OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: Saturday (vigil) Sunday

5:00 pm 10:00 am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday

8:30 am

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich; 2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan; 2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, these end-times readings invite me sit with the questions: What does God's justice look like? What does God's justice feel like, to me?

In scripture, over and over, God's justice is often upside-down to my sense of fairness. God seems most unfair when I fall into looking at my actions like an ethical business exchange: I did "A" for God / my fellow humans / the earth, so God owes me "B." (Often I find I have decided what I am owed without talking much to God.) If God doesn't give me "B," it feels as though God is unjust. If I lose "C," it feels even worse. That's not how God's justice works, Jesus tells us. God's justice lifts up the poor; holds servants in highest esteem; forgives the unforgiveable; loves when it hurts most to love.

Both the first reading and Gospel describe God's justice as one experience from different perspectives. Justice is a sun: it destroys with a blazing heat *and* heals with rays of light. Justice is witness to God: it leads to martyrdom *and* eternal life. With end-times readings I always come back to C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, my favorite allegory of the afterlife. In it, when people arrive in heaven, even the softest grass in heaven feels like knives to their feet: it is more real than they are. Those who let go of what is not real (that is, not of God) enter fully into God's reality, and the grass feels soft. In the same way, perhaps the "sun of justice" burns away what is not of God. I would feel destroyed if my entire identity were wrapped up in something that is not of God, even in something beautiful that I seek to own (like the temple in the Gospel). But, if my identity were wrapped up in a relationship with God, I would feel healed with the removal of whatever distracted from that relationship. Jesus reminds us similarly in the Gospel: don't get too attached to the present state of the world - even the beautiful parts, even your life here - because it all pales in comparison to the life God has in mind.

How, then, can I cultivate a disposition from which to meet God's justice and feel healed rather than destroyed? I'd need to align my identity with God's idea of justice, rather than my own. I'd need to practice mercy, to forgive others and myself. I'd need to practice love, to choose the good of another. I'd need to practice service, to meet people who awaken my compassion and grow in kinship with them. As my own ability to empathize and feel compassion grows, I will begin to see people as precious, the way God does. I will come to know that others' healing is my healing, too. Maybe then the sun of justice will feel like healing rays.

Molly Mattingly Creighton University's Campus Ministry

<u>COME AND SEE EVENING - for the Call to the Priesthood:</u> The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place on Friday, November 29, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood to share in fellowship and to explore their call together. Gatherings take place at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish. (71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal). For information or to reserve a spot, please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com.

NATIVITY PLAY: Our new tradition within the old: our annual Nativity play will take place on Saturday December 7, during the Christmas Dinner. **All children aged 4 and up** are welcome to participate – there are many non-speaking roles to be had - parental supervision required! Weekly rehearsals begin this Tuesday November 19 at 5:30 pm, following CFE.





<u>ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC</u>? Then the RCIA program is for you! Several adults have approached Father Robert over the summer wishing to enter into full communion with the Church. If you or someone you know is considering converting to the Catholic faith, please contact Father Robert or speak with him after Mass. Classes continue this Thursday November 21 at 7 pm in the parish boardroom. Please enter at 71 Roosevelt.

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. **<u>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS</u>**. This can count for community service. Contact the office for details.



PRAYING TWICE: With a faith filled heart and passion for Christian Music, this workshop offers a spiritual awakening of the senses and its focus on the family, prayer and living an intentional life in Jesus Christ! Come experience hope through Christian music and learn how you can share the love of Christ with your family, friends and people of



faith! Open your heart, lend me your ears and feel the Holy Spirit move you! Everyone is welcome. Facilitated by Linda Morrone, Early Childhood Educator and Catechist at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish. Saturday November 23 at 10 am. Coffee and sweets will be served. **CFE PARENTS: this meeting is mandatory.**

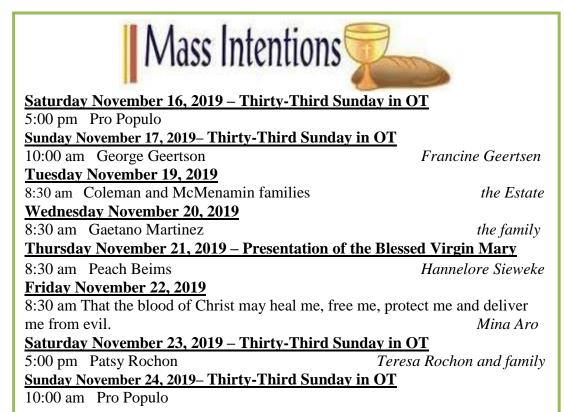
FAMILY MASS: NEXT SUNDAY November 24. We will sing "There is



<u>bs</u>: NEXT SUNDAY November 24. We will sing "There is power" by Lincoln Brewster after communion. Please familiarize yourself with the tune and lyrics – song sheets will be available at Mass. Because the song is part of the Eucharistic celebration, we ask that you please refrain from applauding afterwards. You can tell the children how much you appreciated it after Mass has ended. Thank you for your understanding.

During the month of November, the **<u>BOOK OF LIFE</u>** is 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.







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 in thanksgiving, requested by Virginia and Gilles St-Cyr.

Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beauregard 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: By patient endurance you will win your life. Be patient with yourself,

and with God, as you await the sign of your call. (Luke 21:5-19). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

For the recently deceased:

Lorraine Boychuk, Linda Rossi.

OFFICE HOURS

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

STEWARDSHIP: Our

collection last week was for \$2215! **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." (2 Thessalonians 3:9)

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.



NOVEMBER

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE, during the month of November.

16-17 FUNDSCRIP forms due.

23 PRAYING TWICE workshop

24 FAMILY MASS

23-24 CHRISTMAS **DINNER TICKETS** on sale.

Please see inside for more details.



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