

# 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 to 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.

Today's first reading addresses us as children. We are given some advice... Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and in truth. Translation: Actions speak louder than words. It's pretty easy to talk about doing the right thing, but acting on it can be a challenge. However, John goes on to share some tips to help us do this:

- Love one another
- Keep His commandments and do what pleases Him

Sounds simple right? I can easily think of a couple of people who present huge challenges to me personally when I try to practice the "love one another" idea. No matter what I do, or how hard I pray for patience in dealing with them, things are difficult! However, I must persevere and love them. So, here's my trick... I stop and think of how difficult I might be to deal with, and how it may be difficult to love me—this can be painful. I tend to spend more time thinking of the shortcomings of those I am trying to love than my own faults, but perspective is gained.

Today's gospel is the story of the vine and the vine grower. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing"

The story starts with a description of our Father, the vine grower. The vine grower very carefully works in the vineyard caring for the individual branches daily. Those branches that are not bearing fruit are removed; the fruit bearing branches are pruned so as to produce more fruit. The vine grower wants nothing more than to have a fruitful crop, and spends great time and care in achieving that. He will do whatever is needed to that end.

The Father spends great time and care in watching over each of us. If we remain in Him and His words remain in us, we are told to ask for whatever is wanted and it will be done.

As I write this I am just back from a wake service for a friend who was taken too soon — a young husband, father, coach, brother and friend to so many. A sibling reflected on how for five days everybody prayed for healing, and it may seem that those prayers weren't answered. She went on to talk about the different outcomes that could have been. She shared that although it may seem that prayers weren't answered, actually they were — going to Heaven was better than some outcomes. In one of the most difficult times of her life, she encouraged others not to despair, that prayers are answered. For me, this was very powerful message from a suffering family. This was a true example of a family who has been 'pruned' by our Father. During an incredibly difficult time, fruit is born. The vine grower is caring for his crop.



**MEDITATION GROUP** meets Tuesdays at 7 pm in the boardroom via 71 Roosevelt. Not sure if this is right for you? Come give it a try! No commitment required. Come sit alone, in silent prayer, together with fellow parishioners. **CFE parents** who need to make up for missed meetings, this is a great opportunity to do so. Bring the family!

**ST. JOSEPH THANKS YOU!!!** St Joseph has a home over the next few weeks. He still has lots of availability, though, especially during the summer months. Please consider taking the little statue home to pray with him for vocations to the priesthood or the diaconate, to consecrated, religious, married or single life. Father Robert shared with the CFE children that he got his first 'nudge' to the priesthood at around the age of seven, and then again more concretely when he was twelve years old. Ask him about it!



**DONATE THROUGH PAYPAL:** We have established a PayPal account on our website which enables us to accept donations online by credit card. You do not have to sign up for PayPal to do so. Just click on the "Donate" button on the right sidebar at [www.annunciationparish.ca](http://www.annunciationparish.ca).

**MARRIAGE JUBILEE:** If you were married in a year ending in 2, 3, 7 or 8, please save the date, Saturday, June 9th, for our Marriage Jubilee celebration, beginning with Mass at 5:00 pm. Cost to be determined. Signup sheet at the main entrance.



**CHURCH BEQUESTS:** Bequests are another way to support the parish financially. Should you be considering adding Annunciation Parish to your last will and testament, please email Lori-Ann at [loriannzemanovich@hotmail.com](mailto:loriannzemanovich@hotmail.com), who can give you helpful information and guide you through the process. Thank you for your support of our parish.



**COFFEE SUNDAY** join us next Sunday May 6 after Mass for coffee and conversation. Please bring something to share. Coffee and juice provided.

**PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER:** On Sunday May 6, five candidates will receive the sacrament of Confirmation and on Sunday May 20, twelve children will receive their First Communion.

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: BEGINNING MAY 1:** Tuesday to Friday - 8:30 am. **PLEASE NOTE** that the main entrance will be **NOT** be open this coming week due to construction. Please use the doors at 71 Roosevelt.

Our **CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM** is in need of toys, books, etc... so that we can rotate the items available to the children. If you have anything to donate, please leave it at the office or in the room itself – ask Father Robert or Emilio if you haven't seen it yet! Thank you.

Our **KITCHEN PANTRY** is always in need of juice boxes. Please leave donations at the office or the kitchen. Thank you!



**BABY SHOWER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

During the month of May, in honour of Mother's Day, we are asking for donations of new or gently used baby clothes (sizes 12 months and under), diapers, wipes, thermometers, cribs, strollers and car seats (purchased within the last five years), and baby carriers. Please deposit items in the boxes

placed at the main entrance to the church and at 71 Roosevelt Avenue. If you have larger items to donate, please call the parish office first. All items will be donated to la Maison Bleue, a social perinatal center that provides care during pregnancy and toddler years, for families facing difficulties, in the Côte des Neiges area.

**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:** Dick Elliott, Fred Farese, Geraldine McLeod.

**For vocations:** *If you live in me and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will and it will be done for you.* Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life (John 15:1-8). 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**

Monday: No Mass.  
Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 am;  
Please use 71 Roosevelt.

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**STEWARDSHIP:**

Our collection last Sunday was for \$1,920. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." – 1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

**Mass Intentions**



**Saturday April 28, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday April 29, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am George Gharib

*Leila Gharib*

**Tuesday May 1, 2018 – St. Joseph the Worker**

8:30 am Debbie Neemeh

*Marie Neemeh*

**Wednesday May 2, 2018 – St. Athanasius**

8:30 am Betty Ouellet

*her family*

**Thursday May 3, 2018 – Sts. Philip and James**

8:30 am for those souls who have no one to pray for them

*Hiep Yuong*

**Friday May 4, 2018**

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

*Rita Heddo*

**Saturday May 5, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 pm Rzemien family

*the Vaupshas family*

**Sunday May 6, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am famille Harb

*Jeanette Harb*



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 for a special intention, as requested by a parishioner.





**MAY**

**Parish Project: Baby Shower for Expectant Mothers:** see inside for details.

**1 Meditation group, 7 pm,** in the boardroom.

**6 Coffee Sunday, following Mass.** Please bring something to share.

**JUNE**

**3 Coffee Sunday, following Mass.** Please bring something to share.

**9 SAVE THE DATE: Marriage Jubilee:** sign up sheet available at the back of the church. Details inside.

**17 Parish BBQ, after Mass; Blessing of the pets, 1 pm.**

**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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