

# 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.

## 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.

**Theme:** We believe.

**Breaking Open the Word**

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel: John 3:14-21.

**Step One: Listen to the Word**

As you hear Jesus words to Nicodemus today, which words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

**Step Two: Look into Your Life**

**Question for Children:** Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

**Question for Youth:** The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

**Question for Adults:** When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

**How is Jesus calling you this Lent?**

We often get caught up in what we are doing during Lent: giving up sweets or our favorite television program, doing something for the poor we pass on the street... Have you ever stopped and asked: Jesus, what do you want from me? Perhaps He is calling you to visit Him in the sacrament of reconciliation? We tend to feel shame, and/or embarrassment when thinking about confession or even anger at the Church for imposing it on us. But, as Father Robert mentioned in his homily last weekend, we are meant to see this sacrament through the prism of the cross, a place where we encounter the peace, love, mercy and compassion of Christ. Our own image of God as a score keeper can become a stumbling block to partaking of the sacrament. This Lent, encounter the peace, love, mercy and compassion of Christ in the healing sacrament of reconciliation. Pray that any obstacles you may have be removed. Join us as we come together to celebrate this sacrament – some of us for the first time – on **Wednesday March 21st** - details below. Unsure as to whether you will have the courage to 'go for it'? Come anyways! Being open – even if you are not ready - to the possibility is pleasing to God as well!



**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 reflection 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!



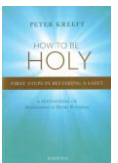
**CORRECTION:** Our parish **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place **Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm**, following the 7 pm Mass. Please keep the children who will be making their First Confession during Lent in your prayers. Can't remember the last time you went to confession? Let 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Everything will be provided by the parish.



**FUNDSCRIP** orders are due today. Forms can be found 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.

**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION:** Please join Father Robert this Tuesday March 13 at 9:15 am or Tuesday April 3 at 7 pm as he looks at chapters 34 to Appendix 1 of Peter Kreeft's *How to be Holy*. Everyone is welcome. No need to have read the book to participate.



**THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT:** Live from Ottawa, streaming to St. Kevin's Parish 5600 Côte-des-Neiges, April 27 & 28. Visit [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) for more information and to register.

**COME AND SEE EVENING:** For men who are discerning a call to the priesthood, please join us at our informal get-together Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm. Each evening begins with supper and is followed by prayer and a time of input and sharing where issues concerning priestly life are discussed. For more information, please contact Father Robert at 514-903-6200 or [mtlvocations@hotmail.com](mailto:mtlvocations@hotmail.com).

**NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** at St Joseph's Oratory, March 10 to 18, 2018. For details, please visit: <https://www.saint-joseph.org/>.



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](mailto:st-monica@videotron.ca).



**Saturday March 10, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Wardé Harb and the deceased members of the El-Hage family

*Leila Gharib*

**Tuesday March 13, 2018**

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

*the Estate*

**Wednesday March 14, 2018**

7:00 pm Evelyn McMenamin

*the Estate*

**Thursday March 15, 2018**

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

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**Friday March 16, 2018**

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

*Rita Heddo*

**Saturday March 17, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Guiseppina Cava

*her family*

**Sunday March 18, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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 \$20.00. 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 vocations:**

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.* What can we give in return? (John 3: 14-21). 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 \$1,775. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.





## MARCH

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

### CFE Schedule:

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

**10-11 Fundscrip forms due.**

**13 Meditation group, 7 pm.**

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

**21 Reconciliation Service,**  
 7:30 pm following the 7 pm Mass.

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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