

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil)	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Monday	No 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

It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. The next available date is July 21 at 12 pm.

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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2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;
2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;
2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

“Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.”

The presider at the Catholic Eucharistic liturgy begins the offering of bread and wine at the offertory with these words. It is taken from the prayer within the Jewish tradition for their Sabbath meal. We hear this prayer spoken for the first time by the king and priest of the area of Salem which became Jerusalem.

Abram has returned from a victorious battle against four other oppressive kings with possessions and freed captives. Melchizedek, of course, is most grateful and takes bread and wine as symbols of life and offers a prayer to God in gratitude for Abram and for God's saving his kingdom through Abram. It is a thanksgiving liturgy for God's saving love.

A student came recently to talk about his problem with the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Eucharist. He just could not figure it out, how Jesus' Body and Blood could be present like that. I asked him if he would like it if Jesus really wanted to be with him and within us that way. “Yes, but I would like it better if there were some visible evidence which I could see, taste and so really believe.” He would like it if it didn't ask for true and simple faith and receptivity.

The Gospel for this wonderful celebration is also about inconvenience. The Apostles enjoy the popularity Jesus has with the crowds by His healings and teachings. It is getting late and the crowds are a bother. The disciples hardly have enough to feed themselves so they wish to have Jesus get rid of them. “Give them some food yourselves.” They are inconvenienced by their experience of poverty. They couldn't figure out how Jesus could ask this of them.

As signs of their poverty they do propose that there is some bread and fish at hand, but this insufficiency is obvious. Jesus takes these signs of poverty, insufficiency and yet gifts, and then says the blessing-prayer of Melchizedek. After giving thanks, he gave the Apostles the transformed poverty into abundance for distribution through the hands of the Apostles.

The crowd ate, without seeming to ask how it all happened. Were they glad it happened? Were the Apostles glad it happened? Would academic, scientific, and philosophic questions be satisfied? Would they rather have answers than food?

What is precious about the Body and Blood of Jesus, is of course, they are of divinity. Also what is precious is the poverty of the human condition to give thanks to God perfectly through the gift of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

What is precious as well is the poverty of mind and spirit which opens us up to grateful receptivity, as did the crowd. I am not convinced that if we understood the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus, it would increase devotion nor the number of receivers. Knowing does not satisfy. What is hard to accept is not Christ's Presence in the form or substance of bread and wine, but the inconvenient reality of forming me as well as you into His Body and Blood.

So I gently asked the fellow what would be the difficulty in accepting the gift of Christ's Body and Blood into his human body and blood. That did stop him for longer than a little while. He stumbled verbally around how that acceptance would be humbling and rearrange his personal viewing of himself and especially others who were receiving before him and beside him and after him. That would be an inconvenience to his pattern of selectivity, harshly judging and irreverent prejudice. Upon leaving my office he smilingly did admit that he enjoyed his questions more than my answers. I responded grinningly that his mind is filled with wanting to have and possess, but his soul and spirit really desires to receive and distribute, while his head wants it all just for himself. He did not seem to like this reflection either. The precious Body of Christ lives on in human fragility.

Larry Gillick, S.J., Creighton University's online ministries

Monday, June 24, **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST: Expect the unexpected** What else would we expect from a kid whose first act in scripture is a dancing leap in the womb? Something startlingly new is afoot here. In a patriarchal culture, when the father doesn't name the child, and the mother stoutly gives his unexpected name, stand back! The stage is set. The question asked about John could be asked of every newborn: What, then, will this child be? God seems to enjoy unsettling the status quo. We like to hunker safely in custom and tradition. God likes surprises: Let's be attuned to those.

THANK YOU: A great big thank you to everyone who joined us for our BBQ last Sunday! We enjoyed great weather, hot dogs, chips, salads and desserts! Thank you to all who helped set up, cook, clean and to everyone who brought something to share.



CFE BOOK RETURN: You can return your child's Faith and Life text book if you wish to do so. They will be used again next year, thus saving the parish the expense of buying new ones!

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH EDUCATION (CFE) PROGRAM begins. Parish children entering Grade 1 this year through Grade 6 should be enrolled in our weekly classes. Classes are held Tuesdays at 4:15 pm beginning late September. Please return the completed form by July 31 to ensure that your child will receive the materials required in time for the first class. For more information, please contact the parish office. Beginning this weekend, you can pick up a registration form at the main doors of the church or fill the form out online on the Children's Faith Education page on our website. The fee is \$100 per child, maximum \$200 per family – no one will be refused due to a lack of funds. **RETURNING STUDENTS:** Come see Mary during office hours to review your registration form from last year, make necessary changes and hand in payment. No need to fill in a new form!

THANK YOU to our choir for accompanying our prayer through song throughout the year! We look forward to your return in September.

FUNDSCRIP forms are available this weekend on the communion rail and at the main doors of the church. This will be the last order until September.



ANNUNCIATION PARISH 75TH ANNIVERSARY: 2020 is the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of The Annunciation. In honor of this blessed year of our parish, an Anniversary Committee is being formed to plan and implement activities to commemorate and celebrate our Platinum Jubilee. John Issa and Lori-Ann Zemanovich (two of your OLAP Wardens) will be co-chairing the committee made up of Annunciation parishioners. Please sign up your interest to become members of the committee.



Signup sheets are available at the church entrance or send an email directly to Lori-Ann at loriannzemanovich@hotmail.com. We need your help to make the celebrations a success!

OFFICE HOURS

Next week Tuesday 9 am to 4 pm and Wednesday 9 am to 12 pm.

Following week July 1 to 5, office closed.

July 9 to July 31: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 am to 4 pm

August 1 to 31: Office closed

MAISON BLEUE

is coming on Wed. June 26. If you have any baby items to donate please bring them in this weeknd. Thank you!



ST JOSEPH NEEDS YOU!!! He has nowhere to go over the summer months. The signup sheet is at the main doors of the church.

Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beaugard family, Jean-Pierre Belair, Mike Callard, André and Marie Coupal, Chuck Lawton, Marchita Obregon, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Marina Zogalis.

For vocations: *Do this in remembrance of me.* Feed the hungry; proclaim the good news of everlasting life. (Luke 9: 11-17). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

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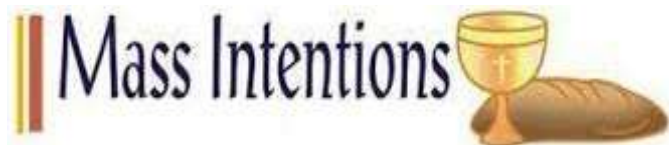
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Please check body of bulletin for summer office hours.

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1,370. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” (Luke 9:17) The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.



Saturday June 22, 2019 – Corpus Christi

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday June 23, 2019 – Corpus Christi

10:00 am Miron Macyshyn

Tuesday June 25, 2019

8:30 am Johanne Gelineau

Wednesday June 26, 2019

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

Thursday June 27, 2019

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

Friday June 28, 2019 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 am That the blood of Christ may heal me, free me, protect me and deliver me from evil.

Saturday June 29, 2019 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday June 30, 2019– Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Miron Macyshyn

Nga Hoduc

Greg Doyle

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Mina Aro

Ann Kosiuk and family



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. 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 thanksgiving for our parish family.




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St. Joseph needs you! A sign-up sheet is available at the main doors of the church.

JUNE

CFE REGISTRATION begins! Forms are available at the entrances of the church or on our website.

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Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June

The Mode of Life of Priests
 That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



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