



## March

**Parish Lenten Project** begins  
– see inside for details.

**Praying with St. Joseph** begins  
– see inside for details

**Stations of the Cross,**  
**Fridays during Lent, 8 am.**

**11 & 12 Fundscrip** forms  
are due. See Father  
Robert or Anthony  
Mancini after Mass.  
Details inside.

**12 Breaking Open the Word** –  
see inside for details.

**19 An Irish - Coffee Sunday!**  
Details inside.

**21 Children's Faith Education**  
classes resume, 4:15 pm.

**24 Youth Group Meeting,** 6 to  
9 pm. Cost \$5.

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

### **Support for Persecuted Christians.**

That persecuted Christians may  
be supported by the prayers and  
material help of the whole  
Church.



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# 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 – 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:

2017: Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan;

2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.



**Theme: Transfiguration** - with the Spirit of Jesus living within us, we will be transformed.

**Breaking Open the Word**

Today’s Gospel, Matthew 17: 1-9.

**Step One: Listen to the Word**

As you heard the story of the Transfiguration proclaimed today, what particular words did you notice? What line in this reading touched your heart?

**Step Two: Look into Your Life**

**Question for Children:** Share about a time when you felt especially close to God or Jesus.

**Question for Youth:** Have you ever had a “mountain top” experience where you felt exceptionally close to God? How was your life changed by that experience?

**Question for Adults:** Perhaps this reading calls us, not to cling to the familiar, but to leave the comforts of the parish and reach out to the world around us. In your neighborhood or community, who is waiting to hear the Good News?

**PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK:** Didn’t get off to a great start this Lent? No worries, it’s not too late to begin! Consider joining us for one or more of these Lenten activities:

**DIDN’T GET A BUCKET?**

**1** No worries...make your own! Repurpose an empty jar or plastic container to collect money you save while fasting. At our parish meeting last month, we looked at how our sacrifices, great and small, contribute to the holiness of our family members, friends, co-workers, etc... Our **Parish Lenten Project** continues along this theme. If you are fasting (ex. not eating sweets) or making some other sacrifice during Lent (ex. skipping your favorite program), collect the money you save because of your sacrifice in your container. b=Bring the container to the parish office atfter Easter. All money collected will be redistributed to the needy – details to follow.

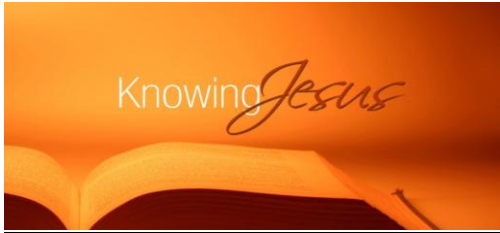
**5** Adult Faith Education will resume Wed. Apr. 5 at 7:30 pm and Thurs. Apr. 6 at 9:15 am. We will be looking at Henri Nouwen’s, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Copies cost \$18. Please contact the office by March 23 if you would like to order a copy of the book.



**TAKE ST JOSEPH HOME!** As part of this year’s vocation theme, we invite parishioners to pray for vocations in their home with a small statue of St. Joseph, provided by the parish. *Begins this weekend!* Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church.

**PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH TO KNOW ONE’S VOCATION**

**2** O grant me the grace to know the state of life that God in His providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it. Obtain for me the light to know God’s Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.



**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD:**

Join us **this Sunday March 12** at 11:15 am in the boardroom as we discuss the following Sunday’s Gospel reading. Attendance at previous sessions is not required. All are welcome, adults, youth and children. Sharing is not required! Listeners welcome!

**4** **WAY OF THE CROSS** Please join us on Fridays during Lent at 8 am as we walk the Stations of the Cross together.



**AN IRISH - COFFEE SUNDAY:**  
**March 19, following Mass**

Please bring something sweet to share as we meet for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall. Please consider throwing a few dollars in to our Free Will bucket to cover the cost of juice and coffee.



**Saturday March 11, 2017 – Second Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday March 12, 2017 – Second Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Wardé Harb & all the deceased members of the El Hage family  
*Requested by Leila El-Hage*

**Tuesday March 14, 2017**

7:00 pm Coleman and McMenamin families  
*Requested by the Estate*

**Wednesday March 15, 2017**

7:00 pm Evelyn McMenamin  
*Requested by the Estate*

**Thursday March 16, 2017**

8:30 am Patrick and his family  
*Requested by a friend of the family*

**Friday March 17, 2017 – Saint Patrick**

8:30 am Gaetano Martinez  
*Requested by Giovanna Martinez*

**Saturday March 18, 2017 – Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday March 19, 2017 – Third Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Josephine Esposito  
*Requested by the family*



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. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. **This week** the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Noëlene Mikey, as requested by Bernadette Shams.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

Copies of the Diocesan press release concerning the allegations against Father Brian Boucher are available at all the entrances to the church. Please do not hesitate to call Father Robert at 514-738-1080 or Father Ray Lafontaine, our Episcopal Vicar, at 514-925-4300, ext. 314, to voice your concerns or ask questions.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation. Please keep all members of our parish family in your prayers.



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

Friday March 24, from 6 to 9 pm. Cost is \$5 for pizza. All high school students are welcome.

**PRAYERS:**

**For the sick:** Jean-Pierre Belair, Michael Coady, André and Marie Coupal, Margaret Groves, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

**For vocations:** The Lord called Abraham to be the progenitor of the mighty nation of God’s people. This kind of spiritual parenthood is a fulfilling calling. Encourage those you know who have the gifts to be holy, healthy celibate lovers of God’s people.

**THIS WEEK’S**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Tuesday** 9 am to 12 pm;  
**Friday** 9 am to 4 pm

**WEEKDAY**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Mondays - No Mass;  
Tues. & Wed, 7 pm;  
Thurs. & Fri., 8:30 am.

**STEWARDSHIP:**

Our collection last week was for \$1,600. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”*

*Genesis 12:1*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.