25: Donny Coelho - Living, requested by Patricia Coelho

February 1: Jayson Yee, requested by Theresa Santiago

February 8: Deceased members of the Costa Family, requested by The Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan 11 Offerings: \$5,668.00 Religious Education: \$ 1,567.00

Jan 18 Offerings: \$5,264.80 St. Peter the Apostle: \$ 1,475.00

Upcoming Second/Special Collections: February 8 – Religious Education
February 18 Ash Wednesday

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Mary Maiorano, wife of Biagio Maiorano

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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 10, in the parish hall. All those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend the meeting, led by trained animator Bill Curran.

THE NEXT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meeting will be on Friday January 30, at 1:00 pm in Cahill Hall.

ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISH 2026 MARRIAGE JUBILEE

Our Annual Marriage Jubilee will take place February 6 & 7, coinciding with World Marriage Day. We invite all couples whose Wedding Anniversary is divisible by five. Come celebrate your special milestone anniversary with us as you witness to God's love in the world. Sign up with Rina at 514-915-7586.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Marriages and families are the cornerstone of our society. Strong and loving marriages lead to a better life for the spouses, their families, and those around them. We invite you to make your marriage the best it can be!

Over the course of 7 evenings, in a warm and relaxing home setting, you and your spouse are invited to spend some quality time discovering the essence of a healthy marriage, while discovering new things about yourself, your spouse, and your life as a couple. Think of it as a “date night” with your spouse!

There are absolutely no group discussions.

The course is held in Kirkland, on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm, starting on Feb 12 and ending March 26, 2026. The cost is \$80 per couple.

To register, or for more information, please contact Nathalie & John Bondyra, at kahndyra@gmail.com Registration deadline is Feb 7.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2026

The Church of Montreal celebrates World Day of the Sick Saturday, February 7 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1335 Chabanel E) from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Rosary, Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Mass presided by Archbishop Msgr. Christian Lepine. A simple lunch of soup and fellowship will follow. Shuttle bus from Sauvé Metro is available (Call SASMAD at 514-272-4441 to reserve your spot). Those who are sick, caregivers, volunteers, healthcare workers and families are all invited to attend. For more info contact Ailsa Lee Loy at 514-626-7265.

A JOYOUS WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR, FR. FRED KIROUAC

With grateful hearts, we officially welcome Fr. Fred Kirouac as the new Pastor of St. Thomas à Becket Parish. The installation took place on January 18, following his appointment by Archbishop Christian Lépine. The ceremony was presided over by Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, E.V.

Fr. Fred brings extensive experience to our community, having served at St. Veronica's Parish for the past 22 years. Parishioners will remember Fr. Fred from his previous assignments here at St. Thomas à Becket, in 1989 as a Parish Intern, and in 1994 as Assistant Parish Priest.

We are grateful to have Fr. Fred return to our parish in this new leadership role. May the Holy Spirit guide his heart and his hands as he shares the Sacraments with us and walks beside us as our shepherd.



FABRIQUE ELECTION NEWS

Our Fabrique elections took place on November 30, 2025. Congratulations to Frank Vissani and Michael Randall who each were acclaimed as wardens for a second three-year term (2026- 2028). Janet Arts accepted the one-year term that was left vacant (2026-2027). May our Fabrique members work in joyful and fruitful partnership with Fr. Fred, and our pastoral team and staff, in the administration of our parish. Thank you very much to all our wardens for sharing so much of their time and talents in helping us to further the mission of our parish and universal church. May God bless you and your families.

WHY A "SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD"?

January 25 is Sunday of the Word of God. A fair question arises: "Isn't every Sunday a Sunday of the Word of God? Don't we hear the Scriptures every time we gather for Mass?" The answer is a resounding yes.

However, Pope Francis instituted this special day not because the Word is missing on other Sundays, but because we often treat it as "background noise" rather than a living encounter.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23), we see the Word of God in action. Jesus doesn't just hand out a pamphlet; He speaks, and His voice is so compelling that Peter, Andrew, James, and John "immediately left their nets" to follow Him.

Most of us own a Bible, but many of us treat it like a reference book rather than a daily companion. Today is a "wake-up call" to open the Book at home, not just hear it in the pews.

Isaiah reminds us that "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." In a world filled with confusing headlines and personal anxieties, the Word of God is that light. It is the "map" that makes sense of our lives.

To celebrate this day, don't just leave your Bible on the shelf. Pick one of today's readings and read the entire chapter it comes from to see the full context of God's message.

Like the fishermen at Galilee, ask yourself: "What is the Lord asking me to 'leave behind' this year so I can follow Him more closely?"

A FOND FAREWELL AND A WARM WELCOME

After 22 years of service, I have stepped down from my role as Parish Secretary. It has been an honour to serve the clergy, parishioners, and wardens of St. Thomas à Becket Parish; I am deeply grateful for the friendships I've made, and the support I've received during my time here.

We are pleased to welcome Sandy Dunn to the parish staff. Sandy will be taking over the secretarial duties effective January 26. Sandy comes to us with a solid background in administration, and a long history with St. Thomas à Becket. We are excited to have Sandy on board.

Please stop by the office to say hello and welcome Sandy to our community!

~ Heidi Thibodeau

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.

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| Siro Di Marco (2027) | 977-6442 | Cindy Finn (2027) | 624-0546 |
| Frank Vissani (2025) | 998-0311 | Robert Boulé (2026) | (438) 838-1902 |
| Eric Chevrier (2026) | 246-8525 | Michael Randall (2025) | 980-5015 |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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| Altar Guild | Anna Donald | 620-2258 |
| Altar Servers | Parish Office | 626-4111 |
| Baptism Preparation Team | Parish Office | 626-4111 |
| Choir Director | Brendan Kelly | 944-7220 |
| Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator | Rosemarie Della Rocca | 620-1930 |
| Head Sacristan | Anna Donald | 620-2258 |
| Lectors | Tobias Koikaran | 693-5514 |
| Liturgy Team | Rosemarie Della Rocca | 620-1930 |
| Ushers | Joe Ojeda | 941-7914 |

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| Adult Faith Formation | Elsa Rivera | 626-4111 |
| Angels of Mercy | Sarah Sajedi | 827-6408 |
| Catholic Women's League | Marie Meier | 965-9919 |
| Community Aid | Parish Office | 626-4111 |
| Couples for Christ | Don & Irene Salvanera | 620-1319 |
| Helping Others: | Parish Office | 626-4111 |
| Knights of Columbus | Norm Cousineau | 624-8753 |
| Legion of Mary | Juliana Abu | 585-9206 |
| Marriage Course | John & Nathalie Bondyra | 695-7896 |
| Pastoral Home Care | Ailsa Lee Loy | 626-7265 |
| Prayer Line | Christine Charron | 694-3958 |
| Responsible Pastoral Ministry | Rina Callard | 626-4111 |
| Social Club | Rina Callard | 695-6995 |
| Youth Ministry | Amanda Davis | 626-4111 |

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

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| A.A. | 376-9230 |
| Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics) | 866-9803 |
| Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services | 931-7311 |
| Diocesan Ombudsman – abuse/complaints | 752-4683 |
| Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine | 931-7311 |
| Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried? | 344-2686 |
| Spiritual Support Line | 1-888-305-0994 |
| Violence S.O.S. Hotline | 1-800-363-9010 |
| West Island Women's Shelter | 620-4845 |

Anointing of the Sick: upon request at the parish office

Baptism: Please contact the office

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

RCIA: Elsa Raschella 514-626-4111 ext. 222

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

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Gerry Westphal at 514-688-4952 or one of our priests

HALL RENTAL: Michael Randall 514-980-5015