

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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2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

What is really going on here in the charming encounter between Jesus and the wealthy head tax collector, Zacchaeus? Is Jesus defending a rich guy who has been wrongly maligned by his neighbors? Or is Jesus inviting himself to dinner to create the occasion for a sinner to be converted from his wicked ways? Some commentators understand Jesus' action to be a defense of a misunderstood tax collector because they take Zacchaeus's words to be a defense of his way of life; since the Greek text of his words is actually in the present tense, they take it as a description of his way of life. To paraphrase what he says in the Greek, "I (regularly) give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I happen to extort somebody, I make it up fourfold." Taken that way, the words imply behavior that is impossible. One cannot routinely give half of one's possessions (e.g. 320 acres today, 260 tomorrow, 130 the next . . . which would lead to total divestment within a week!). As for regularly repaying fourfold for extortions, that implies the behavior of regularly *extorting* and then making it up with abundant restoration—an unlikely lifestyle indeed! No, the New American Bible translators have interpreted the present-tense verbs more sensibly--that is, in the way people use the present-tense to express a *resolve*—as in, "I'm giving up smoking."

This interpretation is confirmed in Jesus' words, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and save what was lost." Yes! Zacchaeus had been using his position as chief tax collector to exploit people; and his encounter with Jesus in this moment of hosting him in his home, has led to a profound change of heart, conversion. And how was he so easily led to this conversion? The tipoff was his surprising readiness to climb a tree to "see Jesus, who he is" (to translate literally). This is strikingly childlike behavior for a figure of some power in his town.

But Luke has provided a context for us to understand this properly. In his Gospel, we have just read in the prior chapter that "whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it (18:17). Then we read about a rich official who is blinded by his wealth, and finds himself unready to follow Jesus. Then Jesus heals a blind beggar who knows that he needs healing. Finally, in the story about Zacchaeus we meet another kind of rich man, one who is sufficiently childlike to scamper up a tree to *see* who Jesus is. His openness to the truth makes him ready to be healed of his blindness regarding his greed and his readiness to exploit others.

This Gospel account calls us all to seek the truth with childlike openness, so that we are ready to encounter the Lord Jesus and respond to his surprising initiatives in our lives. He might invite himself to dinner.

This reflection was written by Dennis Hamm, S.J., on this Sunday in 2016.
Creighton University's Theology Department, Emeritus

THANK YOU: We had great fun at our Halloween party last Friday! Thank you for the copious amounts of food and the fun we shared. It was great to see so many adults in costume (and in character) along with the children.



HELP WANTED CHRISTMAS DINNER, December 7: Anyone who would like to help with **ticket sales** on November 23-24, 30 and December 1 following Mass, or volunteer for setting up the morning of December 7, bar service during the evening (30 minute shifts), and/or clean up should contact Nadine at 514-651-5636 or nadineyared@hotmail.com as soon as possible. **Re-gift last year's unopened presents!** New or gently used toys, household items, as well as hockey tickets, wine, etc... would be greatly appreciated for our ever popular raffle baskets.

WEEKDAY MASS as of next Tuesday November 5, you will only be able to enter the church by 71 Roosevelt open for weekday Mass. All other entrances will be locked during the week.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATIONS will take place Sunday November 10 at 1 pm in the Peace Park, corner Laird and Churchill.



During the month of November, the **BOOK OF LIFE** will be displayed near the icon of Mary. If the name of your beloved dead is not yet inscribed, please feel free to add it to the pages at the back of the book.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION BOOK CLUB continues Thursday November 14, following Mass. We will look at Peter Kreeft's *Making Sense Out of Suffering*, chapter 3. Everyone is welcome!



JINGLE BELL FAIR: The Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital Centre is holding its annual Fall Fair, on Thursday November 7 2019 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, in the hospital auditorium (B-309) basement floor, 3830 Lacombe. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. The Auxiliary raises funds to enhance patient care and for the purchase of specialized equipment. For more information, please call 514-345-3511, ext. 3247.



FAMILY MASS: Feedback has been very positive! A common favorite was having the children sing after communion. It was great to hear how many joined in! It is wonderful to see the community coming together to support our youngest members as they grow in faith. Next Family Mass: December 1, the first Sunday of Advent. One comment: one child asked that more families sit up front.



Saturday November 2, 2019 – Thirty-First Sunday in OT

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday November 3, 2019– Thirty-First Sunday in OT

10:00 am Rophael et Miriam Harb

Jeanette Harb

Tuesday November 5, 2019

8:30 am the Coleman and McMenamin families

the Estate

Wednesday November 6, 2019

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

the Estate

Thursday November 7, 2019

8:30 am In the names of Jesus and Mary, for an interior resurrection and all the graces needed to pursue my mission and to serve my brothers and sisters. *Mina Aro*

Friday November 8, 2019

8:30 am the deceased members of the Grenon and Rondos families *Berthe Farase*

Saturday November 9, 2019 – Thirty-Second Sunday in OT

5:00 pm Ernie Rochon

Teresa Rochon and family

Sunday November 10, 2019– Thirty-Second Sunday in OT

10:00 am Pro Populo

Prayers:

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

For vocations: Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? (Luke 19:1-10). 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 \$1540. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.' " (Luke 19:8)

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?



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 all blessings, as requested by the Aquino-Gobeil family.




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NOVEMBER

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE, during the month of November.

2 FALL BACK, set your clock back 1 hour before going to bed.

3 COFFEE SUNDAY

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

Please see inside for more details.



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