

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 & Friday	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 scheduled on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

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:

2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan.

There are several pairs of words floating around in my head from these readings: foolishness and wisdom; weakness and strength; divinity and humanity; building and body; law and gift. They bring up questions for me about human and divine nature, about the importance of space, and about fasting.

Jesus' outburst in anger has always tripped me up in this Gospel story. Jesus is never angry in the rest of the Gospels. He is celebrating, or troubled, or tired, or moved with pity. He weeps for people, he heals people, he feeds people, and he is present to people. He calmly answers the Pharisees when he knows they are trying to goad him. Even at the prospect of death, when he prays so fervently that he sweats blood, he is not described as being angry; in fact, he begs forgiveness for those who hurt him. This display of frustration and anger, even righteous anger, disrupts my image of Christ just as he literally disrupts the tables. Probably, that is exactly the point: I am not allowed to be complacent in my image of Christ, just as the people there that day were not allowed to be complacent in their understanding of the law.

Jesus seems particularly human to me because of this story. Perhaps this is ironic since, in the Old Testament, righteous anger seemed to be God's normal mood. It is especially interesting to consider in light of the second reading's reflection on the crucifixion, that "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." God overturns my expectations of what wisdom and strength look like. I continue to ponder whether the righteous anger of God is somehow more peaceful than human peace, or perhaps more peaceful than human complacency. What is God telling me about the nature of divinity and humanity here?

I think Jesus reveals the reason for his anger in the analogy between the temple building and his body. The space that was meant to be reserved for being with God, for encountering God, had been repurposed for carrying out the letter of the law (through sacrifice). God gave the Law to help the people grow closer to God through practicing it. The Law was a gift, as the psalm says, more precious than a heap of purest gold and sweeter than honey from the comb. But in the Gospel story, the people were caught up in material, even the material they used to worship God, rather than being caught up in God. Jesus refers to his own body as the temple. I can assume that, in Christ's image, my body is also a temple for God. We the Church, the Body of Christ, are collectively a temple for God. What is God telling me about how important it is to keep my "inner room" free to encounter God? What is God telling me through this story about how deeply God desires that space for encounter? - Molly Mattingly



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Join the growing number of parishioners praying the Stations of the Cross, **every Friday during Lent, at 8 am.** Readers and Crucifix bearers needed! Signup sheet available on the communion rail. The devotion is followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

MEDITATION GROUP meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the boardroom via 71 Roosevelt. What is meditation? After listening to a short meditation and a hymn, we are invited to repeat *Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus* in silent prayer for 20 to 25 minutes. You will be surprised at how quickly the time passes! Everyone is welcome, children too! Please bring free to bring a friend! No prior experience required, just a desire to sit with the Lord, together in silence!



THANK YOU to all who attended our half-day retreat last Saturday! Thank you to those who could only come for a short while. Thank you if you wanted to come but couldn't make it!

A big thank you from Emmanuel, the Nigerian refugee, for your donations of clothing and bed sheets!

As a Lenten Project, our **YOUTH GROUP** has put together Blessing Bags. Please keep them in prayer as they are now deciding how best to distribute them.



Our parish **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place Wednesday March 14th at 7:30 pm, following the 7 pm Mass. Please keep the children who will be making their First Confession during Lent in your prayers. Can't remember the last time you went to confession? Let the priest know! He will be happy to walk you through the steps. The sacrament is one of healing, not shame! Not sure you're ready? Come anyways! The first step is usually the hardest.

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 18th. Everything will be provided by the parish.





NEXT WEEKEND SPRING FORWARD: Don't forget to set your clocks *ahead* one hour before going to bed next Saturday March 10th

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH at St Joseph's Oratory, March 10 to 18, 2018.

For details, please visit: <https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/spirituality/saint-joseph/novena-saint-joseph/>.

FUNDSCRIP forms are available today on the communion rail and at the main doors of the church. 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! Ask Father Robert for more details.



Through word, prayer and song we will follow a path well-trodden by holy women and men throughout the centuries. Drinking deeply at the sources of our faith and hope, we come to know

Christ, to love Christ and to follow Christ more closely in every aspect of our lives.

“Sinners, loved and forgiven” - **Monday, March 12** – Fr. Gerry Westphal

“Called into the Lord's friendship” - **Tuesday, March 13** – Elizabeth Koessler

“Dying and rising with Christ” - **Wednesday, March 14** – John Carey

Join us from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. each evening (6405 de Terrebonne St., Montreal, H4B 1A8). Freewill offerings will be greatly appreciated. For more info, contact the office at 514-481-0267 or st-monica@videotron.ca.



Saturday March 3, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Georges Gharib

Tuesday March 6, 2018

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

Wednesday March 7, 2018

7:00 pm Betty Ouellet

Thursday March 8, 2018

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

Friday March 9, 2018

8:30 am George Geertsen

Saturday March 10, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am the deceased members of the Wardé family

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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 \$20.00. The full 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.

PRAYERS:

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

For those who have died : Joseph Mahmet.

For vocations:

Do we demand signs or do we hear the Lord speaking to our heart? (1 Cor. 1:22-25). 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

Tues/Thurs/ Fri: 8:30 am;

Wednesday: 7 pm.

Please use 71 Roosevelt.

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$1,675. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel.

Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.



MARCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays, 8 am, during Lent,
 before the 8:30 am Mass.

PARISH PROJECT: Lenten
 Buckets. See inside for details.

CFE Schedule:

- no class March 6 & 13
 for spring break
- Class March 20
- no class March 27 for
 Holy Week

4 Fundscrip forms available.

6 Meditation group, 7 pm.

7 Adult Education,
 7:30 pm, chapters 29 - 33.

14 Reconciliation Service,
 7:30 pm following the 7 pm
 Mass.

18 Green Coffee Sunday in
 honour of St. Patrick. Wear
 something green! Coffee
 and sweets provided.

Please see inside the bulletin for
 more details.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

Formation in Spiritual Discernment:

That the Church may appreciate
 the urgency of formation in
 spiritual discernment, both on
 the personal and communitarian
 levels.



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