

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

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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Wardens:

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

As I reflect on today's readings, I hear an invitation to be awake, to embrace the Light that comes after the darkness of night. I hear the invitation to recognize the dawn of a new day, the resurrection after death. I hear many, many questions for reflection.

Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, we celebrate a new day, new season, a new liturgical year. As with all things new, it is a good time to look back and reflect on the year past, the joys and the struggles. The readings today call us to maybe consider how we have awakened this past year. How have we seen the Lord in a new way? How have we grown in our relationship with Jesus, the Christ? New days, seasons and years also invite to look ahead. So we can ask, How are we being invited to wake again, or maybe for the first time? What is old, tired, dark that needs the Spark of Christ to make it new?

Lastly, there is a reminder to stay awake in the night, the times of darkness. How do we do that? I started to write about the discipline of prayer and practice of meditation. I was thinking about how strength of relationship with God would help. Then I stopped. I recognized that I was falling into the trap of thinking that I can do it. I can stay awake in the darkness. Now, I am not saying that prayer, meditation and relationship with God are not important but I was quickly reminded that the invitation is to remember that Christ is always and everywhere present. To lean into, rely on and trust in that presence. Christ is the Light in the midst of darkness, if we can only choose to open our eyes, turn our face, choose the perspective that shows us that, Christ will keep us awake.

Christ Be Our Light!

Amy Hoover
Creighton University Retreat Center



HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY by making a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or for a personal intention. Include your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas flower donations" along with your intention and your name for tax receipt purposes. Drop your envelope in the collection basket along with your regular donation. Names of loved ones and other intentions will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE this **Wednesday December 4** beginning at 7:15 pm after a short liturgy of the word, several priests will be available to hear your confessions. *A Primer for Confession* is available on the communion rail and at the main entrance. If you are a bit rusty or have questions about the sacrament, please see Father Robert; he will be happy to address your concerns or fears.



ELECTION OF WARDENS: On Sunday, December 15th at 11:15 AM in the parish hall, a meeting of parishioners will be held for the purpose of electing two Church Wardens. To be eligible to be nominated as a Church Warden, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic and living in boundaries of the parish. Lori-Ann Zemanovich is up for re-election; Anthony Mancini's second term is expiring. We thank him for his six years of service to the community. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. Please contact the parish office for more information or to propose a nominee.

2020 WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES: If you used our donation envelopes in 2019, your 2020 box is ready for pick up at the main entrance. Boxes are in alphabetical order. Please note that your number may be different from last year. Need more information about envelope usage? Please feel free to contact the office or speak directly with Father Robert. Tax receipts will be issued in February.



FUNDSCRIP: If you placed an order for gift cards last week, you can pick up your cards from Father Robert after Mass.



CHRISTMAS DINNER, DECEMBER 7: LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS THIS WEEKEND: adults, 11 years and up, \$15; Children 5 to 10 years \$10; Children 4 years and under, free. We need **HELP** with set up the morning of Saturday December 7, gift items for the raffle, and desserts to share the evening of the dinner contact Nadine at 514-651-5636 or nadineyared@hotmail.com as soon as possible. **NEW:** If you like, please bring a non-perishable food item for our Multicaf box at 71 Roosevelt. **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** This can count for community service. Contact the office for details.



ADVENT ANGEL TREE: We will once again collect small gifts for the 143 residents of the Father Dowd Home in the Côte des Neiges area. Our goal is to ‘undecorate the tree,’ which will be up next week. All the gifts are intended to be under \$12 and can easily be purchased at local stores or pharmacies, so everyone can participate. Residents at the home are very ill and are not capable of the simplest of tasks. The average stay at the home is one year. Your small gift will bring a little sunshine into their

daily routine. **ADDITIONAL NEED:** Gloria, the social worker at the home, has informed us that the residents are in need of Kleenex. If you have a box or two to spare, please drop it in the boxes allotted for this purpose at the main entrance and at 71 Roosevelt. Thank you.

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: Stay awake! Be ready! God needs you to make known his imminent presence (Romans 13:11-14). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

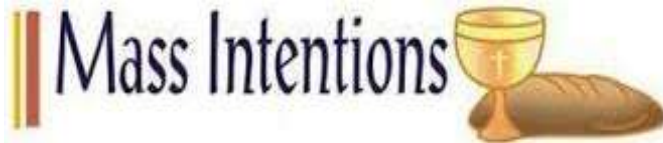
OFFICE HOURS

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

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1560. **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God’s active presence in your life.



Saturday November 30, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Aida Sobrevinas

her family

Tuesday December 3, 2019 – Saint Francis Xavier

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*

Wednesday December 4, 2019

8:30 am Vincent Guido

the Aquino family

Thursday December 5, 2019

8:30 am Primitiva Fontanilla

Emilio Fontanilla

Friday December 6, 2019

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

the Estate

Saturday December 7, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Alessandra Antonecchia

Rosina, Maria and Rosanna Antonecchia



The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. 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 Winston Redman, as requested by Bernadette Shams.




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DECEMBER

Parish Project: ADVENT ANGEL TREE

1 COFFEE SUNDAY

4 RECONCILIATION SERVICE, 7:15 pm

7 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER and NATIVITY PLAY,

15 ELECTION OF WARDENS during COFFEE SUNDAY

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