

# 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Wardens:

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;  
2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel;  
2022: Karolina Weclas, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is known as the feast of Encounter in the Eastern Church where it began. In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a world day of prayer for consecrated life attached to this feast. Of course, in the United States and Canada, when one hears February 2, what comes to mind is Groundhog Day, the day when a prediction is made about how many more weeks of winter are left depending on whether the groundhog sees his shadow or not. But unlike the uncertainty of the weather, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord has a sense of certainty associated with it. In this feast, we celebrate the certainty of the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel that is fulfilled in Jesus but that is extended to the entire world. And, we celebrate the continuation of God's love in our own world, of God continually reaching out towards us and inviting us into a relationship or encounter.

As I reflected on the reading from Luke, I was struck by two aspects. The first involved Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple. In a way, they make Jesus present. The second aspect is of Simeon and Anna recognizing Jesus as the promised one. As disciples of Jesus, each one of us is called to embrace both these aspects. To be the presence of Jesus in the world around us and to be able to recognize Jesus as revealed or made present by others.

To be the presence of Jesus in the world, it might help to recall the beautiful prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila:

*God of love, help us to remember  
That Christ has no body now on earth but ours  
No hands but ours, No feet but ours  
Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world.  
Ours are the hands with which to bless everyone now.  
Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.*

And, to recognize Jesus made present by others, we perhaps need to, as Simeon and Anna did, rely on God's grace.

Nicky Santos, S.J.

Creighton University's Heider College of Business and Jesuit Community Rector



**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:**

Known originally as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth.

**WHY CANDLEMAS?** Inspired by the words of the Canticle of Simeon ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas.

**In keeping with this tradition,** Father Robert invites you to bring new candles to Mass this weekend of February 1 and 2. Place them on the small table near the icon of Mary and Father Robert will bless it during Mass. You can retrieve it afterwards.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of Saint Blaise and in keeping with Catholic tradition, there will be a blessing of throats this weekend following Mass.



Please join us this Sunday February 2 for **COFFEE SUNDAY** in the parish hall. Please bring something sweet to share. Coffee and juice provided. If you have a few minutes to spare please consider helping with clean up afterwards.

**CHILDREN'S FAITH EDUCATION (CFE)**

Classes resume this Tuesday February 4. Please visit our website for the full calendar. **ACTUAL DATE FOR CHILDREN'S MASS:** February 16.



**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION CONTINUES THIS WEEK!**

Haven't read the book? Not one to share? No problem! Please join Father Robert in the boardroom – via 71 Roosevelt - for discussion of Peter Kreeft's *Making Sense out of Suffering* this Thursday February 6 at 9:15 am. Coffee will be served.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK:**

On February 8 and 9, following Mass, Father Robert will be available to administer the Anointing of the Sick. Formally known as Last Rites, this sacrament helps unite those who are suffering with Jesus' saving and healing power. Suffering is a part of life, but Jesus unites our suffering with his passion and death so that through our suffering we can participate in his saving and healing work. The sacrament also reminds us that God wants to give comfort to the suffering and wants us to relieve suffering where we can. Anyone who is seriously ill or in danger of death is eligible to receive this sacrament.





# International Brunch

## LET'S CELEBRATE! 75 years of Diversity and Community!

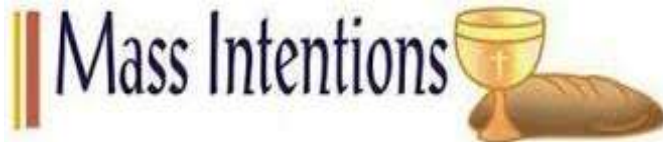
From Greece to France to our beloved Canada, cook up **your favorite finger foods and desserts** and come celebrate the diversity of our parish community. Beverages will be provided.

**When:** Sunday, February 9th after the 10 am Mass

**Where:** Parish hall – enter by 71 Roosevelt

Please contact Nadine Yared (nadineyared@hotmail.com) or Karolina Weclas (karolinaweclas@gmail.com) **with the country you will be representing and the dish you will be bringing. RSVP by February 2.**

We look forward to celebrating the richness and diversity of our parish with you.



### Saturday February 1, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm victims of the Wilhelm Gustlof MV *Hannelore Sieweke*

### Sunday February 2, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am the deceased members of the Harb family *Jeanette Harb*

### Tuesday February 4, 2020

8:30 am Pro Populo

### Wednesday February 5, 2020

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

### Thursday February 6, 2020

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin *the Estate*

### Friday February 7, 2020

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

### Saturday February 8, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Jean Neemeh *the Neemeh family*

### Sunday February 9, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am Robert Joseph Fowlie *Anne Macyshyn*

## Prayers:

**For the sick:** Rick Auclair, the Beaugard 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:** Simeon and Anna both recognize Christ as He appears in their midst, because they have both spent years in prayer to constantly connect with the Father. Time in prayer disposes us to hear His voice. (Luke 2:22-40) 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 NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, 9 am to 4 pm.

Friday, 9 am to 12 pm.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Our collection last week was for \$2209. **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...” (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then, it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?



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**FEBRUARY**

**1 & 2 BLESSING OF THE THROATS**, after Mass

**2 COFFEE SUNDAY**

**4 CFE resumes**

**6 BOOK CLUB**

**8&9 ANOINTING OF THE SICK**, after Mass

**9 INTERNATIONAL BRUNCH**

**25 SHROVE TUESDAY**

**26 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30 AM AND 7 PM

Please see inside for details.



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**Holy Father's Prayer**  
**Intention for February**

**Listen to the Migrants' Cries**  
 We pray that the cries of our  
 migrant brothers and sisters,  
 victims of criminal trafficking,  
 may be heard and considered.

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