

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	7:00 pm
Wednesday 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. Baptisms are scheduled on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

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:

2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan.

As God Sees Us

"The Lord raises up those who were bowed down.

The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers." Psalm 146: 8-9

In God's kingdom, the poor are seated first. The afflicted are gently raised up, and those cast into ditches are rescued. Barriers fall and rigid hierarchies come apart. Touched by the spirit, what is broken heals. Even nature shares in this surge of energy. As healing spreads, we burst forth like mountain streams. "Let me tell you who I am. Please share our meal." The call of justice persists. It runs deeper than we can imagine. In God's kingdom, the highbrows look up from their critiques, and we who are rich loosen our grip on what consumes us.

In our world, the affluent rarely stand in line. We do our business quickly and do not wait and wait for our turn to arrive. Our children do not scramble to get home safely after school. We do not find shut-off notices in the mail with hefty late fees to resume service. High interest loans do not entrap us when paychecks do not stretch. The fruit and vegetables are fresh and not too over-priced where we shop. If the poor loiter nearby, they get relocated to distant streets. We do not welcome low income housing in our neighborhood. We are good people but that goes too far.

How do we get closer to God's kingdom? Today my parish takes a step to face our history and seek reconciliation through a liturgy of remembrance. Many parishioners did not realize that our congregation, like others, refused to open its doors to black Catholics to worship or enroll their children in the parish school. The racial divide that runs through history and communities also runs through our church. A designated African American parish was started in Omaha in 1918. Before then, black Catholics asked to worship in our church. The pastor let them use the side chapel several times a month after Sunday Masses. Then, the congregation complained and this stopped.

It is time to stop hiding from painful realities. God, do not abandon us when we face failures. Please dispel our fear. Heal us and set us free.

Jeanne Schuler, Creighton University's Philosophy Department
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How compelling a reflection given the recent discoveries in Pennsylvania and given the given the current situation our parish. In a few months, our former pastor, Father Brian Boucher, will be facing two separate trials for sexual abuse of minors. Although our opinions may differ vis a vis his innocence, we have remained faithful to God and continue to come together, despite our varying opinions, to worship Him at Annunciation Parish. Many of us, however, feel that the Diocese has abandoned us and left us to fight this battle on our own. In an effort to heal these wounds, **Bishop Alain Faubert**, along with Father Ray Lafontaine, will be visiting our parish on **Sunday October 14** to celebrate Mass with us and address any questions and concerns we may have. As a means of mutual support and encouragement, I strongly encourage you to attend, whether or not you knew Father Brian.

Please continue to pray for our community and our Church,

Father Robert Clark

Pastor

Links to the response to the findings of the Pennsylvania Investigating Grand Jury from:

Pope Francis: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180820_lettera-popolo-didio.html

The Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops: http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/CCCB_statement_-_Findings_of_Pennsylvania_Investigating_Grand_Jury_-_EN.pdf



BLESSING OF SCHOOLBAGS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND CATECHISTS, during Mass on September 22nd and 23rd. Please drop your schoolbag in front of the altar before Mass begins.

Our traditional **PARISH BBQ** will be held after Mass, following the blessing.





CHILDRENS FAITH EDUCATION (CFE) PARENT MEETING, September 26 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall via 71 Roosevelt. Classes begin **October 2**, from 4:15 to 5:30 pm, in the parish hall via 71 Roosevelt. Doors open at 3:45 pm. Contact the office to register your child.



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 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.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Does your youngster like to sing? Have them join the children's choir! For children ages 6 to 12. We are looking for parents and/or teenagers who play the guitar or piano to accompany them. A sign-up sheet is available at the main doors of the church or email the office.



Saturday September 8, 2018 – Twenty-Third Sunday in OT

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday September 9, 2018 – Twenty-Third Sunday in OT

10:00 am Julian Vaupshas

Tuesday September 11, 2018

7:00 pm Vincenzo Mattii

Wednesday September 12, 2018

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

Thursday September 13, 2018 – St John Chrysostom

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

Friday September 14, 2018 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

Saturday September 15, 2018 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT

5:00 pm Victoria Shams

Sunday September 16, 2018 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT

10:00 am Pro Populo

his family

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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 \$20.00. The full amount is eligible for a tax receipt. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. **This week** the Sanctuary Lamp burns for a special intention.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday October 14

BISHOP VISIT

Please read the reflection on the previous page for details.

WEEKDAY MASS

SCHEDULE

until December 21st

Monday – no Mass

Tuesday – 7 pm

Wed. to Fri. – 8:30 am

EMPTY CAN/BOTTLE

COLLECTION: Wayne has accumulated over \$220 thanks to the empty soda/beer cans and bottles you have donated to the parish. Help him reach his goal of \$500 by leaving your rinsed cans/bottles at 71 Roosevelt.

Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beauregard family, Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

For vocations Jesus groans to heaven, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of 'Ephphatha!' echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. (mark 7:31-37) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

OFFICE HOURS:

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

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last Sunday was for \$1,435. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"

JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.



SEPTEMBER

22 & 23 BLESSING OF SCHOOLBAGS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND CATECHISTS, during Mass. Please drop your schoolbag in front of the altar before Mass begins.

23 PARISH BBQ, after Mass.

26 CFE PARENT MEETING, 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall via 71 Roosevelt.

OCTOBER

2 CFE begins, 4:15 to 5:30 pm, in the parish hall via 71 Roosevelt. Doors open at 3:45 pm.

14 COFFEE SUNDAY, following Mass
MEET WITH BISHOP FAUBERT, 11:30 am in the parish hall via 71 Roosevelt.


Holy Father's Prayer Intention for Septmenber

Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



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