

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 & Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	7:00 pm
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:

2017: Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan;

2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

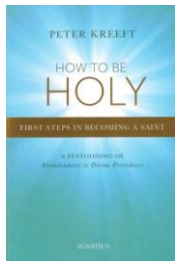
We have a lovely parable this Sunday about the labourers in the vineyard. Found only in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us that our God is a generous God who desires to save all people, all nations. Let us try to understand this story. The owner of the vineyard hired laborers early in the morning ("harvest time" or summertime with sunrise about 6 a.m.) and agreed to pay them a denarius each (the acceptable daily wage for a laborer). These laborers were poor and depended on the daily wages they received to feed their families. When the owner went out at 9 am, noon, 3 pm, and 5 pm, he found more laborers who had not yet been hired. When work ended (around 6 pm), he paid them each a denarius, beginning with the last and ending with those who came early in the morning.

Those who arrived last, worked for an hour, and received a full denarius were probably overjoyed. Those who arrived first, however, were jealous and "grumbled at the landowner." The owner made them understand that he was not unjust; he had paid them as promised and he was free to be overgenerous with the others. Sustenance is provided for all, even those who have worked for just one hour.

In the parable, God is the landowner. The Jews—to whom the Good News was announced first—and then the non-Jews and late-comers were all invited to the vineyard. The Pharisees who listened to Jesus (if they opened their hearts and minds) would have heard this message: God wants all to be saved, not only the Jewish people. In God's Kingdom, God's grace and blessings are free gifts that flow from God's goodness and love for all humanity. In the Kingdom, there is no place for envy or selfishness. The ultimate gift is offered to all: eternal life.

Let us rejoice that God has invited us to God's vineyard. Let us rejoice that eternal life with God is offered to all people, even to that nasty neighbor whom I dislike. Let us rejoice that we are challenged to change our thoughts and ways and see with God's compassionate eyes.

- Roland Coelho, S.J.



ADULT FAITH EDUCATION returns! We will be looking at Peter Kreeft's book *How to be Holy*. The book and e-book are available for purchase online or through Theologia Book Ministry at (514) 694-3564 or www.theologia.ca. We encourage you to read the book even if you cannot attend meetings, which will begin Tuesday Sept. 26 at 9:15 am, or, this week only, Thursday Sept. 28 at 7:30 pm, following the 7 pm Mass. All are welcome!

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FAMILY FAIR:
Saturday
September 30
10 am to 3 pm

Volunteers needed!
Signup sheets at the
main entrance of the
church.

Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbours to attend!

We are looking for We are also looking for big ticket items for our **silent auction**. If you have or can solicit any such items, please contact Andrea Neeff at 514-974-9993.



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

begins October 15. Get to know Jesus better! Join us as we discuss the following Sunday's Gospel. All are welcome, adults, youth and children. Sharing is not required! Listeners welcome.

CHILDREN FAITH EDUCATION (CFE)

All children from grade 1 to 6 should be enrolled in our Children's Faith Education Program. Classes begin Tuesday, September 26 from 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm – doors open at 3:45 pm – in the Parish Hall via 71 Roosevelt. Registration forms are available on the communion rail, at the main entrance of the church or on our website.

NEW: several of our students have serious allergies to nuts and/or peanuts. Please ensure that your child's snack is nut free. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 23, 2017 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday September 24, 2017 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Julian Vaupshas *the Vaupshas family*

Tuesday September 26, 2017

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families *the estate*

Wednesday September 27, 2017 – St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin *the estate*

Thursday September 28, 2017

7 pm Fouad, Michael and Milad Hodhod Laurice Hodhod

Friday September 29, 2017 – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families *the estate*

Saturday September 30, 2017 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday October 1, 2017 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Marie Tannous *Antoinette & 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 \$20.00. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. **This week** the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Holy Father's prayer intention for September – please see back cover.

NEW FOR KIDS: Coloring bookmarks are available on the communion rail to help keep our young parish members busy during Mass. You will find a reflection or prayer suggestion on the flip side. Have your child help with **collection**: during the Prayers of the Faithful, meet Wayne at the back of the church to help him pass the basket. **Children's liturgy** with John resumes this Sunday at 10 am. A parent helper is appreciated at each session.

WE NEED YOU! If you are a high school, Cegep or University student, a parent or grandparent, a couple or a single person, we need your help with: **Children's liturgy, Youth Group** and/or **Children's Faith Education**. You needn't commit to attending every session to become a volunteer. Please contact the parish office for more information. Not sure if this is for you? Then pray on it for a week or two and let us know how the Lord answered.

WE NEED YOUR HELP



FUNDSCRIP orders are due today! Forms are available on the communion rail and at the main entrance of the church. Please submit completed forms along with payment to Father Robert or Anthony Mancini.

W **PRAYERS:**

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

For vocations: Life in service of the Lord is never dull and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother or sister. If you feel God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 9 am to 12 pm

Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

Tuesdays and Wednesdays:
8:30 am

Thursdays: 7 pm

Fridays: 8:30 am

STEWARDSHIP:

OUR COLLECTION last week was for \$1,250. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"So the last will be first and the first last" - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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SEPTEMBER

23-24 FUNDScrip forms due

24 Pastoral Year Launch:

- Blessing of schoolbags and students; please place your schoolbag in front of the altar before Mass begins at 10 am;
- Children's Liturgy starts today
- Parish BBQ after Mass

26 CFE resumes,
4:15 to 5:30 pm,
Parish Hall, 71 Roosevelt.

Adult Faith Education:
26 at 9:15 am or
28 at 7:30 pm.

30 Family Fall Fair,
10 am to 3 pm.
Signup sheets at the main doors of the church. Silent auction items needed.

Please see inside for complete details.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

Parishes - That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.




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