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

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12 pm. It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation.

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:

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel;

2022: Karolina Weclas, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

The depictions of Christ's baptism in the River Jordan are many. From paintings by Leonardo Da Vinci to stained glass windows by Tiffany, the central elements are the same: Jesus and his cousin, John the Baptist, in the Jordan River with the Holy Spirit overhead as a dove. As Catholics, we enjoy the fine work of the talented artists, but it does not begin to fully convey the depth and significance of Christ's baptism and what it truly means for us.

The word "baptize" is Greek in origin (baptize in), which means to plunge or immerse, and baptism is the first and probably the most important sacrament of the Church. It is through baptism that we are brought into the Church. It is God's most precious gift to us, and it signifies our liberation from sin and that the Holy Spirit dwells within us.

It has been said that by our own baptism we became missionary disciples of Christ and as such we need to be personally involved and actively engaged in living a faith-filled life, participating in a Christian community of faith and love. For is this not the very reason we belong to the Church, to be engaged in a community of faith and love?

I could expound upon the many benefits of baptism, but the more challenging question, one worthy of our reflection, is *how are we using this precious gift?* Maybe a good place for us to start is to reflect back when many of us, as parents presenting our children for baptism or as godparents, renewed our baptismal promises. These promises are as good a guidepost as any for us to continue to follow.

We might ask ourselves if, as engaged Christians, we are role models for our children. Do we worship together as a family and nurture our children to develop a strong faith? The same questions can be extended beyond our homes and families, to those with whom we interact in our workplaces and communities; do we present ourselves as engaged Christians and serve as role models?

I dare say all of us have come up short in answer to these questions, but do not despair, for our God is a loving and forgiving God. Equally as important, through our baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Through the Holy Spirt, God is personal to each of us and has the power to transform us into the people we want to be.

The gift of the Holy Spirit that God gave us at our baptism is ours to call upon when we need guidance. The Holy Spirit can help us to live the lives we are capable of – lives as engaged Christians--lives of compassion and love for members of our families as well as strangers on the street. Maybe it is time for us to "plunge" ourselves back into our faith.

Steve Scholer Creighton University's University Relations



FUNDSCRIP: Forms are available on the communion rail and at the main entrance of the church. Fundscrip is a passive means of fundraising. There is no additional cost to you, the user. You buy gift cards from your favorite store and Fundscrip donates up to 7% of your purchase to the parish. Last year over \$350 was raised for the parish. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or speak with Father Robert.



<u>ST JOSEPH NEEDS YOU</u> to take him home to pray for vocations in the parish. A signup sheet can be found at the main entrance. The devotion takes about 5 minutes a day. Please consider spending a few minutes with St Joseph. We need your prayers!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION BOOK CLUB continues this Thursday January 23, following Mass. We will continue discussing Peter Kreeft's *Making Sense Out of Suffering*. Everyone is welcome! Coffee will be served. We will also watch a snippet from the video series Symbolon, our next selection.

<u>CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TOTALS:</u> December 22 2019 \$7256; December 25 2019 \$11690; December 28 2019 \$5845 and January 1 regular collection \$1435; 75th Anniversary envelopes \$1455.



LET'S CELEBRATE! 75 years of Diversity!

From Greece to France to our beloved Canada, cook up your favorites and come celebrate the diversity of our parish community. Bring enough to feed your party! Dessert and beverages will be provided.

When: Feb 9th after the 10 am Mass

Where: Parish hall – enter by 71 Roosevelt

Please contact Nadine Yared (nadineyared@hotmail.com) or Karolina Weclas (karolinaweclas@gmail.com) with the country you will be representing and the dish you will be bringing. RSVP by February 2.

We look forward to celebrating the richness and diversity of our parish with you.



<u>CHILDREN'S FAITH EDUCATION (CFE):</u> Classes resume February 4.



Saturday January 18, 2020 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am Edmondo Aguzzi

the Aguzzi family

International Potluck

Tuesday January 21, 2020 - St. Agnes

8:30 am Gaetano Martinez

his family

Wednesday January 22, 2020

8:30 am Federico Fontanilla

Emilio Fontanilla

Thursday January 23, 2020

8:30 am Vincenzo Mattii

Andrée Mattii

Friday January 24, 2020 – St Francis de Sales

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

the Estate

Saturday January 25, 2020 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am Joseph Mahmet

his family



The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. 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. The amount is eligible for a tax receipt. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. This week the lamp burns for Gaetano Martinez, as

requested by his family.

Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beauregard family, Jean-Pierre Belair, Mike Callard, André and Marie Coupal, Chuck Lawton, Nona Moussa, Marchita Obregon, Patricia Paul, Winston Redman, Hilda Rejwan, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Marina Zogalis.

For vocations: From our birth God calls us to be whole, holy people. How are you growing in wholeness and holiness? For some, the path to wholeness and holiness is through service as a sister, brother or Priest. Think about it! (1 Cor. 1:1-3) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

OFFICE HOURS

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

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1560. Our second collection was for \$435. **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." (Isaiah 49:5)

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.







19 FUNDSCRIP forms due
23 AFE BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY

- **4 CFE** resumes
- 9 International Brunch

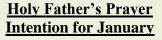
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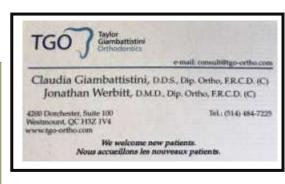


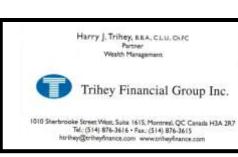




Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.







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