

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.

How is Advent working for you? Are you preparing a way for the Lord? Are you giving yourself a chance to see His presence in your life? During this season of Advent God has a grace He wants to give to you. When Jesus was entering Jerusalem for the last time he cried because the people of Jerusalem did not recognize the time of their visitation. They would miss out on the grace of God. Let us not miss out on the time of our visitation. To use the words of John the Baptist in the desert, are you making a straight way for the visitation of God? Are you receiving the grace God is offering you this Advent? This Advent is a time when God will visit you if you allow him. So how is Advent working for you? If you have not yet begun to make a straight way for the Lord to receive his grace begin today. It is never too late to begin.

Father Robert

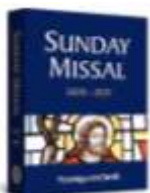
MASSES THIS CHRISTMAS: Father Robert will celebrate 2 Masses on Christmas Eve, at 7 and 9 pm, and two Masses on Christmas Day, at 9 am and 11 am. Reservations will be made through Eventbrite, and, as usual, the links will be sent out the Tuesday prior. Sadly, we will not be able to accommodate everybody this Christmas season.

REASON TO CELEBRATE: Jazmin, Kaitlyn and Angelo received their First Communion! A great big thank you to Jo and Ed for their vocal accompaniment and to Mr. Marco for coming to support our kids.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE! Last week's collection was \$2,610! If you can afford to, please continue to support us regularly during the pandemic, even if you are unable to attend Mass in person. Your contributions pays our staff, including Father Robert, and all of our administrative and liturgical expenses, including heat, electricity, telephone, internet, etc...

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.

GRATITUDE FOR YOUR WITNESS: Thank you for continuing to 'fill' the church week after week! 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.

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.



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.



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.



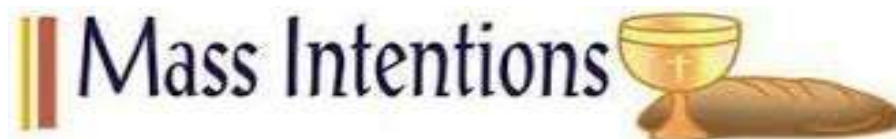
SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week the lamp burns in honor of the Immaculate Conception, as requested by a parishioner.

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for **\$2,610**. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."
- Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.



Saturday December 5, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Evelyn McMenamin

The Estate

11:00 am Ginette Chartrand Bastien

Josephine Vaupshas

Tuesday December 8, 2020 – The Immaculate Conception of Mary

8:30 am Carmen Daessle

Regina Ambayec

Wednesday December 9, 2020

4:00 pm the Coleman and McMenamin families

the Estate

Thursday December 10, 2020

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

the Estate

Friday December 11, 2020

8:30 am in thanksgiving, on the anniversary of Father Robert's ordination

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 John the Baptist stands as a sign of contradiction, calling his contemporaries back to a relationship with the Living God. Perhaps you are being called to follow in John's footsteps today. (Mark 1:1-8) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200.



THE CFE BLOG...

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

Week 2

The Candle of Peace for Advent

The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom. Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to trust in God's promises (*Proverbs 3:5*), through restful, tranquil faith, despite the dark, scary world around us.

What Is the Candle of Peace?

One of the hallmarks of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, "Peace on earth," in (*Luke 2:14*). Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when he arrived. The Jews, particularly the zealots, wanted a rebellion. They wanted their Savior to overturn the oppressive rule of the Romans and bring about peace in a violent way. But Jesus had



something else in mind. Jesus brings us peace in a number of ways. First, he gives us inner peace. Because of his work on the cross, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace *John 14:27*. Not only do we have the peace that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.

Second, we have peace with others. We put aside our differences *Galatians 3:28*, especially with other believers, because we belong to the same family. We have the same purpose: to let others know about the peace of Christ. The Hebrew word for peace: *Shalom*, goes far beyond not fighting with others or peace as we know it. *Shalom* is, in essence, how things are meant to be: a slice of heaven. The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom. Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to trust in God's promises *Proverbs 3:5*, through restful, tranquil faith, despite the dark, scary world around us.

What Does the Bible Say about Peace?

Not surprisingly, the Bible has a lot to say about peace, as it attributes peace to Jesus himself: the Prince of Peace *Isaiah 9:6*. In fact, the word peace appears somewhere between 200-400 times in the Bible. In addition to the items listed above, biblical peace:

- Guards our hearts from the devil *Philippians 4:7*
- Brings us joy *Proverbs 12:20*
- Is a blessing from God *Psalms 29:11*
- Assists us during dire circumstances *Isaiah 54:10*

The peace of God grants us a tranquility you cannot find anywhere else and offers a light to others who do not yet know that peace.

Why Does This Matter?

We live in an eye-for-an-eye, revenge culture. We also live in scary times. But the peace of God transcends our circumstances and world. With this, we can be rest assured that he will come and make everything right once

more. Our peace can also stir the curiosity of those who do not believe in Christ. They will see us exercise a spirit of tranquility, faith, and they will want to know the reason for our faith in shaky times.

When they ask, we can have a reason at the ready. "I am not afraid because I have the peace of Christ."

My Prayer...



Heavenly Father, You are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent causes us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us peace that passes understanding. That first Christmas, when you sent your Son, you sent the one who is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Even the angels cried out, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." The angels knew your purpose. They know the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love that Christmas held. They recognized that the fullness of God was wrapped in the tiny flesh of an infant as you humbled yourself and dwelt among us. Emmanuel. God with us as the baby Jesus.

Father, this second week of Advent, keep us in perfect peace as our mind is stayed on the truth of your powerful love. Thank you for your mighty, sovereign hand. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the peace that you offer. It's in the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



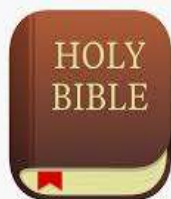
Song of the Week...

This week's featured song story comes to us from Matt Maher. He shares with you the amazing story behind his song "*Glory Let There Be Peace*"

Click on the video interview below to hear Matt Maher share the full story and meaning behind this track, and scroll down to listen and read the full lyrics of the song.

<https://youtu.8be/E4zMU0hzy98>

<https://youtu.8be/EbVRJeip42U>



Gospel Story of the Week

In Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist urges people to prepare a smooth, straight road on which God can come to us. Isaiah's words of comfort to the exiled Israelites assure them and us that we can count on God's forgiveness. Jesus' words call for us to turn our lives around and make sure that we have an open path for God to enter our hearts. View this short video lesson about turning back to God.

<https://youtu.be/3-Tj1n1K77M>

Click on the link below to view, print and complete the activity on this week's gospel story.

<https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/the-kids-bulletin-2nd-sunday-of-advent.pdf>



Family Focus of the Week

So much to do before Christmas. It's a busy, stressful time. Below is an article all about how families can prepare the way for the Lord. Fun-filled faith activities you can share and enjoy!

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/fun-and-faith-activities-for-celebrating-christmas/>

If you haven't already, get your free Advent digital calendar delivered straight to your inbox....

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JESUS
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REASON
for the
SEASON

The Legend Lives on...

Do you know the story behind the Candy Cane? Find out why we have Candy Canes at Christmas. Do they have a special meaning? Candy Canes are a reminder of the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Click on the link and listen to the story.

<https://youtu.be/OwGHh6UK2mY>



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



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

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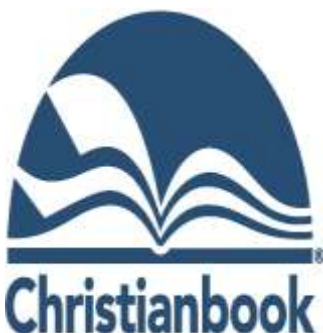


Here are some fun things to do as a family to make dealing with COVID-19 a little more hopeful and whimsical. You can now visit ILLUMI by car!!! Reserve your visit online and let the *LIGHTS* do the rest! <https://www.illumi.com/en/>



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Merry Christmas everyone! Stay tuned for the **CFE Blog** in the weekly church bulletin. Please provide feedback, questions, suggestions or comments at [**info@annunciationparish.com**](mailto:info@annunciationparish.com).

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