

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

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

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	4:00 pm
Thursday & Friday	8:30 am

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

BAPTISM

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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2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel;

2022: Karolina Weclas, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

Today we take note that the first Sunday of Advent is a special day. It marks the beginning of a new year in the Church. However, in our liturgies we begin by waiting. We wait for the Second Coming of Christ. We wait because we expect change. The change will be the completion of all of the Father's plans for us and the world. We also wait because we are a hopeful people. As we await Jesus' return in glory. We know that He is with us in the sacraments. As a people of faith, we are aware of the reality the God is with us while await the completion of His plan for all of humanity.

Father Robert

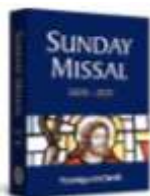
MASSES THIS WEEKEND

WONDERFUL NEWS! Masses have filled again 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. Please note: **THIS CHRISTMAS:** Sadly, we will not be able to accommodate everybody this Christmas season.

You may have noticed that our **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS** 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. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

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.



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. **Please write your name** on your copy so that we can return it to you if you leave it behind.

REVAMPED ANGEL TREE: Because of the pandemic, the Father Dowd home cannot accept individuals gifts as they usually do. Their residents, however, have a great need of socks, either non-skid or warm pairs. If you can afford more than one pair, they need warm pairs 2 to 1 over non-skid. Starting next weekend, and continuing throughout Advent, please drop your new pairs of socks in the boxes in front of the Angel tree, near the icon of Mary. Thank you for your generosity.

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.





Follow the Star

AN ADVENT PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES
presented by creative coaches Isabel and Marinella

Sessions held online via Zoom
Saturdays from 2:30 to 4pm
November 28 and December 5, 12 and 19

REGISTER by November 25
tinyurl.com/jobel-star
\$10 per family (via PayPal)

MORE INFO
centredmvf@diocesemontreal.org
514 925-4300, ext. 287

#Followthestar

Advent is coming! Let's prepare as a family for the coming of God, who was born into a family!

Follow the Star will present theatre and art-based exercises to develop a playful environment in your home that promotes faith, hope, love, joy and peace.

Build resilience, strengthen relationships and experience the loving presence of Christ. At the end of the program each family will create an Advent calendar.

NO ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Follow the star of your creativity and nourish your family relationships as you prepare for Advent during this time of pandemic.

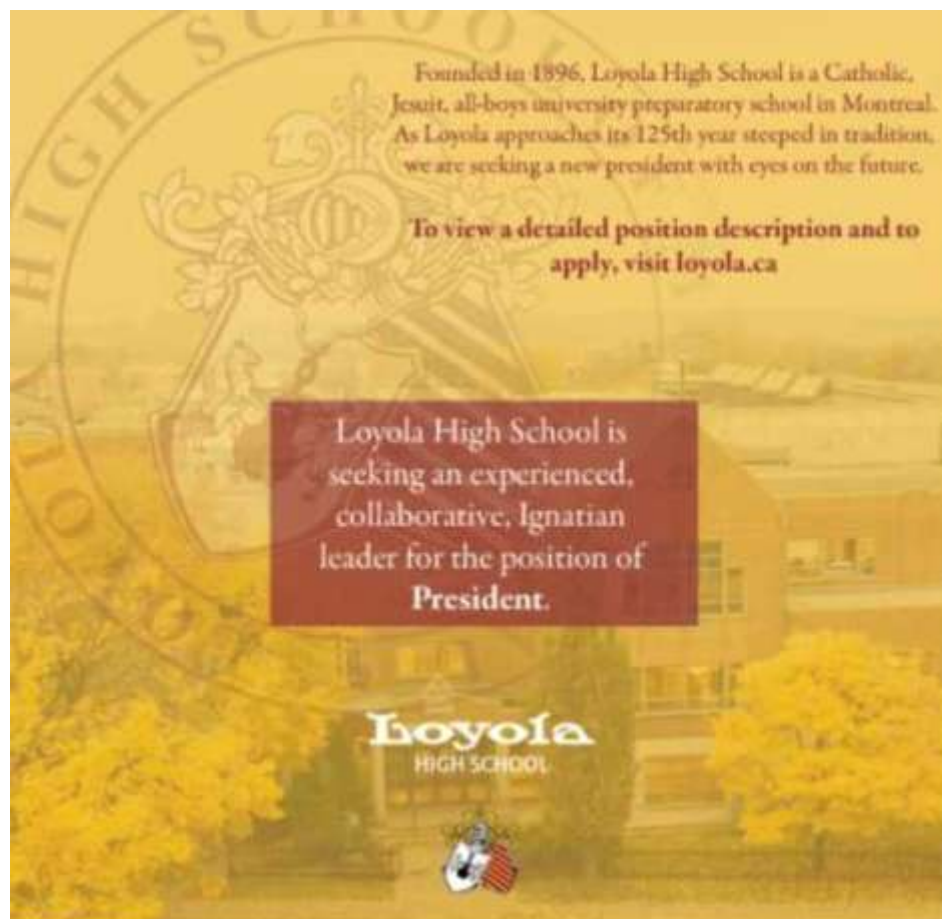
Ideal for families with children ages 6 and older.

#FOLLOW THE STAR ; A CREATIVE PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES DURING ADVENT Follow the star of your creativity and nourish your family relationships in this time of pandemic. Ideal for families with children ages 6 and up. Through theatre and art-based exercises, we will accompany you in developing a playful environment in your homes that promotes faith, hope, love, joy and peace this Advent season. Family members will build resilience in these challenging times, strengthen their relationships, and experience the loving presence of Christ. At the end of the program each family will create an advent calendar. No artistic experience is required. For more information, please contact centredmvf@diocesemontreal.org or 514 925-4300, ext. 287 or register [here](#).

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 vocations 'Be watchful! Be alert!' The call towards a vocation can come at an unexpected day and hour, prepare your heart to always say 'yes' to God. (Mark 13:33) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200.



Founded in 1896, Loyola High School is a Catholic, Jesuit, all-boys university preparatory school in Montreal. As Loyola approaches its 125th year steeped in tradition, we are seeking a new president with eyes on the future.

To view a detailed position description and to apply, visit loyola.ca

Loyola High School is seeking an experienced, collaborative, Ignatian leader for the position of President.

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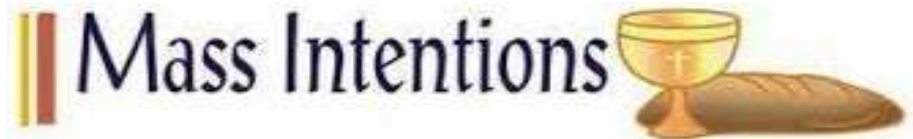
A WORD FROM THE PILLARS TRUST FUND: Our condolences to those of you who may have lost a loved one during this pandemic. We pray for the safety and well-being of all our donors and friends. Despite all upsets, we at Pillars Trust listened to the community and we were quick to react to COVID-19. We were there for several parish initiatives and for parishes which started live streaming to spread the Good News to their parishioners. We gave several grants for spiritual programs as well as grants to purchase audio-visual equipment. Our ongoing financial commitments remain: The Newman Center at McGill University, the home for spiritual and intellectual life at McGill; The Ignatian Centre, dedicated to bringing the Spiritual Exercises

of St. Ignatius of Loyola to the population of greater Montreal; The Diocesan Priesthood Guild of Montreal which financially supports seminarians; Camp Caritas, a dynamic youth sports camp with a difference; Parish Vitality, spearheaded by Terrel Joseph to improve parish life; The English Speaking Catholic Council, which advocates for Catholic values in society and to our governments. All the above are supported by the Pillars Trust Fund, and despite the challenges of the pandemic, all of these groups are energized and continue to help our community. Pillars Trust will not allow the pandemic to hurt our spirit or to stop making Montreal a caring community, so we are sharing good news. We are proud to be working with the Nazareth Community in a major project this year. The Nazareth Community provides a home for those who would otherwise be homeless. We are matching donations (up to \$75,000) made to the Nazareth Community for the purchase and renovation of John's House, a new residence for young Montreal men, who without this home would be living on the street, struggling with mental illness and/or addiction. John's House will be opening in November and is named after the late Fr. John Emmett Walsh. So again this year we say thank you to our donors. We literally couldn't do all these things without you. If you haven't given in the past, please give generously this year. Your gift will really help in continuing to spread the Good News and to help those most in need. For more information, go to www.pillarstrust.org.

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 in memory of John Hugh Whalen, as requested by Jennie Baluch.



Saturday November 28, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday November 29, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Evelyn McMenamin

11:00 am Ginette Chartrand Bastien

Tuesday December 1, 2020

8:30 am George Geertsen

Wednesday December 2, 2020

4:00 pm the Coleman and McMenamin families

Thursday December 3, 2020 – St. Francis Xavier

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

Friday December 4, 2020

8:30 am the Coleman and McMenamin families

The Estate

Virginia and Gilles St-Cyr

Francine Geertsen

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STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$537. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

On a lighter note:

Why is a river rich?

Because it has two banks.

Pope Francis' Payer Intention for November

Artificial Intelligence

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



THE CFE BLOG...

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



Week 1

The Candle of Hope for Advent?

Like the prophets in the Old Testament, we hope for a Messiah to save us from the sin in the world (Isaiah 9:6-7). We anticipate our Savior's arrival. Also known as the "prophecy candle," the candle of hope for Advent assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn't disappoint us (Romans 5:5).

In this day and age, where evil abounds and all seems lost, we can also hope that the prophecies about Jesus' second arrival to earth will also be fulfilled. The somber purple color on the candle represents repentance and fasting as we anticipate the Lord's coming. Purple

doubles as a color for royalty throughout the Bible, symbolizing God's kingship and reign.

Why Does This Matter?

Hope is an important thing. It helps us during significant trials or times of distress. It offers us security that God will arrive and though we cannot see him now, we will see him face to face one day (Hebrews 11).

In lieu of advent, it helps us to recognize the hope the Israelites experienced throughout the Old Testament, especially during the time of the prophets, such as Isaiah. They yearned for a Messiah to save them from their enemies, and ultimately, the greatest enemy: their sin. Like the prophets, we also hope. We hope Jesus will return soon to this dark and despairing world...and He will!

My Prayer...



Heavenly Father, Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Help us to see that you are with us. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the salvation that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give when we believe in your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

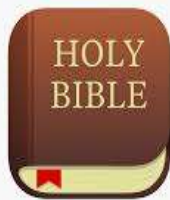
That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen

Song of the Week...



"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is a Christian hymn for Advent and Christmas. This glorious hymn calls upon various divine bodies to give wisdom, salvation, victory, and safety among other requests. Discover the powerful lyrics and story along with the music video below.

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us. (Mt 1:23) <https://youtu.be/82sn7L0yPc>



Gospel Story of the Week

Jesus promised us that one day he would return. In this gospel story Jesus is telling us that we must be ready when he comes again, but that we cannot be exactly sure when that will be. As we don't know when he is coming, we must try to be ready all the time. Although we don't have to stay awake all night, we can go to sleep!

Advent is a time when we especially think about getting ready to welcome Jesus, when we remember his birth at Christmas and when he comes again in glory. In today's gospel, Jesus asks us to look out and keep our eyes open for what is happening around us, so that we are ready when he comes. What do you think Jesus wants us to see when we look around us? Do we sometimes see people who need our help? People who are lonely? People who are sad? People who do not feel well? What do you think Jesus would like us to do when we see people who are sad, lonely, poor or sick? Watch the short video about being watchful and ready... <https://youtu.be/0UBD5nasdRI>

Advent is Here!
Jesus is coming!



Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.



Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.



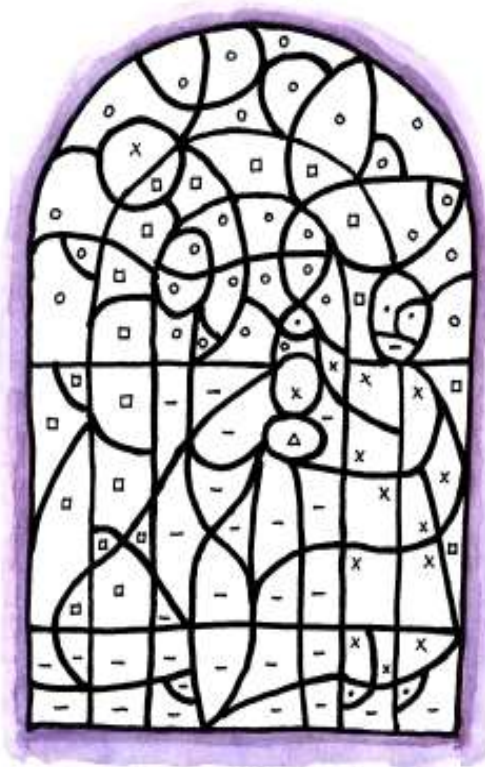
~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

Answers to Fill in the Blanks: know, man, servants, each, watch, therefore, you, lord

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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020



*In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready.
Here's someone waiting
for his master to return...*

Use this code to colour the picture in:

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| ◦ DARK BLUE | ◻ GREY | - BROWN |
| • SKIN COLOUR | × WHITE | △ RED |

Blessed Charles de Foucauld

December 1



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Fill in the Blanks

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be ready for His next coming.

Fill in the blanks with the words at the end and use the letters in squares to fill in the blanks at the end, in the order they come.

You do not _____ when
the time will come.

It is like a _____ traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places
his _____ in charge,
_____ with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper
to be on the _____

Watch, _____;
_____ do not know

when the _____ of the house is coming.

Be _____!

THEREFORE	KNOW	MAN
EACH	WATCH	
SERVANTS	LORD	YOU



Family Focus of the Week

Showing a Christ like love to all those around us can be challenging in these times of fear, doubt and uncertainty.

Today, I wanted to share a Bible verse with you from Luke 2:11 to remind everyone the reason for the season. This verse says, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." As Christmas is rapidly approaching, we hope that you will take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. He came to this earth to die willing for our

sins on the cross. That is right! He loved us that much! So amid the presents, cookie decorating, and Christmas parties remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Click on the links below for some helpful ways to keep our focus on Christ this season.



<https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/christmas-activities-that-focus-on-jesus>

Get your free Advent digital calendar delivered straight to your inbox....

<https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/count-down-to-christmas-with-our-digital-advent-calendar>

If you're feeling creative and want to have some fun with the kids, you can make your own Advent wreath. Watch this short fun video for a DIY tutorial...Have

fun!<https://youtu.be/JzYtDTLt9U>



Things to do and places you can go this coming season...



<https://www.noelmontreal.ca/en-ca/home/>

[illuminated-christmas-village-is-coming-back-this-year](#)



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 **ILLUMI** by car!!!

Reserve your visit online and let the *LIGHTS* do the rest! <https://www.illumi.com/en/>



Christmas shopping? Decorating ornaments? Looking for that special, personalized gift from the heart? Get inspired! Ceramic Cafe is the one stop shop for all your crafty holiday projects. The best part is that you can do it all from home as a family...great fun for the kids! Check out their website and start creating! <https://leccs.com/en/>



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FYI ... The Hallmark Channel

Looking for some family Christmas movies? The Hallmark channel has already begun their countdown to Christmas. Get the Hallmark Channel schedule, enter sweepstakes, celebrate Christmas, and find original Hallmark movies, series and so much more family stuff! <https://www.hallmarkchannel.com/>

Resources For Couples, Parents & Families

At *Focus on the Family Canada*, families are equipped with practical advice grounded in Biblical truths so they can thrive. When families are strong, they leave a valuable imprint on society for generations to come. *Focus on the Family* is committed to helping Canadians nurture, protect and invest in their families so they can thrive, even in the messy brokenness of our world.

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In faith,
Lynda M.

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