

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

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12 pm. It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation.

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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees a story. I stop short of saying "a story *about*" since that answer depends on one's perspective. Is this a story about a rich man? Or is this a story about a poor man, Lazarus? Let's start with the former.

The unnamed rich man in this story is surrounded by every material comfort he could want. Food, drink, clothing. He seemingly wants for nothing. And at his door is Lazarus, a poor man. Hungry, thirsty, sore-ridden. What's more, the rich man sees him and knows he is deprived of even the most basic human needs. After both men have died, the rich man asks Abraham to "Send Lazarus" to comfort him. He knows by name the man who sat at his door, whom he chose not to help. Abraham has no pity on the rich man.

By contrast, seeing this as the story of the poor man, Lazarus, offers a different perspective. Wanting for even the most basic things, Lazarus seeks not even a meal at the rich man's table but, rather, the scraps that fall. That dogs lick his sores seems to position these dogs as more caring of Lazarus than the rich man. Lazarus is meek, receives whatever may come his way, and is received into Heaven.

So, who is this story about? I submit that this story is not about one *or* the other. Instead, I read this story as being about each of us.

Each of us may find ourselves as the rich man at certain times in our life and as Lazarus at others. Indeed, at their death the two men in this story switch places and experience one another's previous state, in a way. In this story as well as others, the question of who is our neighbor – and how we should treat them – is fundamental. The Gospel is clear that we are all neighbors. Once we take ownership of this reality, internalizing it, action must follow. Jesus modeled and preached a way of worshipping God that was far from theoretical and certainly far from comfortable. While we may worship God in many ways, among them must be through our concrete actions in love for one another. *Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. (Mt 25:40)*

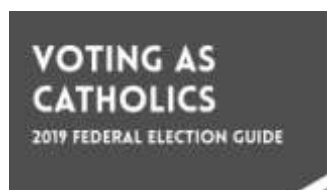
Let us embrace this calling and embrace all whom we encounter as our neighbor.

Scott McClure

Formerly of Creighton University's Catholic Magis Teachers Corps.

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DID YOU KNOW??? Some parishioners have recently asked how we pay for repairs, heat, office supplies, and everything necessary to run a property and office. The answer: your weekly donation! Our Sunday collections are our primary source of income. Our income so far this month is \$5825; our expenses, \$7699. This is true of every month, except at Christmas and Easter. In the the last few Gospel readings, Jesus challenges us to look at our wealth as gift he has entrusted to us. Please consider adding a little extra to your weekly collection. Use our envelopes to get a tax receipt. A weekly donation of \$20 results in \$96 return on your tax return. Questions? Please call the office or speak with Fr. Robert or the wardens directly.



VOTING AS CATHOLICS: The 2019 Federal Election Guide, prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCC) Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace and published in the name of the Permanent Council, includes hyperlinks directing the reader to further resources on various issues important to Catholics. The Guide's content offers a reflection on key ethical and moral issues that voters, especially Catholics, may want to consider. Copies can be found on the communion rail and at the main entrance of the church, or visit the parish website for the following

link: <https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/news-and-info/latest-news/2019-federal-election-guide>.

COFFEE SUNDAY: Please join us for our first coffee Sunday on **OCTOBER 13th**, after Mass, in the parish hall. Bring something sweet to share. Coffee and juice provided. if you can help with clean up afterwards it would be greatly appreciated.



CELEBRATING MARY OUR MOTHER: Please join our very own Greg Doyle as he leads a rosary before Sunday Mass during the month of October, in honour of the Marian month and our Marian parish! We will meet in front of the icon of Mary at 9:30 am beginning October 6. Bring your favorite rosary or use one of ours!

FUNDSCRIP: Fundscrip forms are available this weekend on the communion rail and at the main doors of the church. Fundscrip is a passive means of fundraising. You purchase gift cards to your favorite stores; you receive the full amount you paid for in cards and the parish gets 2% to 7% of your purchase – without any cost to you! Please see Anthony Mancini or Father Robert for more information. Orders are due next weekend.



THANK YOU: To all CFE parents for returning your child's text book! Our bill went down 85%! It is not too late to return your child Faith and Life books to the parish.

NEW: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM: Interested in volunteering? Do you have to complete a certain number of community service hours per year? We can help! **Contact the parish office to register for the volunteer group.** Depending on the interest of the group, we will volunteer together at different places and activities. **NEXT ACTIVITY:** helping out at our **Children's Faith Education** program, Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 pm.



Prayers:

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

For vocations: Fight the good fight of faith. Take a firm hold on the everlasting life to which you are called. Pray for those who are called to run the race as priests, sisters, and brothers. (1 Timothy 6:11-16) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

SUNDAY CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED! Do you enjoy singing? Do you have availability on Thursday evenings for rehearsals? Why not lend your voice to our choir? We are seeking new members to join in preparation for our 75th anniversary. If you can sing, please consider sharing your gift with the parish. Please contact the office if you are interested.



KIDS MASS: After our First Communion Mass in May, many of you commented on how wonderful it was to have the children participate more fully in the Mass. We hope to celebrate our first children's Mass on Sunday October 20th. We need several children as readers, and families to bring up the gifts and help with collection. A signup sheet is located at the main entrance of the church. **FYI:** Children's liturgy with John Begins today, Sunday.



THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who has taken St. Joseph home to pray for vocations in our parish. If you haven't yet done so, please consider taking him home for a week or two. A signup sheet is located at the main doors of the church.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, 9 am to 4 pm
Friday, 9 am to 12 pm

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1,255. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." (Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Mass Intentions



Saturday September 28, 2019 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday September 29, 2019 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT

10:00 am Julian Vaupshas

the Vaupshas family

Tuesday October 1, 2019 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:30 am Aunt Neno Sueno

the Aquino family

Wednesday October 2, 2019 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am In Thanksgiving

Emilio Fontanilla

Thursday October 3, 2019

8:30 am for consecration to the hearts of Jesus and Mary: my physical and spiritual health, my mission.

Mina Aro

Friday October 4, 2019 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamain families

the Estate

Saturday October 5, 2019 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday October 6, 2019 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT

10:00 am Marie Tannous

Antoinette and Farid Tannous



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 for Jackie, for a successful surgery and early recovery, as requested by her family.



**CELEBRATE MARY:
PRAY THE ROSARY** at
9:30 am on Sundays during
the month of October.
More details inside.

SEPTEMBER

**29 BLESSING OF
SCHOOL BAGS &
PARISH BBQ**

OCTOBER

1 CFE classes begin, 4:30
pm in the parish hall.

6 CELEBRATE MARY
begins.

13 COFFEE SUNDAY

17 AFE begins, following
Mass, in the boardroom.
Reading selection: *Making
Sense out of Suffering* by
Peter Kreeft.



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