

#### **DECEMBER**

- 13 Return FundScrip Orders and payments
- 13 Election of Wardens 11:00 am
- **16** Adult Ed, 7:00 pm
- 20 Last day for Angel Tree gifts
- 23 Parish office closes until January 5





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## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December Universal: That all may

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

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### OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH TOWN OF MOUNT ROYAL, QUÉBEC



#### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday Mass:**

Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 am

**Reconciliation**: Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm; Sunday 9:15-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

#### **BAPTISM**

It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays 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.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Wednesday and Thursday 9:00-16:00, Friday

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Maintenance Manager: Mr. Jean Grignon

#### **DECEMBER 13, 2015**

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

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THANK YOU! Our annual Christmas Dinner was a great success due to the generous efforts of many people who brought it all together. Our thanks go out to the Sinnett family for organizing the dinner and activities and especially to the parish Youth Group for setting up the hall for this event. We are very grateful to Rick Auclair, who catered the dinner this year. Everything was absolutely delicious! Thank you also to the many parishioners who donated baked goods for dessert – we have some talented bakers out there! We are also grateful to those who donated wine and raffle items. Finally, thank you to those who helped serve and clean up. Most of all, thanks to all who participated. A great community event! Thanks!!!



DUO TOIVO, pronounced Toy-vo, presents a classical voice and piano Christmas concert on Saturday, December 19th at 7:00 pm.

The duo consists of Melissa Dickerson on the piano, and

classically trained international soprano, Emili Losier. Don't miss the parish children as they present a Nativity Play during the concert!

Admission is free; however a freewill offering will be collected. Refreshments will be available at intermission. (Please see ad on back page.) GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS: Please keep in mind our fundraising gift card program, FUNDSCRIP when planning your gift giving. A wide variety of gift cards are available for purchase and the parish will receive 2% - 10% while you (or your recipient) receive full value of the gift card. Please see Jonathan Elkas for more information. Completed forms and cheques must be returned today, Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

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ADVENT ANGEL TREE CHALLENGE: This year we will once again collect small gifts for the 273 residents of CHSLD Vigi Mont Royal on Brittany Ave. The Angel Tree is located in the Sanctuary, near the icon of our Blessed Mother.



The tree is decorated with gift

tags that each have assigned gifts; for example, "a pair of men's socks." All the gifts are intended to be under \$10. Many gifts can easily be purchased at local grocery stores or pharmacies, so everyone can participate.

Please place gifts in a gift bag and attach the tag. Please do not wrap gifts. Gifts must be received by December 20.

Please help us to ensure that each of the 273 residents has a little something for Christmas this year. For many, it will be the only gift they receive.



Saturday, December 12, 2015 – Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Requested by Father Robert

Sunday, December 13, 2015 - Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Lolita Matheson

Requested by Michael Matheson

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

8:30 am Special Intention

Requested by Regina Farrell

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

8:30 am Vincenzo Mattii

Requested by Andrée Mattii

Thursday, December 17, 2015 8:30 am Theresa Sullivan

Requested by Michael and Regina Farrell

Friday, December 18, 2015

8:30 am Florence Evans

Requested by the Estate

Saturday, December 19, 2015 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Requested by Father Robert

Sunday, December 20, 2015 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Aniceta Bondoc

Requested by Raquel Bondoc



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 weekly donation of \$20.00. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Bondoc family, requested by Raquel Bondoc.

**PASTORAL HOME VISITATION:** For six Monday evenings, beginning January 11<sup>th</sup> and running through February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Ignatian Centre, Cathie Macaulay will train participants to visit the sick and elderly. Are you a good listener who might have an hour a week to share with a shut-in? During the Year of Mercy, consider if this might be something you are called to do. To register, contact: Cathie Macaulay, Phone: 514-925-4354 or email cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org

#### **PRAYERS:**

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Lemieux, Estella Lim, Mary MacDonald, Maria da Luz Madeira, Miguel Madeira, Patricia Paul, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

For the recently baptized: Leorah Mireille Lim; Alexandre Silva

For vocations: "What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$2000.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

Our second collection today is for our **Helping Others Fund**, which goes toward Christmas Baskets in neighboring communities.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
(Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

WARDENS: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond, David Flood, Anthony Mancini, Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan.