

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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2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

During this Advent season, we find ourselves journeying into God and the mysteries of the incarnation. While the stories may seem familiar as we encounter them each year, may we draw new life from these ancient texts, which continue to bear seeds of faith and hope for us.

The first reading begins with Isaiah's prophesy of Emmanuel – God with us. The prophesy comes to Ahaz, a king in the midst of threats of warfare all around him. God offers a sign to confirm that His help is all that Ahaz needs – but Ahaz claims he needs no such sign. It seems to me that Ahaz is acting like those relatives that tell you, gee, you didn't need to get me anything. But of course, you know you do! Ahaz is playing it cool. His faith is being tested.

Isaiah's prophesy is subtle and difficult to comprehend at the time – after all, the birth and growth of a child would require time and great patience. It was probably not what Ahaz wanted to hear, particularly if he was worried about how to keep his enemies at bay. But the promise given portends the ultimate form of security – God dwelling in the midst of the people. "Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory."

Paul's letter to the Romans lays claim to the fulfillment of these prophetic words. He writes as one who has joined himself to the risen Son of God, receiving apostleship "to bring about the obedience of faith." This obedience is due to the one who has raised Jesus from the dead, and who has called us to holiness. We cannot do this of ourselves. Like Ahaz, we are called to open our hearts. "Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory."

In today's gospel, we see the obedience of faith being modeled in Joseph. The angel who appeared to him in a dream said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid..." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel commanded him. Joseph received an explanation from the angel, but I am sure that he still had some unanswered questions. Some have speculated that Joseph's fears may have been rooted in consciousness of his own inadequacy to play this role in salvation history. Could any of us not be daunted by the prospect of being the spouse to the Theotokos? Somehow, Joseph was able to act on the word that was given to him. Matthew explains that this was part of the fulfillment of Isaiah's ancient prophesy, but it is not clear that Joseph acted on such knowledge. In the midst of crisis, we cannot always connect the dots. But we act and move, as we must.

We are called to the obedience of faith. This usually requires choices to be made without a complete understanding of their significance in the unfolding plan of God. Not many of us get an angelic message to guide or confirm our choices. Instead, we must rely on daily encounters with God that come through the scriptures, the sacraments, and prayer. By listening and discerning – often in silence and stillness -- we are given the privilege of participating in the life of God to which we are called, overcoming our fears through love that grows to displace them. Like other forms of incremental change, we may not recognize it until time has passed, but when we do, it gives us hope. "Let the Lord enter; he is the king of Glory." Thanks be to God.

Edward Morse
Creighton University's Law School



MANY THANK YOUS, SOME BELATED:

to Linda Morrone and everyone who participated in the Praying Twice workshop;
to everyone who decorated and undecorated our Angel tree, who brought in gifts and boxes of tissue paper, and everyone who delivered the items;
to everyone who drops non-perishable food items off in our MultiCaf boxes;
to everyone who participated in our Nativity Play;
to everyone who attended our Christmas Dinner, who helped with set up and clean up, who brought something sweet to share, who decorated a card for the aforementioned gifts, and especially our gracious hostess Nadine and our special guest Santa;
and to those who made donations towards poinsettias for the sanctuary...

THANK YOU!!!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 7 pm & 9 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, 10 am.

NO MASS December 26 and 27.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD,

December 31, 5 pm.

January 1, 10 am.

NO MASS January 2 and 3.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office will be closed from
Monday December 23 to Monday January 6 inclusive.

The **2020 CALENDARS** are finally in! Please be sure to take one on your way out of church today!

HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY: this Sunday December 22 please stay after Mass to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. It should not take more than 30 minutes. Wayne will be available to guide you.



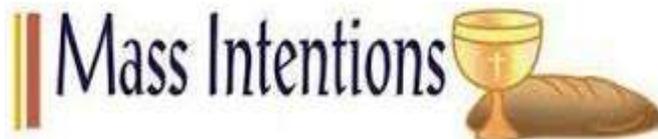
RESULTS: ELECTION OF WARDENS: Thank you to Anthony Mancini for his 6 years of service to the parish as a warden. Congratulations to Lori-Ann Zemanovich on her re-election and a great big welcome to Karolina Weclas the newest member of the Fabrique.

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. **Please note** that the envelopes will not be available for pick up during the Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

Offering Envelopes



LAST CHANCE THIS SUNDAY: Please bring in your items for the Angel tree this Sunday as they will be taken to the Father Dowd residence directly after Mass in order to ensure they can be distributed to the residents before Christmas.



Saturday December 21, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Aida Sobrevinas

her family

Tuesday December 24, 2019 - Christmas

7:00 pm Pro Populo

9 :00 pm Sophie Hetz

Anne Macyshyn

Wednesday December 25, 2019 - Christmas

10 am Vincenza Mazza Greco

Martinez family

Thursday December 26, 2019 – St. Stephen

NO MASS

Friday December 27, 2019 – St. John

NO MASS

Saturday December 28, 2019 – Holy Family

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 29, 2019 – Holy Family

10:00 am Ysmael Reyes

the Aquino Gobeil family



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 Francesco Martinez, as requested by the family.

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: Stop asking for a sign and be one. Consider becoming a priest or religious. (Isaiah 7:10-14). 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.

Please see facing page for the Christmas schedule.

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1955. **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”
(Matthew 1:24)*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.




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Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

The Future of the Very Young
 That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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