

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday 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.

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Wardens:

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

We are in a time of waiting, of anticipation, of hope. And the words of Isaiah in the first reading are such vivid representations of that hope: a world where the poor and afflicted are judged with justice. We won't be judged by our appearances and the world will be infused with a spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength. We all want to see a world where the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. These beautiful words instill hope in all of us that the world could be a better place. The images we envision seem beyond our control: How can I help the cow and the bear be neighbors? As these words are a signal to nations, the words are also a signal to my own heart. What can I do to infuse my own corner of the world with a spirit of wisdom and understanding? How can I show a spirit of counsel and strength? In the morning, when I dress, I can make justice a band around my waist and buckle the belt of faithfulness on my hips. I can stop myself from judging by appearances, instead looking beyond what's on the outside. We all are afflicted and need the grace of God and each other. I can look beyond myself to others.

The Gospel reminds us that we are all crying out in the desert. We need to prepare the way of the Lord. We are reminded that we can count on God's forgiveness, but we have to act, we have to "produce good fruit as evidence of our repentance." This is how we make straight our paths, by asking God for forgiveness and hope. We can buckle that belt of faithfulness on our hips and live out the Gospel. We are waiting for the birth of Jesus, but the birth of what he means in our lives can bloom and flourish every day. It takes work and mindfulness to show that spirit of wisdom and understanding, but the God of endurance and encouragement will work with us. Our time of hope can be a time of making straight the paths to our own hearts.

Theme: God's kingdom is at hand - it is here.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 1st Reading from Isaiah 11: 1-10.

Step One: Listen to the Word

What image in Isaiah lingers in your memory? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

Question for Youth: What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

Question for Adults: Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.



HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY by making a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or for a personal intention. Include your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas flower donations" along with your intention and your name for tax receipt purposes. Drop your envelope in the collection basket along with your regular donation. Names of loved ones and other intentions will be included in upcoming bulletins.

Donations have been made for Karolina and Stanislaw-Michal Balicki, as requested by Danuta Balicki; my beloved great grandson Jacob Finucan as requested by Josephine Vaupshas; Raffaele Tucci, Emilienne Boisseau and Tony Ciamarra, as requested by Maria Paola Cantera; in memory of the deceased members of the Reckziegel and Farrell families, as requested by Kurt and Margie Reckziegel; in memory of Edward Baluch, as requested by Jennie Baluch as well as the intentions of Judy Semple, Maryanne and Tony Ianuziolo; John and Lorraine Sullivan.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 7 pm & 9 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, 10 am.

NO MASS December 26 and 27.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD,

December 31, 5 pm

January 1, 10 am.

NO MASS January 2 and 3.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office will be closed from

Monday December 23 to Monday January 6 inclusive.

CFE: Classes resume Tuesday February 4 2020. Full details are available on our website on the Children's Faith Education page and on the Parent Information page as well.

ST. JOSEPH HAS NOWHERE TO GO THIS WEEK! Please consider taking him home for a week to pray for vocations in our parish. A signup sheet is available at the main entrance of the church. If you would like him today, please see Fr. Robert.



ELECTION OF WARDENS: On Sunday, December 15th at 11:15 AM in the parish hall, a meeting of parishioners will be held for the purpose of electing two Church Wardens. To be eligible to be nominated as a Church Warden, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic and living in boundaries of the parish.

Lori-Ann Zemanovich is up for re-election; Anthony Mancini's second term is expiring. We thank him for his six years of service to the community. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. Please contact the parish office for more information or to propose a nominee.

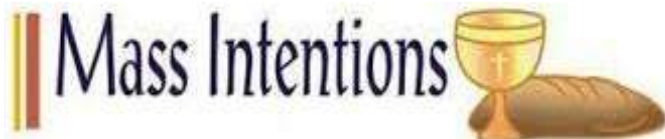
2020 WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES: If you used our donation envelopes in 2019, your 2020 box is ready for pick up at the main entrance. Boxes are in alphabetical order. Please note that your number may be different from last year. Need more information about envelope usage? Please feel free to contact the office or speak directly with Father Robert. Tax receipts will be issued in February.

Offering Envelopes



PLEASE HELP UNDECORATE THE ANGEL TREE: About 50 tags remain! Please take one or many and return the item indicated on the tag in a gift bag with the tag attached to the tree. Your small gift will bring a little sunshine into the residents' daily routine.

ADDITIONAL NEED: If you have a box or two of Kleenex to spare, please drop it in the boxes allotted for this purpose at the main entrance and at 71 Roosevelt. Thank you.



Saturday December 7, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Zofia Zdaniak

her family

Sunday December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Alessandra Antonecchia *Rosina, Maria and Rosanna Antonecchia*

Tuesday December 10, 2019

8:30 am In the names of Jesus and Mary, for an interior resurrection and all the graces needed to pursue my mission and to serve my brothers and sisters *Mina Aro*

Wednesday December 11, 2019

8:30 am Pro Populo

Thursday December 12, 2019 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

the Estate

Friday December 13, 2019 – Saint Lucy

8:30 am Ferruccio Farese

Berthe Farese

Saturday December 14, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 15, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Aniceta Bondoc

Raquel Bondoc



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 my daughter, as requested by a parishioner.

Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beaugard 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: Who will herald Christ in our world? Consider becoming a priest, brother, or sister. (Matthew 3:10-12). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, 9 am to 4 pm

Friday, 9 am to 12 pm.

Please see facing page for the Christmas schedule.

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$2751. **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?




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DECEMBER

Parish Project: ADVENT ANGEL TREE

15 ELECTION OF WARDENS during COFFEE SUNDAY

CFE classes resume February 4 2020.

Christmas Mass schedule and office hours inside.



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