



OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) Sunday 5:00 pm 9:00 am 11:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday8:30 amWednesday4:00 pmThursday & Friday8:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm; Sunday 9:30-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

BAPTISM

Please call to make an appointment.

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.

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT

This Sunday's parable of the Talents wants us to know that what we have received from God is not something small but is huge and magnificent. A talent, as well as being a unit of weight, was also money, and its value was 6,000 hours' wages, twenty years of pay. Clearly then the master is entrusting the servants with huge sums of money. The servants are receiving something that is colossal in their times. What God gives us is equally gigantic and priceless. We have received so much from God that we take for granted. Since the sum is so great, the talents refer not just to our natural abilities and qualities but are the charisms and gifts that Jesus gives us. The third servant buried his treasure because he had the incorrect attitude toward God; he described God as a hard taskmaster. He is not. He is our loving father always ready to help us develop the gifts he has given us.

Father Robert

STEWARDSHIP: **Our collection last week was for \$898. Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Masses have filled this weekend! Thank you for your trust and for ensuring that we continue to witness to our faith. If you are not comfortable coming to Mass in person because of Covid, please continue to stream online or watch on television. and pray the Act of Spiritual Communion.

You may have noticed that our <u>WEEKLY</u> <u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u> have dropped over the last few months. We are very grateful for your contributions that we have received so far, either in person, through the mail or our PayPal account. All donations are tax deductible. Remember: individual donations are our main source of income. The Diocese does not subsidize the parish, nor does the government or any other organization. Our doors stay open for worship because of your donations.

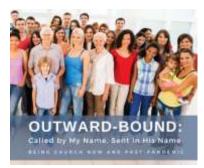
If you know of someone who would like to receive our **WEEKLY EMAILS**, please have them call or email the office to be added to our email list.

DONATE YOUR BACKPACKS!!! CarePacks MTL_needs help providing for its 4th annual fundraiser for the homeless in Montreal. This year they are preparing 150 care-packages for the homeless which will be distributed at <u>The Open Door</u>. In support of this endeavor, we are collecting new or used backpacks to facilitate the cause and provide for the homeless in Montreal. Please drop off your new or used backpacks at the Parish by no later than November 29th. Thank You. Each backpack will contain the care-packages of which the contents will include toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, tuques and gloves. Should you have any of these items to donate and want to put them in the backpacks, please feel free to do so. **Drop off times to be determined.**

COVID-CARE GROCERY SHOP PROGRAM: The pandemic has unfortunately limited our gathering opportunities to come together as a Parish family but has also caused most of our elderly parishioners to be isolated and confined to home. As the winter approaches, our elderly and those with disabilities and predisposing conditions prohibiting public mobility , will find themselves even more isolated and in need of support. We have gathered a small team of Annunciation Parish volunteers to help those in need and take care of their grocery shopping needs. All you need to do is email your grocery list and one of our volunteers will be dispatched to the task! If you are in need of this service or



wish to be a volunteer, please contact Lori-Ann at loriannzemanovich@hotmail.com .



CALLED BY MY NAME, SENT IN HIS NAME, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 10 a.m. - 12 p.m ET An online event. As Christians, we live in relationship – in community – with God and with each other. But it doesn't stop there. We are called to go out into the world. But how? Especially now, as we live through a world-altering pandemic, how can we move forward as an outward-bound church? What does it look and feel like? Join Archbishop Paul-André Durocher of Gatineau, Ouebec, as he shares his reflections on the Church as movement, how through Baptism and Confirmation "each one of us is called by God and sent in his name", and what key elements create a renewed vision for our Christian communities, especially parishes. This free interactive

videoconference will launch a series of more focused workshops being offered between winter 2021 to summer 2022. These sessions will cover areas of parish life related to leadership, ministry and evangelization, as we navigate forward, through and post pandemic times. For more information or to register, click here.

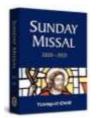
CHILDREN'S FAITH EDUCATION (CFE) UPDATE:

CONGRATULATIONS! The group has made their first confession. Please keep Alex, Marcus, Kaitlyn, Jazmin, Adamo, Kayla and Angelo in your prayers as they look forward to making their first communion soon.

Please pray for all of our catechists, parents and the children who will be beginning online catechism in the coming weeks. First Communion classes with Mr. Marco have been going well and we are looking forward to expanding the classes.

If you have a child in grade one to six, they should be enrolled in our Faith Education program. If you are new to the program, please visit our website or call/email the parish for more details.

Keep checking the **CFE BLOG** weekly for prayer, music, and activity suggestions to bring Jesus into our daily routine in concrete ways. Linda would love some feedback so that she can tailor her blog to suit our parish family needs.



SUNDAY MISSAL 2021: The new liturgical year begins November 29th. We are selling copies of the Sunday Missal for \$5 for you to take home, as covid restrictions prevent us from leaving the missals in the pews, as we are accustomed to. You can purchase a copy from Wayne as you enter the church for Mass or call the office to make arrangements.



During the month of November, <u>THE BOOK OF</u> LIFE will be displayed near the icon of Mary. Unfortunately, because of Covid restrictions, we ask you not to add the names of your beloved dead directly into the book but to call or email the parish

with additions you would like made. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November

Artificial Intelligence We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



PRAYERS:

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

For those who have died: Fr. John Walsh, Fr. Ernie Schibli.

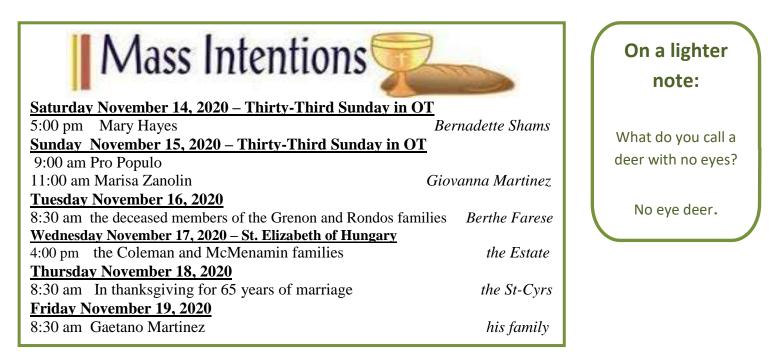
For vocations "Since you have been faithful in small matters, you will be given greater responsibility." To follow the Lord is to slowly grow in the love of the Lord, practicing small steps of virtue in order to grow to a vibrant faith in Christ. (Matthew 25:14-30) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200.



ELECTION OF WARDENS On Sunday, December 13th at 12:15 PM in the

church proper, a meeting of parishioners will be held for the purpose of electing two Church Wardens. To be eligible to be nominated as a Church Warden, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic and living in boundaries of the parish. Fiore Egiziano is up for re-election; John Sullivan's second term is expiring. We thank him for his six years of service to the community. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. Please note: due to covid-19 governmental restrictions, we are limited to 25 participants including candidates and Father Robert.

To reserve your spot or propose a nominee, please contact the office. Spaces are granted on a first come, first served basis. Thank you for your understanding.





SANCTUARY LAMP 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 on the 65th wedding anniversary of Virginia and Gilles St-Cyr.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



A place where families grow, live and walk by faith in JESUS!



Verse of the day for November 15, 2020 <u>Thoughts on Today's Verse...</u>

Joshua is one of my favorite Bible heroes. He was a great servant to Moses. He refused to be swayed by his peers or by the crowd when he spied out the Promised Land. He followed in the footsteps of a great leader and was a great leader himself — not an easy task! Joshua was vigorous and vital even in his old age. Most of all, Joshua was obedient to God and did everything that God had commanded him to do, as well as what God had commanded Moses that he should do. In other words, Joshua was faithful!



My Prayer...

O LORD God, Father, when the story of my life is told, may I be viewed as one who was faithful to all that you have asked of me. I want to serve you with an undivided heart and a life that brings you the glory and praise you deserve for your generous grace. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



Song of the Week

This week's featured song story comes to us from Chris Tomlin. Had to share this one, it's amazing and what a special song it is! It is wonderful to see how Chris Tomlin and Lady A used their talents to write a song to remind us of God's great love! Enjoy!!! Below is the story behind his song "Who You Are To Me (feat. Lady A)."

"What I love about this song is that our lives are changed when we realize that personal relationship with God; that who He is to us is personal. He's more than just words on a page, more than just these big cathedrals and He meets us all just right where we are. In all of our

fear & doubt God's not scared of any of it. When we bring it to Him in our deepest place of hurt we realize the grace of God. He's the one who pulls us out. That's who God is to us." – Chris Tomlin <u>https://youtu.8be/wms76AfllVE</u>



Gospel Story of the Week

This story is called the Parable of the Talents. A parable is a type of story Jesus would tell so we would learn something from it.Jesus' stories had more than one meaning. For example, this story is about talents which was a super large amount of money in Bible times. Today a talent might be worth a million dollars! A talent in this story can also mean our gifts or abilities. Something special and amazing God gives just to you, almost like a super power.The point Jesus was trying to make is that if you use your special gifts and abilities God will give you more to keep doing these things you are good at. He will trust you with so much more. Maybe you're not sure what your special abilities are yet. Ask your parents or teachers what they think your gifts are.

Listen and watch when others compliment you or notice something good about what you're doing. To you it might be something small but to God it's a special and very valuable gift that only you can give. If you keep using it God will continue to make it bigger and better.

Also try to encourage and compliment others if you notice something special in them. Your friends, teachers and parents might forget that God put something special in them and you might see it. Tell them that they're good at it and remind them that it's a special ability given to them by God.

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good



things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.

What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They

can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can

show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient (with others, and show Jesus' love that way. (What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?

Answers to front page: The their man had ten, the second had four and the third man one. Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 6, 2, Middle: 4, 1. Bouton: 3, 5

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two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:







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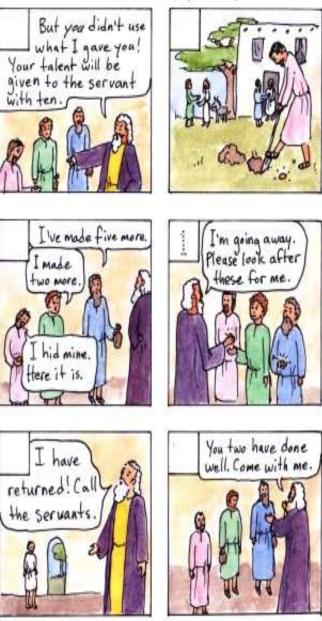
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Using the Master's Talents - sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel? Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.



Family Focus of the Week

This week's family focus reminds us that November days can be crispy and long but that's just enough time to try a few random acts of kindness to deepen your gratitude this season. Challenge yourself, your kids and your friends to practice one a day for the whole month or do it as opportunities present themselves. Either way, you and the people in your life are going to benefit.

https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/teachingthankfulness



Helping Families Thrive

As humans, we can forget so quickly the things God has done for us. We must be deliberate and intentional in remembering how God has gifted us, rescued us, blessed us and protected us. So, dear child of God, remember. Remember with a grateful heart. Remember with gratitude. Remember and give thanks. Can you maintain an attitude of gratitude? Remember we don't have to wait for a special day to be thankful, choose to be grateful no matter what. Choose one thing you are thankful for each day!



November Family Fun

Here are some fun things to do as a family to make dealing with COVID-19 a little more hopeful and whimsical. You can now visit <u>ILLUMI</u> by car!!!



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That's it for this week!!! Stay tuned for the <u>CFE Blog</u> in the weekly church bulletin. Please provide feedback, questions, suggestions or comments at <u>info@annunciationparish.com</u>. In faith.

Lynda M.

