

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
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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.

The Ascension stories highlight two things we disciples of Jesus still tend to do and they outline for us our Mission today.

"They worshiped, but they doubted." We worship him, but we doubt. Sure we do. We hold something back, don't we? Even in our most devout moments, we don't always fully give ourselves to the faith that our life is in his hands and that we have nothing to fear because he is always with us. In fact, we tend to live our day to day lives, not like people who fully believe in the resurrection and the hope and joy that gives, but like people who can easily get upset by the smallest of things. We can each take a little test right now. Let's make two quick lists in our head: 1) list the ways I show signs of living the hope and joy of the resurrection; 2) now list the ways I show I am upset, disturbed, impatient, frustrated, angry at the people, situations, circumstances around me. See what I mean? It takes great grace to be freed by the Good News, "I am with you always."

The second thing we tend to do is to catch ourselves "standing there looking at the sky." Jesus will return in glory, but we aren't supposed to stand flat footed, waiting for the return. We have a mission. Too often we get caught realizing that our faith in Jesus, the gift of grace given to us, is not just about keeping us from sin. It is not only about our relationship with Jesus - saying our prayers and avoiding evil. We are called to take his place in this world and to share the Good News with others - to make a real difference in bringing others to the Lord. Another simple, quick examination of my conscience can help. This involves a quick "self-grading." 1) What grade would I give my fundamental relationship with the Lord in my everyday life? A? B? C? D? 2) Now, grade what do I give my efforts at self-sacrificing love for the people closest to me, for those people with whom I struggle, and for the poor of the earth? A? B? C? D?

The point of these moments of self awareness is not to make us feel guilty, ashamed or discouraged. They help us, in the same way the disciples were helped, to head up the road back to Jerusalem and await the coming of the Holy Spirit. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The Greek word Luke uses here is *dunamis* - which is translated "power." We get our words "dynamic" and "dynamite" from this word. The Spirit gives us something that can give a new dynamism to our lives, a new ability to do more than we could imagine, to be Jesus' witnesses.

FUNDSCRIP FORMS are due, along with payment. Last month, parishioners ordered over \$1,900 in cards. The parish made about \$80, at no cost to those parishioners. For more information, please see Father Robert or Anthony Mancini.



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!

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.



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, who can give you helpful information and guide you through the process. Thank you for your support of our parish.



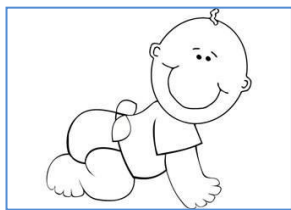
MARRIAGE JUBILEE: If you were married in a year ending in 2, 3, 7 or 8, please save the date, Saturday, June 9th, for our Marriage Jubilee celebration, beginning with Mass at 5:00 pm. Cost to be determined. Signup sheet at the main entrance.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! to Lorenza F., Jeremy D., Elliott D., Ryan F., Owen S. who were confirmed last Sunday! **PLEASE KEEP OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS IN PRAYER:** twelve children will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday May 20.

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY: During the month of May, Pope Francis is inviting us to pray the rosary for world peace. Rosaries are available at the icon of Mary.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Tuesday to Friday - 8:30 am. **PLEASE NOTE** that the main entrance will be open as well as 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 to the parishioner who tidied it up last weekend!



BABY SHOWER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

During the month of May, 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, which provides care during pregnancy and toddler years, for families facing difficulties.

SUMMER FANTASY: On May 27 at 2:30 pm, please join us in the church for a benefit concert performed by the Voices of Hope Choir, composed of cancer survivors. Tickets available at the door 25\$ or 20\$ if purchased in advance by calling Milda Ruffo at 514-738-3998 (children under 12 years, free admission). Proceeds from ticket sales will go to support Hope and Cope projects for cancer patients.



Saturday May 12, 2018 – The Ascension of the Lord

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday May 13, 2018 – The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am Juan Bondoc

Raquel Bondoc

Tuesday May 15, 2018

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

the Estate

Wednesday May 16, 2018

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

the Estate

Thursday May 17, 2018

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

Hiep Yuong

Friday May 18, 2018

8:30 am Gaetano Martinez

the family

Saturday May 19, 2018 – Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday May 20, 2018 – Pentecost Sunday

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

Leila Gharib



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 Debbie Groves, as requested by a parishioner.

Prayers:

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

For vocations Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.' There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.' 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 4 pm and

Friday, 9 am to 12 pm.

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last Sunday was for \$2,235. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.



MAY

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

15 Meditation group, 7 pm, in the boardroom.

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 May

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Pope Francis has called on Catholics worldwide to join him in praying **the rosary for peace** in the world, especially in Syria, Nigeria and the Koreans. Rosaries are available at the icon of Mary.



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