

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

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| Saturday (vigil) | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 10:00 am |

Weekday Mass:

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| 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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2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan.

Easter Joy for Everyday Life

More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful – even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love – with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more... when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can't take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast."

We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love.

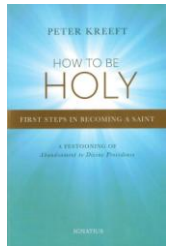
That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

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MEDITATION GROUP meets this Tuesday 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 a friend. No prior experience required, just a desire to sit with the Lord, together in silence!

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION resumes this Tuesday April 3 at 7 pm in the **altar servers' room**. Father Robert will be looking at chapter 34 through to Appendix 1 of Peter Kreeft's *How to be Holy*. You need not have attended previous meetings to attend. Listeners welcome!



TAKE ST. JOSEPH HOME: Consider taking St. Joseph home for a week to pray for vocations in our parish. A signup sheet is available at the main entrance. This is a great devotion for families!

CHILDREN'S FAITH EDUCATION: Classes resume April 3. Only 5 weeks remain! Please pray for all of our students, especially those who will be confirmed on Sunday May 6 and those who will receive Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday May 20.

BUCKET RETURN! If you participated in our Parish Lenten Project, it is time to return your bucket to the parish. You can leave it with Father Robert, Emilio or Wayne. Didn't get a bucket? You can still make a donation to the project. Our Youth Group is finishing up their Blessing Bags. Details on how they will be distributed to follow.





FUNDSCRIP: Forms will be available next week. New merchants have been added. How does Fundscrip work? You order gift cards – for example, \$100 at Provigo, you receive your order - \$100 at Provigo; the parish receives 3% of your order from Fundscrip – in this case \$3 – at no cost to you! Last year the parish made over \$500 from your purchases. Consider supporting the parish by using this passive means of fundraising.

THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS...

FINAL PARISH WORKSHOP: It is only fitting after our Easter celebrations that we end the year with a discussion on the Eucharist. In a recent homily, Father Robert reminded us that sacrifice is to make the other holy. Jesus did that for us on the cross; we do it daily for our loved ones. On Thursday April 12 at 7:15 pm, come and see how the pelican can deepen our appreciation of the sacrament and how our Catholic understanding of Holy Communion differs from that of other denominations. Duration: 45 minutes.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER FLOWER

OFFERINGS! Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessings upon those on whose behalf these offerings were made: in memory of Edward Baluch, for the sick members of the Beaugard family, for the good health of the Bondoc family, in memory of the deceased members of the Cahill and Robertson families, and for the intentions of the St-Cyr family, the Ianuziello family, and Judy Semple.



PRAYERS:

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

For vocations:

The Loed has risen; it is true! Proclaim it to the world! Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life (Matthew 28: 1-10) 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.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, 9 am to 12 pm and
Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$2,614. Donations for palms \$263.40. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” – COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing *“Alleluia.”* Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 31, 2018 – Easter Vigil

8:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday

10:00 am Fouad, Michael and Milad Hodhod *the family*

Tuesday April 3, 2018

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families *the Estate*

Wednesday April 4, 2018

7:00 pm Betty Ouellet *her family*

Thursday April 5, 2018

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin *the Estate*

Friday April 6, 2018

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory *Rita*

Heddo Saturday April 7, 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm Mario Leschiutta *Teresa Rochon and family*

Sunday April 8, 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter

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 memory of Debbie Groves.



APRIL

Please return **buckets** to the parish. Donations without buckets are also appreciated!

St. Joseph needs you! A signup sheet is available at the main doors of the church.

3 CFE classes resume.

Meditation group, 7 pm, in the boardroom.

AFE, How to be Holy, 7 pm in the **altar servers' room**.

Access to all three programs via 71 Roosevelt.

7-8 FUNDScrip forms available.

12 THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE...., 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please see inside for more details.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters:

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



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