



## DECEMBER

**23** Parish office closes until January 5

## JANUARY

**5** Children's Faith Education resumes  
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### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

**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.

# 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

**Pastor:** Father Robert Clark

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**Music Director:** Mr. Lavrenti Djintcharadze

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**Youth Group:** Ms. Anne Mariel Dee

**Maintenance Manager:** Mr. Jean Grignon

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Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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**WARDENS ELECTION:** Congratulations to Emidio de Carolis and Scot Diamond who were acclaimed as wardens for a second three-year term at the election which was held last Sunday. Thank you to the parishioners who participated in the election, assuring good governance of the parish.

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** Please note that there will be no weekday morning Mass from **Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**. Morning Masses will resume on **Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE:** Please note that the Parish Office will close at 4:00 pm **Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** and will re-open on **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am. For anything urgent, please call and leave a message and someone will get back to you promptly.

**RISE UP!** Rise Up is a conference for young adults (aged 18-35) hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university student movement. The national conference will be held at the Fairmount Queen Elizabeth and spans five days and gathers university students and young adults for inspiring speakers, formation in faith, daily Mass, a New Year's Eve banquet and fellowship with young Catholics from across Canada. This year's speakers include Leah Darrow, Curtis Martin, Fr. Thomas Rosica and many more! **Begins December 28<sup>th</sup>**. For info: [riseup@cco.ca](mailto:riseup@cco.ca).

**CHRISTMAS LITURGIES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**7:00 PM**

**9:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10:00 AM**

**HOLY FAMILY**

**5:00 PM (Dec. 26)**

**10:00 AM (Dec. 27)**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**5:00 PM (Dec. 31 Vigil)**

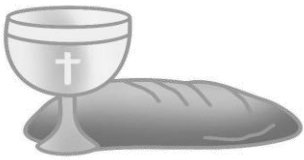
**10:00 AM (Jan. 1)**

**EPIPHANY**

**5:00 PM (Jan. 2)**

**10:00 AM (Jan. 3)**

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK



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*

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

8:30 am Special Intention

*Requested by Regina Farrell*

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

8:30 am Debbie Neemeh

*Requested by her family*

Thursday, December 24, 2015 – Nativity of the Lord

7:00 pm Pro Populo

9:00 pm Pro Populo

Friday, December 25, 2015 – Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am Pro Populo

Saturday, December 26, 2015 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 pm Giovanni de Stefani

*Requested by Anastasia de Stefani*

Sunday, December 27, 2015 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:00 am Pro Populo

*Requested by Father Robert*



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 in memory of Miriam Kennedy Stack, requested by her sister, Sheila Anne Kennedy.

**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 [cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org](mailto: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 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 \$1447.00. Our second collection was \$785.00

Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lector or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

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