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 & Wednesday 8:30 am Thursday 7:00 pm 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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WARDENS:

2017: Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan; 2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.



Christian Meditation this Tuesday Dec. 12th at 7 pm in the boardroom - 71 Roosevelt. Spiritual meditation leads from the mind to the heart, in silence and stillness. Intrigued? Unsure? Come see for yourself. No commitment required.

This Tuesday December 12, from 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm join us in the Parish Hall for a viewing of **Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas,"** followed by a short discussion on the Mass. Everyone is welcome. Popcorn will be served!

As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for his coming by being Jesus' disciples – his witnesses in the world.

Our readings today give us hope that Jesus is coming, but also offer a challenge to prepare the way before him. John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel point us to Jesus while challenging us to repent. In order to prepare the way and *make straight his paths*, we must be willing to sometimes go out on a limb and be that voice crying in the wilderness, proclaiming the mightiness of our Savior.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear a voice that cries out: *In the desert prepare the way of the Lord*. In the second reading, we are reminded that we will not know the day or the hour of Jesus' return, so we must be ready. Today's Gospel talks of John the Baptist proclaiming *a baptism of repentance*.

receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?



CHRISTMAS
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We invite you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donations". Write on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please include your parish envelope number if applicable. Drop your envelope in the collection basket along with your regular donation. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.





<u>NATIVITY PLAY AND SING-ALONG</u>: Please bring a sweet treat to share Saturday December 16 at 10:30 am, as we gather to witness the faith of the younger members of our parish as they present the nativity play.

DESPERATE NEED OF HELP! We need someone who can lead us in song. You will not need to stand up before the audience

NOTE TO PARENTS: All children aged 4 and up are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held this **Tuesday December 12, at 5:30 pm**, for 30 minutes. We will also meet at 9:45 am the day of the show for a quick rehearsal.



Saturday December 9, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 10, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Marija, Anton, Elisabeth and Bianka Simek the Mahmet-Simek family

Tuesday December 12, 2017 – Our Lady of Guadelupe

8:30 am Frances Farrell Anne and Jim Rowan

Wednesday December 13, 2017 – Saint Lucy

8:30 am Jane Flores Bright Tassy the Bozzato-Fumai family

Thursday December 14, 2017 - St. John of the Cross

7 pm Marc Chassé the Chassé family

Friday December 15, 2017

8:30 am Vincenzo Mattii Andrée Mattii

Saturday December 16, 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Yolande and Samir Coussa the family

Sunday December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Pro Populo



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 Vincenzina Mazza Greco, as requested by her family.



FUNDSCRIP forms are due this weekend. Gift cards make great gifts for Christmas. Please see Father Robert or Anthony Mancini after Mass.

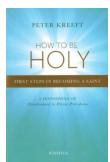
THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

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



A FEW TAGS REMAIN ON OUR TREE! PLEASE HELP US

UNDECORATE IT! All the gifts are intended to be under \$10 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. Your gift will bring a little sunshine into



ADULT FAITH EDUCATION (AFE)

CONTINUES! Haven't made it to a session yet? Haven't read the book yet? No problem! Please feel free to join us this Wednesday December 13 at 7 pm as we discuss chapters 12, 13 and 14 of Peter Kreeft's *How to be Holy*.

their daily routine.

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis. Please call the parish office to add your name or that of a loved one to our prayer list

For vocations: John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim him in this generation? (Mark 1:1-8). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

Tues/ Wed/ Fri: 8:30 am; Thurs: 7 pm. Please note: only the 71 Roosevelt door will be opened. The main doors will remain closed until next spring.

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$1,580. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3
We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.



DECEMBER

Parish Project: **Angel Tree** for the Father Dowd residence.

- **10 Election of Wardens,** 11 am.
- 12 How the Grinch Stole Christmas, followed by a short discussion on the Eucharist, Parish Hall, 4:15 to 5:30 pm.

Christian Meditation, 7pm Boardroom, 71 Roosevelt.

- **13 AFE**, 7 pm, Boardroom. Please enter through 71 Roosevelt.
- 16 Nativity Play at 10:30 am 30 minute rehearsals held December 5 & 12 at 5:30 pm. All children 4 and up are welcome to participate.
- 19 Christmas Concert,Tuesday December 19 at7:30 pm. Details inside.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



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