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 Wednesday to Friday 7:00 pm 8:30 am

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

BAPTISM

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

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:

2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond; 2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich; 2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2018

Dear parishioners,

A heartfelt thank you for coming in such great numbers – we were almost 200 people – to our annual Christmas dinner! To our gracious hostess Nadine, who organized, shopped, planned but most importantly, made us all feel welcome at the event! Her enthusiasm and patience set the tone for the evening and reminded us that we belong! I am also grateful to be part of this parish family. Throughout all our difficulties, both personal and communal, your tremendous faith has strengthened mine and left me humbled.

I cannot help but feel an even greater sense of belonging seeing to what extent you went to make the evening special for me! Last Tuesday December 11, I celebrated 20 years of priesthood and boy, did you surprise me! I don't know how 200 plus people managed to keep the secret from me but I had absolutely no idea we would be celebrating my milestone that night! The little touches of love that were added were very meaningful to me: the pelican design on the cake was the one I had on my ordination card, the Annunciation you chose as my gift is the one I have on as wallpaper on my phone...

I must also admit that incorporating the nativity play into the Christmas Dinner was a wonderful idea and set the tone for the evening. The beautifully decorated tree on the stage is now the backdrop in many a family photos. The evening left me feeling very humble and loved.

Thank you I needed it!

How fitting that this third Sunday of Advent God commands us "Rejoice!"

We have much to be joyful for! Thank you for the reminder,

Father Robert Clark

Pastor



THANK YOU: OUR ADVENT ANGEL TREE IS BARE! Please bring your gift in this weekend! Please do not wrap the gifts but put them in a gift bag and attach the gift card to the bag. This will make it easier for the staff at the Father Dowd Residence to distribute the gifts. **DRIVERS WANTED**: to bring the items to the Father Dowd home, preferably this Tuesday December 18th (Wednesday is a possibility). Please call or email the office to set up a day and time convenient for you.



2019 WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES: If you used our donation envelopes in 2018, your 2019 box is ready! Boxes can be found in the main entrance of the church, in alphabetical order. Please note that your number may be different from last year's. Need more information about envelope usage? Please feel free to contact the office or speak directly with Father Robert.



ST. JOSEPH IS HOMELESS AFTER THIS WEEKEND! 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. Here is the **PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION:** O grant me the grace to know the state of life that God in His providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it. Obtain for me the light to know God's Will, to carry it out faithfully,

and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.



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 holiday bulletins. Donations for flowers for the sanctuary have been made by the following parishioners: John T. Sullivan, Judy Semple, Lorraine Boyce (in memory of the Boyce and Grace families),

Teresa Rochon (for the deceased members of the Leschiutta and Rochon families), Audrey Williams (in memory of her parents Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams and her brother Ewart).

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 8 TO APRIL 26 2018

Tuesdays: 8:30 am; Wednesdays: 7 pm; Thursdays: 8:30 am; Fridays: 4 pm. Please note: only the 71 Roosevelt door will be opened. The main doors will remain closed until next spring.

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND 2018 campaign theme is 'Catholic Strong". We chose it because we are proud of - and want to highlight - the strength within our local Catholic community and the actions supported by Pillars that are underway in our parishes, among our youth, and across our faith networks. As faithful followers of Christ and His Gospel message, we invite you to read more about what it means to be 'Catholic Strong' in our September newsletter, 'The Column' at www.pillarstrust.org or in the Pillars Trust campaign letter entitled Are you Catholic Strong? Letters and donation envelopes are available at the entrances. You can also make your tax-deductible donation online at www.pillartrust.org. Without You there is no Us! Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2018 <u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> December 24 7 pm & 9 pm <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u> December 25 10 am <u>HOLY FAMILY</u> December 31 5 pm <u>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</u>

> January 1 10 am.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

the office will be closed from Monday December 24 to Monday January 7 inclusive.



<u>Saturday December 15, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent</u>		
5:00 pm	Pro Populo	
Sunday December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent		
10:00 am	Vincenzo Mattii	Andrée Mattii
Tuesday December 18, 2018		
7:00 pm	Coleman and McMenamin families	the Estate
Wednesday December 19, 2018		
8:30 am	Evelyn McMenamin	the Estate
Thursday December 20, 2018		
8:30 am	Gaetano Martinez	the family
Friday December 21, 2018		
8:30 am	Aida Sobrevinas	her family
<u>Saturday December 22, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>		
5:00 pm	Debbie Neemeh	Marie Neemeh
<u>Sunday December 23, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>		
10:00 am	Pro Populo	



The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to 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 Sanctuary Lamp burns for Edward Baluch, as requested by the family.

Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beauregard family, Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Marchita Obregon, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

For vocations: "What

ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus (Luke 3: 10-18). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – no Mass Tuesday – 7 pm Wed. to Fri. – 8:30 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, 9 am to 4 pm Friday, 9 am to 12 pm.

STEWARDSHIP: Our

collection last Sunday was for \$1919. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission. "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Phillipians 4:6) St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

