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**November**  
**ADVENT PARISH PROJECT**

Angel Tree Collection for Father Dowd Home: see inside for details.

**27 Gospel Sharing**, in the Boardroom after Mass.

**29 Adult Faith Education**, in the Boardroom **9:30 am**.

**30 Penance Service, 7:15 pm.** Been a while since your last confession? A little nervous? Feel free to speak with Father Robert. Pamphlets are available on the communion rail.

**December**

**3 Annual Christmas Dinner** (see item inside bulletin).

**11 Election of Wardens:** following Mass.

**17 Nativity Play and Sing-along:** see inside for details.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November**

**Universal:** That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

**Evangelization:** That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

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**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 – 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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 David Flood (2016), Anthony Mancini (2016),  
 Winston Redman (2017), John T. Sullivan (2017),  
 Emidio De Carolis (2018), Scot Diamond (2018).

In today's Gospel, Matthew 24:37-44, Jesus offers us the central Advent theme. Because we are letting ourselves wake up and become hopeful about God's gathering us together in community, we prepare. We have to let ourselves enter a season of getting ready.

We might have been so stuck in discouragement that we are no longer attentive to signs of hope, to graces being offered us, to any light at all. Could this Advent season be one in which I give myself to more opportunities for togetherness, for bridge building? Sometimes genuine healing and reconciliation in our families, our communities and in our world need serious preparation. We prepare by letting light into places of darkness. Concretely, can this Advent be about continuing gestures of love for a spouse who often bugs me? Can this be a time to reach out to the adult child who has disappointed me – who I might have hurt by my judgements? What nice, caring, generous things can I do that builds a bridge, without recalling a hurt or continuing my finger pointing? Is there a friend or neighbor or church community member I have recently fought with about our differing opinions about something? Could a coffee or tea together be a time to let Advent come alive by spending time saying that our relationship is more important than our differing ideas?

Advent is not about our "getting ready" to let God come to us – this season is not about saving ourselves, but recognizing God is already with us and in us. All we have to do is feel God's presence in our hearts. This wonderful season is about recognizing our own weakness yet feeling how deeply God cares for us, even in our deepest failings. We don't love that freely or with such depth, so we may not believe it, yet from Isaiah's time we have been encouraged to "walk in the light of the Lord!"

As we find these ways of preparing, we can pray, with growing desire, "Come, Lord Jesus. We await your coming. Come O Lord."

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**NATIVITY PLAY:**

Please bring a sweet treat to share Saturday December 17 at 10:30 am, as we gather for to enjoy the nativity play presented by the younger members of our parish.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** All children aged 4 and up are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays December 6 and 13, for 30 minutes. We will also meet at 10 am the day of the show for a quick rehearsal. Most of the roles are non-speaking, however, we do need two older children to act as narrators. Please contact the office if your child is interested.



**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

Our annual Christmas dinner will take place on **Saturday, December 3rd**, following the 5:00 pm Mass.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance** and will be on sale this weekend after Mass, November **26-27**.

**No tickets will be sold after these dates.** The cost is \$15 per adult (age 12 and up), \$10 per child (age 5-11). Children under 5 are free.

As always, the success of the event depends on all of our volunteers! Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church.

**THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS**

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

**FündScrip FOR CHRISTMAS!**

Gift cards make excellent Christmas gifts, especially for those people who seem to have everything. By purchasing them through our Fundscrip program, you will be supporting the parish at the same time! Pick up your form at the church doors. If you have any questions regarding the process, please speak with Father Robert or Anthony Mancini. Forms should be returned next weekend, December 3 & 4.

**ADVENT ANGEL TREE:**

This year we will 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.' 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.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday November 26, 2016 – First Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm Patsy Rochon  
*Requested by Teresa Rochon and family*

**Sunday November 27, 2016 – First Sunday of Advent**

10:00 am Pro Populo

**Tuesday November 29, 2016**

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin  
*Requested by the Estate*

**Wednesday November 30, 2016 – Saint Andrew**

8:30 am Florence Evans  
*Requested by the Estate*

**Thursday December 1, 2016**

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families  
*Requested by the Estate*

**Friday December 2, 2016**

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory  
*Requested by Rita Heddo*

**Saturday December 3, 2016 – Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday December 4, 2016 – Second Sunday of Advent**

10:00 am Aida Wichterle  
*Requested by her 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 Intentions (see back cover).

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:**

Get off to the right start this Advent! Please join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service. Father Robert and several visiting priests will be present to hear your confessions on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:15 pm.

Been a while since your last confession? A little nervous? Feel free to speak with Father Robert. Pamphlets are available on the communion rail.

**YOUTH GROUP SAVE THE DATE!**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 2 6 pm in the Parish Hall**

If you are a high school student, please join us for fun, discussion and pizza! Cost is \$5.

If you are not on our mailing list and you wish to receive reminders from us, please sign-up at the back of the church.

**PRAYERS:**

**For the sick:** Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

**For vocations:** Stay awake! God needs you to make known his imminent presence (Romans 13: 11 – 14)



**Election of Wardens: Sunday December 11, following Mass**

We are looking for candidates to stand for election. Experience in accounting is a plus, but not a must.

**STEWARDSHIP:**

Our collection last week was \$1,497. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*"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.