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 8:30 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 4:00 pm

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.

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WARDENS:

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

HONEST AND OPEN: In his homily last weekend, Father Robert spoke of how the alb he wears under his priestly robes is a reminder of his baptism and his priestly vocation to love and serve. He went on to lament how that same baptism, that same garment, that same vocation had been used as a weapon by his predecessor, Father Brian Boucher, who was recently convicted of sexual abuse of minors. Father Robert shared that he is as happy in his priesthood today as he was when he was ordained twenty years ago, but that his joy is tempered by the stain Father Brian has left on the priestly brotherhood here in Montreal. Karolina, our lector that Sunday, expressed what many of us have been feeling over the last few years, in the tears that she shed as she read the prayers of the faithful. We are truly blessed to have witnessed such honesty! The openness of both Father Robert's and Karolina's expressions of love heightened the banality of our bishop's letter to the congregation, which Father Robert read at the end of Mass. Please continue to pray for Father Brian' victims, all involved in the legal proceedings, our Bishop and his team, and especially Father Brian Boucher as we continue to navigate together through these troubled waters.



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS! Are you grateful for our parish priest? for our parish family? for prayers answered? Why not take St Joseph home in appreciation! He is available for the entire month of February! A sign up sheet can be found at the main entrance of the church. This is a great devotion to practice with your children.



TIME TO CELEBRATE! Join us for our second annual International Supper Saturday February 2nd following the 5 pm Mass. Time to show off your cultural roots! Please bring a traditional dish to share with our parish family. Dessert and beverages provided. Families welcome. Is there a traditional dance, song, or story that you, or your children, would like to share, very informally? You can also come in traditional dress. Want to attend but cannot bring something? Please let us know! Another parishioner would be happy to bring a little extra.



FUNDSCRIP FORMS will be available next week. Fundscrip is a passive form of fundraising. You buy gift cards to your favorite stores and the parish receives 2 to 7 % of your purchase, at no cost to you! Last year, your purchases provided the parish with nearly \$500 in donations! Need more information? Feel free to ask Father Robert or Anthony Mancini.



DONATIONS WANTED: Do you have extra Christmas decorations and/or small gift bags we could use next year? Please leave them in the sacristy with Emilio, Wayne or Father Robert. Thank you!

<u>THANK YOU!</u> Thank you to everyone who attended our <u>MOVIE IN THE AFTERNOON!</u> A special thank you to everyone who helped set up, who popped corn, gave out snacks, and help with clean up afterwards!



<u>CHILDREN'S FAITH EDUCATION</u> resumes this Tuesday January 22nd from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Doors open at 3:30 pm. Please check the website for homework and details concerning First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation.

REMINDER: We have many little ways to keep your little ones focused during Mass:

(1) John Issa offers Children's Liturgy on Sundays. Your child can join him for Father's blessing after the opening rites. The children return to Mass during the Liturgy of the

Eucharist. Running a little late? Your child can still join in. The classroom is located up the stairs at the parking lot entrance; (2) If your child is acting up, please make use of the playroom, located to the left as you enter the main doors of the church; (3) Mass books are available on the back of the pew at the main entrance of the church for your child to follow along; (4) Pflaum sheets are available where the Mass books are kept. A few copies can also be found in the playroom; (5) Would your child like to help with collection? Please see Father Robert or Emilio.

One parishioner remarked how nice it is to see so many children running up for the Our Father. Another said his child is happy to come to Mass and see friends, go to John's class, share in the Sign of Peace... Thank you for making our parish a welcoming home for our youngest members.



COME AND SEE EVENING: The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place on Friday, January 25th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 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 here at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish. For information: Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com.

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION: We will be continuing with *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. No need to have attended prior sessions to participate. Meetings resume Thursday January 31st in the boardroom following Mass. Coffee will be served.



KNEELERS: One of Wayne's challenges during the winter months is keeping the kneelers clean! You can help by keeping them in the upright position until they are needed during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Thank you!



IS PRAYER ONE OF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS? Consider joining our Meditation Group. Sessions resume in February.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (JANUARY 18 TO 25):

Eternal Father, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love. We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Saturday January 19, 2019 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Giovanni De Stefani his twin brother Umberto

Sunday January 20, 2019 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Pro Populo <u>Tuesday January 22, 2019</u>

8:30 am Barbara Demers Mercedes Petit

Wednesday January 23, 2019

7:00 pm Evelyn McMenamin The Estate

Thursday January 24, 2019 – Saint Francis de Sales

8:30 am Vincenzo Mattii Andrée Mattii

Friday January 25, 2019 – The Conversion of Saint Paul

4:00 pm Barbara Demers Anne and Jim Rowen

Saturday January 26, 2019 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Maria and Giovanni De Stefani the De Stefani family

Sunday January 27, 2019 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Joseph Mahmet

Ludmila. Robert and Natalie. Noah. Alec. Kristopher and Cassandra



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 a special intention.

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.

<u>For those who have died:</u> Margaret Million, Herb Ruiss.

For vocations: You are filled with the Holy Spirit! What is your gift? What is your ministry? Pray for wisdom and knowledge, faith and healingpower. Pray to know how God want syou to use your gifts. (1 Cor. 12:4-11). 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

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesdays: 9 am to 4 pm. Fridays: 9 am to 12 pm.

STEWARDSHIP: Our collections since December 23 were for \$17,152. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7) St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!



JANUARY

22 CFE resumes, details inside.

31 ADULT FAITH **EDUCATION** continues.

FEBRUARY

2 INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK, details inside.

17 COFFEE SUNDAY.

Please bring something to share.

Details for all of these events and more inside.



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