

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

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

Weekday Mass:

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| Tuesday | 8:30 am |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday & 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.

In the first reading from the book of Jonah, God called Jonah and sent him to Nineveh to announce repentance and faith in God or they would all be destroyed. Jonah did as God said and within a day, the whole city repented, “believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.” According to the text, God changes his mind and does not destroy the city or its inhabitants. In the gospel reading Jesus himself is the message, God with us, and the messenger. He announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and he urges us to repent and believe in the good news that his is bringing.

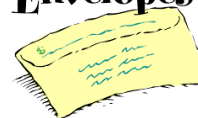
It strikes me that these are only two examples among many throughout Scripture where God invites us to repent and change our ways. God invites us towards Godself and the Life that only God can give. This invitation seems to be always open, God is faithful; and at the same time it seems to be continually coming to us and inviting a response from us.

In the passage from the gospel according to Mark, we see how Jesus invites his first disciples. Very often when reading commentaries or hearing preaching about this passage we are invited to reflect upon and contemplate our own calling to follow Jesus and to announce the kingdom of God.

Today, I would like to invite us to reflect on God’s faithfulness to us in his unconditional love that keeps constantly, but gently inviting us towards Godself, the only requirement: “repent, believe and embrace this good news of my unconditional love for you.”

2018 ENVELOPES are available for those who used envelopes during 2017. Would you like to start using envelopes for your donations? Using envelopes to make your donations to the parish ensures that you receive a receipt for income tax purposes. The number system allows you to maintain confidentiality. Boxes for NEW USERS are available at the main entrance of the church. Just fill in the enclosed card and include it with your first donation. Any questions? Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

Offering Envelopes



FUNDSCRIP ORDERS are in!
Please see Father Robert after Mass.
Last year Fundscrip users brought in over \$575 to the parish, without any additional cost to their orders. Please consider making a Fundscrip order next month.

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

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

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER PLUS: Time to show off your cultural roots! Please bring a traditional dish to share with our parish family. Dessert and beverages provided. Is there a traditional dance, song, or story that you, or your children, would like to share, very informally? You can also come in traditional dress. The event will take place in the parish hall on Saturday January 27 at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome! Thank you to the parishioners who suggested this event in our parish questionnaire.



ST. JOSEPH NEEDS YOU! Sign up to take him home! The next few weeks are available. A new schedule is available at the main doors of the church. Please indicate whether you will be at the Saturday or Sunday Mass.

JUDAISM: SACRED SPACES AND OBJECTS: Join Catherine Cherry on Wednesday January 24 from 7 to 9 pm for an opportunity to get in touch with the Faith Tradition of our heritage - Judaism. Together, we will explore God’s loving and active presence in their Sacred Spaces and Objects. For those who attend this presentation, a visit to a Synagogue will follow. Freewill offering appreciated. Location: St Monica’s Parish, 6405 rue de Terrebonne. For information and to register by January 21, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.



Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will begin meeting in the coming weeks! Be sure to check future bulletins for dates and times of practices.

PREPARING FOR LENT

SHROVE TUESDAY: Our traditional pancake supper will take place Tuesday February 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice will be served. We will need help with cleaning up. If you have time during the afternoon to help flip pancakes, please contact the office. Admission: non-perishables food item for Multicaf.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday February 14 at 8:30 am or 7 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Are you available to read at one of the Masses? A pink signup sheet can be found on the communion rail.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent, join us at 8 am as we pray the Stations of the Cross together. Readers and Crucifix bearers needed! Signup sheet will be available in February.

LENTEN BUCKETS RETURN! Last year, over 20 buckets went into your homes and were returned with over \$450! The proceeds were given to a local family in need. This year, the proceeds will go to making Blessing Bags for the homeless. These will include socks, some food items and maybe even a small gift card to Tim's or Dollarama! Donations appreciated even if you do not wish to take a bucket home.

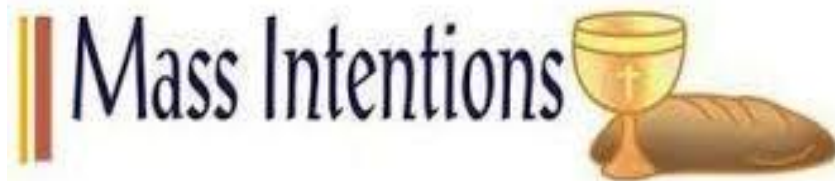
PRAYERS:

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

For those who have died: Father Emmett Johns.

For vocations:

Come after me. Jesus called Andrew and Peter and James and John. He calls still in our day. Are you willing to drop your nets and follow him? (Mark 1: 14-20). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.



Saturday January 20, 2018– Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Gaetano Martinez *Les Oeuvres de Padre Pio*

Sunday January 21, 2018– Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am Thérèse Dabbous *Antoinette and Farid Tannous*

Tuesday January 23, 2018

8:30 am Vincenzo Mattei *Andrée Mattei*

Wednesday January 24, 2018 – St. Francis de Sales

7:00 pm Pro Populo

Thursday January 25, 2018 – The Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin *the Estate*

Friday January 26, 2018 – Saints Timothy and Titus

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory *Rita Heddo*

Saturday January 27, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 28, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am Gaetano Martinez *his family*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tues/Thurs/ Fri: 8:30 am;

Wednesday: 7 pm.

Please use 71 Roosevelt.

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$1,340. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to *"Follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



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 Gaetano Martinez, as requested by his family.



JANUARY

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- see inside for details of changes in 2018.

20-21 FUNDScrip orders are in.

27 International Potluck Plus, 6 pm, parish hall.

30 Adult Education resumes, 9:15 am, chapters 20 – 23.
Meditation group, 7 pm.

31 Adult Education resumes, **7:30 pm**, chapters 20 – 23.

FEBRUARY

4 Coffee Sunday

10 -11 World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Father Robert will offer the anointing of the sick following Mass.

13 Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

14 Ash Wednesday – Lent begins. Please see inside for Mass times.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



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