

# 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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is being asked if it is right to pay taxes to a repressive government. He is set up to antagonize one group or another. Jesus expresses His frustration with those questioning Him. The Gospel records a wise response that allows for giving the government what it is due, while subjugating that to the service of God's plan.

My mother would say that there is a reason for everything. In today's world, not everyone buys into the idea of a bigger plan. We would like our world to thrive, but there are violent acts, injustices and natural disasters. There are many individuals who argue that who and what we are today is the result of chance and random events. I recently read comments from one of this year's Nobel Laureates expressing his hypothesis that not only consciousness, but also our sense of a transcendent are the results of natural selection. Are one's sense of beauty, one's feelings of love, and the empathetic actions, which one observes, signs of a plan in which God has a role?

There are times when things seem comfortable and clear. These are the moments when I find it easy to point to God's presence and God's plan in the world. Then the tide shifts. I can feel lost and discouraged. I can sympathize with the frustrations of Jesus and Paul. Fortunately, I can also imagine the moments in which they feel satisfaction. I can envision Cyrus, who some would call an infidel, as he is heralded as a messiah by the Jewish people.

When I was younger, I felt that I knew it all. It took moments of failure to recognize the gifts that had been visible before. It was the moments of hurt, like the loss of someone close, that helped make me aware of the love that had been there. I have learned to see myself in the world having a purpose, a world that expounds the goodness of the divine plan. I can embrace the times of challenge and sorrow as a recognition that there were times of peace and joy. I can seek out the directions in which my time is spent as it should be, as a part of God's plan. - Michael Cherney, Department of Physics, Creighton University



Several parishioners have approached us about starting a meditation group.

**Christian meditation** is a spiritual practice, leading from the mind to the heart. It is a way of simplicity, silence and stillness. It can be practiced by anyone, wherever you are on your life's journey. It is only necessary to be clear about the practice and then to begin – and to keep on beginning. Interested? Intrigued? Unsure? Please contact the office for more information.

**JINGLE BELL FAIR:** The Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital Center is holding its annual Fall Fair on Thursday November 2 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. in the hospital auditorium (B-309), basement floor, 3830 Lacombe Ave. Start your shopping early... There is something for everyone on your list! Jewelry, Country Kitchen, Odds and Ends, Handicrafts, Chance Table. Lunch served at 11:30 am.

**ROSARIES** are available at the icon of Mary, along with a pamphlet describing the steps to follow. Father Robert will be happy to bless your rosary and you as well, after Mass.

Please pray for the children in our faith education program who will be taking Mary home with them to pray with during the month.

**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION CONTINUES!** Haven't made it to a session yet? Haven't read the book yet? No worries! Please feel free to join us on Tuesday October 24 at 9:15 am or Wednesday November 1 at 7 pm as we discuss chapters 4 and 5 of Peter Kreeft's *How to be Holy*. The book can be purchased through Theologia Book Ministries at (514) 694-3564 or [www.theologia.ca](http://www.theologia.ca). The eBook is available through [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca).

### **THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday:** 9 am to 12 pm

**Friday:** 9 am to 4 pm



Parents of toddlers too young to join John during children's liturgy, that is, who are younger than 3 years old, are welcome to use the parish library, located just off the vestibule. Some changes have been made: the large table has been moved aside to make way for smaller ones, a few toys are at your disposal, and a bible story with associated coloring page are available. One parent suggested, through the questionnaire, that a parent read the story for the group. There are also plenty of other story books available for use. Please let us know what you think of the new layout and if you have other suggestions for improvements.

Also, there is a **parent and tot program for children 5 and under** called Little Hearts Playgroup. Information about the program, including a sample session on friendship, is available to peruse in the parish library as well. For more information, please contact the office.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday October 21, 2017 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm our parents Maria & Giovanni De Stefani *De Stefani family*

## Sunday October 22, 2017 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Brendan Madigan *Bernadette Farrell*

## Tuesday October 24, 2017

8:30 am Pro Populo

## Wednesday October 25, 2017

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

## Thursday October 26, 2017

**7 pm** Evelyn McMenamin *the estate*

## Friday October 27, 2017

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory Rita Heddo

## Saturday October 28, 2017 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Giovanni De Stefani his brother Umberto

## Sunday October 29, 2017 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am George Geertszen *his family*



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 the month of October – see back cover.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 6 PM

Please bring a casserole (enough to feed your family) for our potluck supper. Dessert and drinks provided. There will be treats (and perhaps a trick or two) along with prizes for best costumes – kids and adults.  
Cost is \$5 per person/family & the casserole to feed your family.



**HALLOWEEN HELP NEEDED:** This Sunday October 22 after Mass come help us decorate the parish hall! The night of the party, we will need helpers to supervise the games for about 45 minutes.

## PRAYERS:

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

Please call the parish office to add your name or that of a loved one to our prayer list.

**For vocations:** What do we have that belongs to God? How do we make a return for that gift? (Mt. 22:15-21) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

Tuesdays : 8:30 am

Wednesdays: 8:30 am

Thursdays: 7 pm

Fridays: 8:30 am

## STEWARDSHIP:

**Our collection** last week was for \$1,860. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - MATTHEW 22:21*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.



## OCTOBER

**Take St. Joseph home:** signup sheets at the main entrance.

**Rosaries** are available at the icon of Mary. Father Robert will be happy to bless the rosary and you after Mass.

**23 Halloween Party set up, after Mass.**

**Adult Faith Education:**  
"How to be holy"  
chapters 4 & 5.

**24 at 9:15 am or  
Nov. 1 at 7 pm**

**27 Halloween Party, 6 pm.**

**Please see inside for  
complete details.**

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

**Workers and the Unemployed:**  
That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



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