

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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2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE – BISHOP’S VISIT: Next Sunday, March 24, Archbishop Christian Lépine will celebrate mass at our parish, a pledge he made in his Jan. 13 message. For this occasion, our **Sunday mass** will be held at **9:30 a.m.**, instead of 10 a.m.

Following coffee in the vestibule, the Archbishop will join us for a parish meeting so that together we can build a stronger parish and diocesan community in the wake of the guilty verdict/plea concerning former pastor Brian Boucher. Please note that this is essentially a parish meeting, not a public meeting; parishioners need to feel comfortable to express themselves freely and openly.

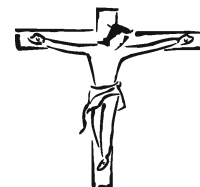
On behalf of our parish, I welcome the Archbishop to the Annunciation and thank him for his pastoral care.

MEETING WITH PARISHIONERS PRIOR TO VISIT: In anticipation of aforementioned visit, please join us in the parish hall this Sunday after Mass and a green coffee— see details below. We will gather our thoughts and organize our discussion points in preparation of the Bishop’s visit.



A GREEN COFFEE SUNDAY: In honour of Saint Patrick, please wear something green and join us for coffee and sweets in the parish hall after Mass on March 17th. Bring something sweet to share. Coffee and juice provided by the parish. The Coffee Sunday will be followed by a meeting to prepare for the Bishop’s visit next Sunday – see above for details.

ARE YOU GOING TO CELEBRATE LENT WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY? Please consider participating in a few of the following activities over the Lenten season:



Join us for the **Way of the Cross** at 3:30 pm on Fridays during Lent, before the 4 pm Mass. A signup sheet is available near the icon of Mary for Crucifix bearers and readers.



Lenten buckets are available again this year. If you are fasting (ex. not eating sweets) or making some other sacrifice during Lent (ex. skipping your favorite television program), take a bucket from the communion rail or at the main doors of the church home with you this Lent (one bucket per household please). We invite you to put the money you save because of your sacrifice into the bucket. Return your bucket to the parish office at Easter. In previous years, the money has gone to local families in need.

Our **MEDITATION** group returns on Wednesdays during Lent at 7:30 pm, following the 7 pm Mass. What is meditation? It is sitting quietly together with fellow parishioners, as you repeat silently, *Maranatha*, or *Come Lord Jesus*, to yourself. The point of the exercise is to find your centre in Jesus! This ancient form of prayer is practiced worldwide. Why not give it a try? Sessions last 30 to 40 minutes.



Christ is most present to us in the Eucharist. Plan to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament. We will have **ADORATION** on a Saturday morning during Lent. Details to come.

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to make time for confession this Lent, perhaps for the first time in many years. A priest gave us his number one tip for confession at a retreat I attended last weekend: just chill out. And come. Jesus is waiting for you. Go to: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/mamaneedscoffee/2019/02/guide-to-making-a-great-confession-for-the-full-article>. Our **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held during Lent. Several priests will be available to hear your confession. Are you a little apprehensive? Materials will be made available to help you make the most of this sacrament of healing.



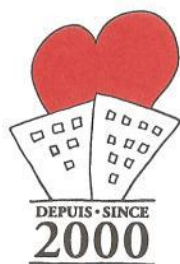
AFTER SACRIFICE COMES CELEBRATION! After the Easter Vigil, the Mother of all Masses, please join us in the parish hall to we break our fast at our traditional **RESURRECTION PARTY!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FUNDScrip ORDERS! The parish received \$58.85 thanks to your orders. The gift cards should be in next week.



COULD YOU TAKE OUR LITTLE STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH HOME FOR ONE WEEK? A sign up sheet can be found at the main entrance of the church. Would you rather NOT be called up by Father Robert after Mass? This can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

CFE RESUMES this Tuesday March 19. Only 5 classes left – no class during Holy Week! Please keep our children in your prayers, especially those who will be making their first Confession, receiving their first Communion and being Confirmed this season.



As we enter our season of Lent, we are mindful of praying, fasting and giving. Many TMR residents are in need of support services, which **The TMR VOLUNTEER CENTER**, readily take care on a daily basis. These include transportation services, and friendly visits. The center relies solely on donations and volunteers. If you want to volunteer or make a donation, or if you find yourself or someone you know in need of their services, please visit their website at vmr-benevoles-tmr.com or call 514-734-2923.



Saturday March 16, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Georges Gharib

Tuesday March 19, 2019

8:30 am Betty Layne Nelson

Wednesday March 20, 2019

7:00 pm Gaetano Martinez

Thursday March 21, 2019

8:30 am Marcella Magrin

Friday March 22, 2019

4:00 pm Coleman and McMenamin families

Saturday March 23, 2019 – Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 am Wardé El-Hage and the deceased members of the El-Hage family

Leila El-Hage Gharib

Winston Redman

the family

her family

The Estate

Leila El-Hage Gharib



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 In Thanksgiving, as requested by the St-Cyrs.

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: *This is my beloved Son, hear him.* Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say? (Luke 9: 28-36). 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:

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

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1,164. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.”
(Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any *kind*? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



MARCH

PARISH PROJECT - LENTEN BUCKETS:

Collect the money you save from your sacrifices for the needy!

19 CFE classes resume.

20 MEDITATION GROUP meets at 7:30 pm.

22 STATIONS OF THE CROSS, on Fridays during Lent at 3:30 pm before the 4 pm Mass.

24 BISHOP VISIT, 9:30 am.

Please see inside for details.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities
That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



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