OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) Sunday 5:00 pm 10:00 am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday

8:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm; Sunday 9:30-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12 pm. It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish before setting the wedding date.

VISITING THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wardens:

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel;2022: Karolina Weclas, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

POPE ESTABLISHES SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", published on 30 September, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". This year also marks 1600 years since his death. The title of the document, "Aperuit illis", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". Read more at vaticannews.va.

"The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people." (Aperuit illis §4)

The Word of God, proclaimed and heard at every Sunday liturgy, opens a dialogue between God and his people. Jesus is a model for entering into this dialogue. Jesus does not treat God's word spoken in the Old Testament simply as a set of predictions, but he himself takes the initiative to fulfil scripture by retracing the steps of the prophecy of Isaiah. Christ preaches his word to people of all times, and so Jewish Galilee becomes Galilee of the nations. Especially in the proclamation of the Word of God at the liturgy, the Risen Christ is present, speaks, and desires to be heard. The imminent kingdom of heaven is now come through Christ's death and resurrection. Through the work of the Spirit, the Risen Christ's appeal to repent echoes in the deep recesses of believers' hearts. Although we are among those in darkness, we now, in Jesus' words, behold a great light and recognise his saving work. By engaging God's word, and by beholding the light, we become changed, which is analogous to the transformation we undergo through participation at the table of the Lord. Our horizons expand as Jesus speaks of all nations and all peoples living under death's shadow, and our hope extends for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that together we might be one.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY 9 am to 12 pm ONLY. Sorry for the inconvenience.



MOVIE IN THE AFTERNOON: Please join us for our traditional After Christmas Movie, this Tuesday January 28 at 4:30 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Popcorn, juice and coffee will be served. We will be watching "Noel, Noel." <u>HELP</u> <u>WANTED</u>: POPPING CORN: beginning at 3 pm come down to the kitchen via 71 Roosevelt and help us set up for the movie. The event should end by 5:30 pm. <u>CFE PARENTS:</u> This events counts as a

parent meeting! Hope to see you there.



<u>ST JOSEPH NEEDS YOU</u> to take him home to pray for vocations in the parish. A signup sheet can be found at the main entrance. The devotion takes about 5 minutes a day. Please consider spending a few minutes with St Joseph. We need your prayers!



Please join us next Sunday February 2 for <u>COFFEE SUNDAY</u> in the parish hall. Please bring something sweet to share. Coffee and juice provided. If you have a few minutes to spare please consider helping with clean up afterwards.



CHILDREN'S FAITH EDUCATION (CFE)

Classes resume Tuesday February 4. Please visit our website for the full calendar. <u>TENTATIVE</u> <u>DATE CHILDREN'S MASS:</u> February 23.



<u>THE FEAST OF THE</u> <u>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:</u>

Known originally as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth.

WHY CANDLEMAS? Inspired by the words of the Canticle of Simeon ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas.

In keeping with this tradition, Father Robert invites you to bring candles to Mass the weekend of February 1 and 2. Place them on the small table near the icon of Mary and Father Robert will bless it during Mass. You can retrieve it afterwards.



LET'S CELEBRATE! 75 years of Diversity!

From Greece to France to our beloved Canada, cook up **your favorite finger foods and desserts** and come celebrate the diversity of our parish community. Beverages will be provided.

When: February 9th after the 10 am Mass Where: Parish hall – enter by 71 Roosevelt

Please contact Nadine Yared (nadineyared@hotmail.com) or Karolina Weclas (karolinaweclas@gmail.com) with the country you will be representing and the dish you will be bringing. RSVP by February 2.

We look forward to celebrating the richness and diversity of our parish with you.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday January 25, 2020 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	
5:00 pm Pro Populo	
Sunday January 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	
10:00 am Joseph Mahmet	his family
Tuesday January 28, 2020	5 5
8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin	the Estate
Wednesday January 29, 2020	
8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families	the Estate
<u>Thursday January 30, 2020</u>	
8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin	the Estate
Friday January 31, 2020 – St. John Bosco	
8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families	the Estate
Saturday February 1, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
5:00 pm Pro Populo	
Sunday February 2, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
10:00 am the deceased members of the Harb family	Jeanette Harb



The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. Have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention for a donation of \$20. The amount is eligible for a tax receipt. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. This week the lamp burns for our parish family, as we celebrate 75 years of faith and community.

Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beauregard family, Jean-Pierre Belair, Mike Callard, André and Marie Coupal, Chuck Lawton, Nona Moussa, Marchita Obregon, Patricia Paul, Winston Redman, Hilda Rejwan, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Marina Zogalis.

For vocations: The Lord Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. We need, in our own time, to proclaim that same message. Are we bold enough to reform our lives and proclaim the Good News? (Mt. 4:12-23) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

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Friday, 9 am to 12 pm. ONLY

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1950. **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

