

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	7:00 pm
Wednesday to 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 celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.

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:

2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan.

DEAR PARISHIONERS, I wanted to thank you for the tremendous patience, support and understanding you have shown to one another over the last couple of the weeks. Regardless of the negative attention our parish and the Church universal are getting, we seem to be banding together in unity. This was evident when watching many of our parishioners, from the youngest to the eldest, help Wayne replace the old missalettes with the new last Sunday after Mass. As a means of deepening this sense of community, I invite you to attend our **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - details below. Whether you participate or not, come support your fellow parishioners as they partake of the sacrament. In his book, *The Name of God is Mercy*, Pope Francis reminds us that confession is “an encounter with mercy.” “Anyone that confesses does well to feel shame for his sins: shame is a grace we ask for ...because it makes us humble.” I pray that we may continue to be humble witnesses of Christ for each other as we enter into this Advent season, that the faith of this parish family may continue to deepen as we come to know Christ through our service to each other.

Father Robert Clark
Pastor



NATIVITY PLAY: Our annual Nativity play will take place on Saturday December 8, during the Christmas Dinner. All children aged 4 and up are welcome to participate – there are many non-speaking roles to be had! Weekly rehearsals continue this Tuesday December 4 at 5:30 pm, for 30 minutes following CFE.

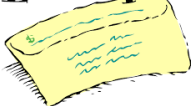


MEDITATION GROUP: Sessions will resume in the new year.



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.

Offering Envelopes



2019 WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES: If you used our donation envelopes in 2018, your 2019 box is ready! Boxes can be found in the main entrance of the church, in alphabetical order. Please note that your number may be different from last years. Need more information about envelope usage. Please feel free to contact the office or speak directly with Father Robert.



RECONCILIATION SERVICE Thursday December 6 beginning at 7:00 pm after a short liturgy of the word, several priests will be available to hear your confessions. Sample examinations of conscience are available on the communion rails and at the main doors. See Pope Francis’ thoughts on confession in Father Robert’s note to parishioners. *A Primer for Confession* is available on the communion rail and at the main entrance.



ELECTION OF WARDENS: On Sunday, December 2nd at 11:15 AM in the parish hall, following **COFFEE SUNDAY**, a meeting of parishioners will be held for the purpose of electing two Church Wardens. To be eligible to be nominated, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic and living in boundaries of the parish. Two Wardens’ terms are expiring: Emidio De Carolis and Scot Diamond have served two terms each. We thank them for their six years of service to the community. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. Please contact the parish office for more information or to propose a nominee.



FUNDSCRIP FORMS are due this weekend. Gift cards make great Christmas gifts. Consider purchasing yours through our Fundscrip program.. How does it work? You buy gift cards from your favorite stores. You receive your gift cards and the parish receives a 2 to 7 % donation, at no cost to you! Forms are available on the communion rail and at the main doors of the church. Please return completed forms along with payment to Father Robert or Anthony Mancini.



You are invited to our yearly **Christmas dinner** which will be held on **Saturday December 8 at 6 pm** (after the 5 pm Mass). Come join us for an evening of fun, good food, great company and lots of celebrations! The invitation has also been sent to **Santa!** so he might be able to join us, only if we've been good this year! We will be featuring the "**Nativity play**" by our own very talented and famous young actors, our own children of the parish! Get your cameras ready! Parents, see details below for

rehearsal dates and times.

Tickets will be sold this weekend and next after Mass.

Ages 11-99: 15\$, ages 5-10: 10\$, under 5: free.

You are strongly encouraged to give back to the community by helping us make this event a successful ne:

- by volunteering your time: set up Friday evening or Saturday morning, selling tickets, making gift baskets, tending the bar, cleaning up after, ...
- by giving new items or gifts to make the gift baskets
- by making desserts
- by attending with your family and friends!

If you can help with any of these many tasks, please call or email **Nadine Yared Khairy at 514-651-5636, nadineyared@hotmail.com**. KIDS: This can count towards community service! Looking forward to seeing you and celebrating together!

VOICES OF HOPE HOLIDAY CONCERT: You are invited to attend a Holiday Concert by the Voices of Hope Choir. The singers are mainly cancer survivors and several are residents of the Town of Mount Royal. The concert will take place for the second time at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church on Sunday December 9 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance from Hope and Cope or at the door. All the profits from this concert will be used to finance the various support programs of Hope and Cope. For further details, please call Milda Ruffo at 514-738-3998.

Prayers:

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

For those who died:

Thelma Martin

For vocations: The Lord is near! Am I able to read the signs of the times? What is God asking of me? (Luke 21: 25-36). 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

Monday – no Mass
 Tuesday – 7 pm
 Wed. to Fri. – 8:30 am

OFFICE HOURS:

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

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last Sunday was for \$1865. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” LUKE 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of **RECONCILIATION** to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It’s never too late.



Saturday December 1, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Maureen Hayes *the Shams family*

Sunday December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Zofia Zdaniak *her family*

Tuesday December 4, 2018

7:00 pm Pro Populo

Wednesday December 5, 2018

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

Thursday December 6, 2018

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin *the Estate*

Friday December 7, 2018 – Saint Ambrose

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

Saturday December 8, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 9, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Betty Ouellet *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. The amount is eligible for a tax receipt. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. **This week** the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Giancarlo Volpato, as requested by the Martinez family.



DECEMBER

Parish Project: ADVENT ANGEL TREE

1-2 FUNDScriP FORMS due. Do your Christmas shopping here!

2 ELECTION OF WARDENS during **COFFEE SUNDAY**

6 RECONCILIATION SERVICE, 7 pm

8: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER and NATIVITY PLAY, details inside.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.




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