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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2017: Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan; 2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

In today's gospel, Jesus urges us not to be like the scribes and Pharisees because they aren't sincere in their lives. "They preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them." Jesus is telling his followers that the religious leaders of his day worked hard to follow rules and look devout. Their faith was practiced for show, with longer prayer tassels than others and making their phylacteries – the prayer boxes they wore – easier for people to notice. Their pious rituals earned them places of honor at banquets and synagogues, and public greetings in other places.

But while the religious leaders preened and looked holy and otherworldly, they didn't bother to connect with their people. Pharisees were strict about rules when work could be done and how laws were enforced, but their hearts held no compassion for those who struggled. They relished their lives of privilege and it blinded them to the suffering of others.

Am I relieved when I read this gospel? I don't wear tassels and other public signs of our piety today so do I think I am off the hook? Or is there an echo of another Pharisee in Luke 18 who prays, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous...."

When we stop and really open our hearts to Jesus, we can recognize once again that we are far from perfect. But the good news for us is that Jesus is not looking for perfection in us but humility and service. Jesus reminds us that we are brothers and sisters, part of the human family. He urges us to be compassionate and not to let our lives get sidetracked by the external rewards offered by our society.

Jesus invites all of us, even the greatest among us, to be a servant. We may chafe at the idea of being a servant. I don't want to be lowly and I want to be in control in a way a servant is not. But what if we alter the way we think about the kind of service Jesus is calling us to? As we consider being a servant, we change the meaning to love.

I am a servant to my husband: I serve my husband by loving him better.

Parents are called to serve their children – to love them.

Many of us are servants for/loving – our elderly parents.

Maureen McCann Waldron Creighton University's Collaborative Ministry Office, retired.



GOSPEL SHARING

This Sunday November 12 at about 11:15 am, please join us in the boardroom as we look at next week's Gospel reading. Coffee will be served. Listeners welcome!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

CELEBRATIONS will take place Saturday November 11 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.



Forms are available at the entrances to the church. Please return them to Anthony Mancini next Sunday.

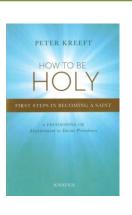
<u>PARISH MOVIE MORNING</u>, Catholicism: Pivotal Players:

to learn how Michelangelo expressed his spirituality through art.

Michelangelo, Saturday November 25, 10 am in the Parish Hall. Travel with Bishop Barron as he studies some of the greatest works of art in the world. From the magnificent David in Florence to the unparalleled paintings in the Sistine Chapel to the haunting Pietà in Rome, Michelangelo's legacy reveals the creative potential of the human spirit and shows that beauty is a route of access to the transcendent. Catherine Cherry will facilitate the event, which intersperses discussion with video clips from Bishop Barron's series, Duration: about two hours. Coffee and sweets will be served. Everyone is welcome, young and old, families and individuals,

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION (AFE)

CONTINUES! Haven't made it to a session yet? Haven't read the book yet? No worries! Please feel free to join us this Tuesday November 7 at 9:15 am as we discuss chapters 6, 7 and 8 of Peter Kreeft's *How to be Holy*. The book can be purchased through Theolgia Book Ministries at (514) 694-3564 or www.theologia.ca. The eBook is available through amazon.ca.



Fr. David Kiyingi is inviting you, your family and friends to a funfilled bowl-a-thon to support the Foundation for the Education of Children in Uganda (FECU); place on November 12, at 1:00 p.m.; at the Laurentian Lanes, 222 Montéede-Liesse (corner: Côte-de-Liesse). Tickets are \$20.00 for adult, \$12 for youth under 16. All the proceeds will go to support the education of underprivileged children in Uganda. Donations will also be very much appreciated. Taxreceipts will be given for donations from \$20.00. For info. please, call Fr. David: 514-213-5778; or Noreen: 514-838-0198. Come and relax, while helping someone in Uganda!



Saturday November 4, 2017 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday November 5, 2017 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Raphael Harb Jeanette Harb

Tuesday November 7, 2017

8:30 am deceased members of the Aguzzi and Chassé families

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Wednesday November 8, 2017

8:30 am Special Intention Gobeil family

<u>Thursday November 9, 2017 – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</u>

7 pm Evelyn McMenamin the estate

Friday November 10, 2017 - St. Leo the Great

8:30 am Nicolai David Mila Gobeil

Saturday November 11, 2017 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Ernie Rochon Teresa Rochon

Sunday November 12, 2017 – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Adelina Nepi Guaini Gianna Esposito and 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.

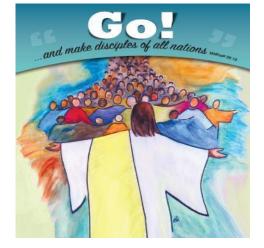
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

Tuesdays: 8:30 am; Wednesdays: 8:30 am; Thursdays: 7 pm; Fridays: 8:30 am. Please note: only the 71 Roosevelt door will be opened. The main doors will remain closed until next spring.

Friday, Nov. 17th, 7:00-9:00 pm, Cathedral Mary Queen of the World. Together on a Mission! with Mgr. Alain Faubert & Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Ray Lafontaine. We are One Body in Christ and together we are called and sent! But first, where do we begin? How do we GO? And, how do we go together? Living the Joy of the Gospel with Archbishop Christian Lépine & Fr. Ray Lafontaine E.V. launch the conference in prayer, a devotion to Mary, as the first Disciple on the Mission! Followed by a day of workshops based on the five chapters of: "The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis. Loyola High School, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 9:00 am -**4:30 pm**. To register please go online to: http://www.diocesemontreal.org/blog/faithenrichment-conference/.

FAITH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE:

"GO! And make disciples of all nations..."



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: In You, Lord, I have found my peace. Is the Lord calling you to be a peacemaker? (Psalm 131) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan 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

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$1,385. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - MATTHEW 23:12

Jesus gave His life to serve, not to be served. Putting other's needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other's needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.



NOVEMBER

- **5 Coffee Sunday**, please bring something to share.
- **7 AFE**, 9:15 am pm, Boardroom. Please enter through 71 Roosevelt.
- **12 Gospel Sharing,** 11:15 am, Boardroom.

Fundscrip forms are due, along with payment.

15 AFE, 7 pm, Boardroom. Please enter through 71 Roosevelt.

17-18 Diocesan FAITH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

25 Parish Movie Morning,
Catholicism: Pivotal Players:
Michaelangelo
10 am in the Parish Hall.
Please enter through 71
Roosevelt.

Please see inside for more details

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS DINNER SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November

Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



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