

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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2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel;

2022: Karolina Weclas, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

The Sound of Joy

“He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him.” (Matthew 3:16)

Isaiah tried to prepare the people. The Messiah will surprise us. He will not vanquish his enemies, garbed as a king or warrior or sage. The holy one comes as a servant, ministering quietly to the forgotten. We imagined a conqueror trampling over the earth, not a friend to broken creatures.

Old expectations are stubborn. They do not surrender easily. Surely salvation is earned. Don't we compete for God like we compete for all goods? Isn't more and more the goal? Only freeloaders get a pass. Doesn't God grade our achievements to divvy up glory?

When we pause from the race, these questions arise. Who finds us in the ditch? Who doesn't restrict entry? Who embraces the lowly and troublesome? Who throws a party when the lost one is found? Who does not await inspections to deem us worthy? In the pause, our eyes widen. We look for greatness in the wrong places. Glimpsing the face of God, we pass from death to life.

John was uncomfortable. By the river was Jesus, feet sunk in the mud like the throng awaiting the waters. John was just a messenger. To baptize the holy one was not proper, not just. Jesus reassured him: treat me the same. He came to share in our humanity. He came to serve sinners, not to rule from above.

Jesus emerged joyous from the water to the divine chorus. In accepting our humanity, we find God's embrace. "Here is my beloved. I am well pleased."

Jeanne Schuler
Creighton University's Philosophy Department



THANK YOU: The Staff at the Father Dowd home was overwhelmed by our generosity! Each resident received a gift and a box of much needed tissue. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. The home will be contacting us if they ever need essentials during the year.

FUNDSCRIP: Forms are available on the communion rail and at the main entrance of the church. Fundscrip is a passive means of fundraising. There is no additional cost to you, the user. You buy gift cards from your favorite store and Fundscrip donates up to 7% of your purchase to the parish. Last year over \$350 was raised for the parish. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or speak with Father Robert.



HELP WANTED: Please stay after Mass on Sunday to help 'undecorate' the sanctuary. The more helpers we have, the faster the task will be done so that we can enjoy ...

COFFEE SUNDAY! Please join us on Sunday after clearing the sanctuary of Christmas decorations, for coffee and conversation in the parish hall.



ST JOSEPH NEEDS YOU 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!

BOTTLE RETURN: Total for 2019: \$462.95, a 50% increase from last year! Thank you! Most of the funds have already been disbursed to parishioners in need.



COME AND SEE EVENING - for the Call to the Priesthood The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place on Friday, January 17 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood to share in fellowship and to explore their call together. Gatherings take place at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish. For information or to reserve a spot, please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH, OUR MISSION TERRITORY
and HOW TO LIVE YOUR STRENGTHS

Father Robert always ends each Mass with a Blessing telling us to “Go and Glorify the Lord by your lives.” As of January 1st, when you exit the Church, you’ll cross under a banner saying “You are now entering Mission Territory” to remind us that we not only congregate as parishioners to worship God and pray together but that, as we leave, we carry our apostolic mission with us outside the Church and in our daily lives. Annunciation Parish has a series of Outreach Missions it ministers to in the form of donations to various needy causes and we want to encourage continuous and expansive contributions of ministry in our lives outside the Parish. Please join our newly formed **OUTREACH MINISTRY** and come explore how you can be a missionary in your life and support the missions of our Parish. How to begin? Come and register for our LIVE YOUR STRENGTHS Workshop.



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” **1 Peter 4:10**

You are invited to the **LIVE YOUR STRENGTHS** Introductory Workshop – Saturday Jan 18th 9 am to 12:30 pm here at the parish. Live Your Strengths is a program to help you discover who you truly are, what talents God has given you and what He is calling you to do. In the program, you take what you learn about yourself and others to become happier, more fulfilled, more engaged in your family, parish or organization - and with a deeper sense of your value and contribution.

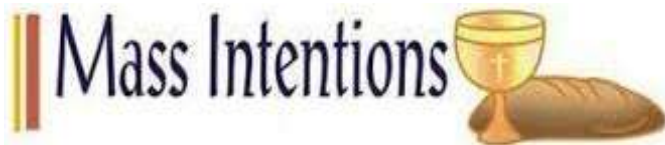
You will:

- Identify what makes you so incredibly unique
- Become more aware of and value the talents of others
- Apply what you’ve learned in real-world situations
- Explore how God places within each of us a calling

Live Your Strengths Introductory 3 hr. Session (CliftonStrengths online assessment and personalized workbook included) - \$44 + tax. Register at:

www.emergentstrengths.com/annunciation2020. **If you do not** have access to the internet or if you cannot afford the session but would like to come, please contact the office. **CFE**

PARENTS THIS ONE COUNTS FOR 2 MEETINGS!!! If you missed last November’s meeting with Linda, please make up for it by coming to this one!



Saturday January 11, 2020 – The Baptism of Our Lord

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 12, 2020 – The Baptism of Our Lord

10:00 am Robert Joseph Fowlie

Anne Macyshyn

Tuesday January 14, 2020

8:30 am Ferruccio Farese

Berthe Farese

Wednesday January 15, 2020

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Thursday January 16, 2020

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Friday January 17, 2020 – St. Anthony

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

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Saturday January 18, 2020 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am Edmondo Aguzzi

the Aguzzi family

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 those who have died:

Lillian Bergeron, Jean Neemeh

For vocations:

In baptism we have become children of God. We are called to live a life of holiness. Am I being called to live that life as a priest or religious? (Is 42:1-4;6-7) 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.

STEWARDSHIP:

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Mt 3:17) Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.




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**Holy Father's Prayer
 Intention for January**

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians,
 followers of other religions,
 and all people of goodwill may
 promote peace and justice in
 the world.



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