

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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2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

“Mom, can I have this? I’m starving.”

“What are we having for dinner?”

“When do we eat?”

It’s a nightmare – the checkout aisle in a grocery store with two kids. It’s more than an hour to dinner, stuck behind someone who last shopped six weeks ago. I tune out the non-stop “petitions” for the junk food within easy reach.

Whew! Glad those days are done!!!!

Then I asked myself if this is how God feels about our endless prayers for things that are the spiritual equivalent of junk food. Does he care if Creighton beats Marquette or Xavier?

Today’s gospel from Luke invites us to reflect on how we communicate with God. “I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.”

Jesus invites us to freely and persistently tell God about our needs, often our only form of prayer. But if this is what Jesus wants us to do, why does it seem that our prayers go unanswered? If only praying were like ordering a pizza. You tell God what you want and he delivers it.

Of course, it’s more complicated. I spent 25 years teaching students that “communication” is two-way. You have to listen as well as talk and that’s true of communicating with God. Even a seeming non-response IS a response. It’s often a way of saying I heard you but I’m not doing what you ask and I have my reasons, like a mom turning out requests for chocolate in the grocery store.

Former students who were devastated not getting a job that they had prayed for were often elated when God seemingly sent them something better. Most of us have experienced the failures that led to later success. Today’s gospel suggests that a listening, loving God answers our petitions but not necessarily in the way we seek.

There will always be mysteries about answers to prayers. Why do children die of cancer? Why are there wars or droughts? Why do people suffer despite our bombarding heaven on their behalf?

There may be no good answers in human terms but we need to trust Jesus’ promise that if we ask God for help, he will respond in some way, if only to help us bear our suffering.

Eileen Wirth

Creighton University's Department of Journalism

THIS WEEK AT CFE: Practicing gratitude: St Ignatius felt the Examen was the most important prayer of the day. Take a few minutes near end of the day, and after a few moments of silent reflection, ask yourself for what am I most grateful today? For what, least? This makes for a great dinner or bedtime tradition.

Speaking of gratitude: **THANK YOU!** for the increase in our collection last weekend, for your donations of coffee and juice boxes, for the fall decorations, and for our growing rosary pray-ers!



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 this Sunday. Bring your favorite rosary or use one of ours!

ROSARIES are available to all parishioners during the month of October, under the icon of Mary, along with a pamphlet describing the steps to follow for adults and for children.. Father Robert will be happy to bless your rosary and you as well, after Mass. A selection of rosary apps are available at <https://catholicappitude.org/2016/10/06/rosary-apps-for-phones-and-tablets/>



VOTING AS CATHOLICS: The 2019 Federal Election Guide, prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCB) 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>

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM: NEXT ACTIVITY: **decorating the hall this Sunday October 20, after Mass, for our Halloween party the following Friday** – see facing page for details.



Did you know that when you donate to the **PILLARS TRUST FUND** online at www.pillarstrust.org and you will immediately receive your tax receipt? Whichever way you choose to donate (online, by mail or by phone) know that you are supporting Catholic activities deemed essential by members of the English-language Catholic Community. The Pillars Trust Fund

was established in 1972, some 47 years ago. We are very grateful for the steadfast support we have received from the senior members of our community and for the committed young adults who have come to know and believe in our mission. All of us together will be “**The Light of the World**” – building on our strengths today to meet the needs of tomorrow. To learn more about Pillars feel free to contact us at ptf@catholiccentre.ca or by phone to 514-937-2301 Ext. 255 Please be generous in your giving. Thank you.

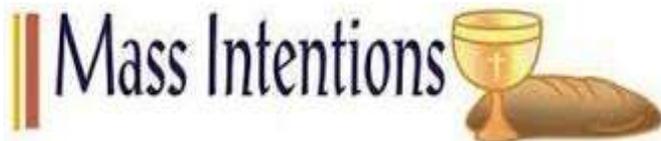
ADULT FAITH FORMATION BOOK CLUB begins this Thursday morning, following Mass. We will look at Peter Kreeft’s *Making Sense Out of Suffering*. Everyone is welcome!

HALLOWEEN PARTY:
HELP NEEDED!!!

This Sunday October 20, following Mass, we need help to decorate the hall for our Halloween party. It should take no more than 30 minutes! **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** This could count as community service!



SAVE THE DATE: Annual Christmas Dinner, Saturday December 7th following Mass. **RAFFLE** items needed! If you have anything we can use in our gift baskets, please leave them with Father Robert, Emilio or Wayne. Thank you!



Saturday October 19, 2019 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday October 20, 2019– Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT

10:00 am Gaetano Martinez

the family

Tuesday October 22, 2019

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

the Estate

Wednesday October 23 2019

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

the Estate

Thursday October 24, 2019

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

Mina Aro

Friday October 25, 2019 – St. Luke

8:30 am Maurice Mack

Rita and Gaston Beaugard

Saturday October 26, 2019 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday October 27, 2019– Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT

10:00 am Peach Beims

Josephine Vaupshas

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 Rae, for successful surgery and early recovery, as requested by the family.



Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beaugard 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 those who have died: Dorothy Brisebois, Dorothy Delorme.

For vocations: God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests and to the consecrated life. (Luke 18:1-8) 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

Friday, 9 am to 12 pm

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$2177.50. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Luke 17:18)

Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given.




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

OCTOBER

20 CELEBRATE MARY
 begins.

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

**25 HALLOWEEN
 PARTY**, 6 pm.

Please see inside for more
 details.



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