

# 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	8:30 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	4:00 pm

**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:

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;  
2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;  
2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

*Just for today, I will not try to improve or regulate someone else.*

(Al-Anon's "Just for Today" bookmark)

Shortly after I got married, a friend who had been married for years said to me, with a wry smile, "The trouble with marriage is women hope it's going to change their husband, while men hope it won't change their wife—and both are disappointed!"

After we laughed, he said, "The key to marital success is, first love each other *as is*, warts and all. Then each work to change yourself to be better for the other. Only then can real influence begin."

The human compulsion to control others' lives, for better or for worse, wreaks havoc when it's not informed by freedom-honoring love. Love does not coerce or manipulate others—through shame, guilt, deception, or fear—to become what we want them to be or think they should be. Love proposes, never imposes. The "otherness" of others can be all-at-once painful to accept and a *joie de vivre*. Live in the tension.

A friend's parenting advice to my wife and me, written in a letter after our second son's birth, resounded with this tension: Don't coddle them. Don't smother them. Don't overwater them. Love them. Make them work. Be there for them. Let them succeed. Let them fail. Help them up if they ask. Impart your wisdom when they're ready, not before. Let them earn the right to hear it. Natural consequences of decisions are far better teachers than your manufactured ones. Don't make them like you. Make them like themselves. Don't tell them what to do; help them know how to know what to do. Help them discover their own God-given path. Pray for them...

One thing is very clear from looking at the universe God designed: God loves extreme variety. Really extreme. Just one example I love: there are about 17,500 species of butterflies and 160,000 species of moths in the world. Crazy! The differences between each person are vast and superabundant. Our unique fingerprint is our glory. Diverse physical features, races, ethnicities, cultures, personalities, intellectual bents, political persuasions, religious sensibilities, musical tastes, senses of humor, likes and dislikes, gifts, talents, strengths, weaknesses, abilities, disabilities, virtues, vices, and on and on and on. Some differences complement and click, while others clash and collide.

Goodness is kaleidoscopic, while evil is monolithic; and mercy turns even evil's flattening sameness into a new palette dappled with infinitely varied colors. Think of the many types of sinners-to-saints.

Love alone, wed to catholic truth, binds irreducible multiplicity into a *universe*, purifying and leading all to perfect unity (Col. 3:14's *teleiōtētos!*). Love alone makes the wild (and oft painful) tensions of difference wildly creative. Hardest of all, though, is the love that allows people in our lives the freedom to rebel, to reject, to run away from us; from what we stand for; from truth; from God. The love that forgives, that seeks forgiveness. In the prodigal son story, the father did not guilt or shame or condemn the selfish son at his departure *or* upon his return. He patiently waited, he quietly suffered, he secretly pardoned, he loved him *from within the distance*, even as the father stood his ground and hoped that the memory of a home and heart full of love would one day draw his son back. And when the son returned, while the elder brother gripped tight to his manipulative and self-righteous rage, the father ran and embraced, celebrated and danced. It's truly *the* parable of the cross and Resurrection, of prodigal love—and of its opposite.

Recently, when I was vehemently trying to "protect" one of my daughters from what I saw as a potentially bad situation, she said, "Dad, let go." I said, "No!" And we burst out laughing. - Dr. Tom Neal for wordonfire.ca.

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"Love is patient, love is kind... it does not rejoice over wrongdoing  
but rejoices with the truth. Love never fails." (excerpt from today's second reading)

Dear Parishioners,

How providential that this week's readings includes St. Paul's discourse on love! Although the court proceedings are nearing an end, and Father Brian has been found guilty in one case and has pled guilty in the other, many of us continue to struggle with the consequences of his abhorrent behavior, in our personal relationship with God, on our calling as Christians and even with the Church universal. We now enter a time of healing. We must learn to trust again. We must speak the truth with love. How do we continue to support each other now that the trial is behind us? I would ask that you consider coming to one of our pastoral or social activities such as meditation, movie nights, workshops, adoration, etc... (suggestions for activities/topics are most welcome!). True healing can only occur in Christ when we open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives! Please pray that our parish may continue to be a place of comfort and peace for all members of our parish family.

Father Robert

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** On February 9 and 10, following Mass, Father Robert will be available to administer the Anointing of the Sick. Formerly 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.



**HELP PLEASE!** After next week, Saint Joseph is homeless! Could you take him home for one week? He is available for most of February! A prayer sheet accompanies the small statue. See how a simple 30 second prayer can enrich your life. A sign up sheet can be found at the main entrance of the church. This is a simple devotion to practice with children, and a fun way to pray as a family.

**Fundscrip orders** are due today. Forms are available on the communion rail or at the main entrance of the church. Please leave your completed form along with payment with Father Robert or Anthony Mancini.



As you are most likely aware, our **YOUTH GROUP** has suffered the hardest blow because of the Father Brian affair. It is going to take a communal effort for our teens and young adults to trust again. How can you help? First and most importantly through prayer: ask for God's help and guidance for parents, youth and group leaders; if you are a parent of a

high school student, please consider attending a family pizza and movie night. Details to come. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please speak with Father Robert or contact the office.



**Saturday February 2, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday February 3, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am the deceased members of the Harb family

*Jeanette Harb*

**Tuesday February 5, 2019 – Saint Agatha**

8:30 am Mme. Marcelle Semaniro

*Rita and Gaston Beauregard*

**Wednesday February 6, 2019 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

7:00 pm Coleman and McMenamin families

*The Estate*

**Thursday February 7, 2019 – Saint John Bosco**

8:30 am Dr. William L. Beauregard (L)

*Rita and Gaston Beauregard*

**Friday February 8, 2019**

4:00 pm Evelyn McMenamin

*The Estate*

**Saturday February 9, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Michel, Veronie, Nicolas and Eugenie Goudes *Maria Goudes De Stefani*

**Sunday February 10, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Pro Populo

**Prayers:**

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

**For vocations:** Before you were formed in the womb, God knew you. Before you were born, you were dedicated to the Lord. Do not be afraid to hear God's call. (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19). 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:**

Tuesdays: 9 am to 4 pm.  
Fridays: 9 am to 12 pm.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Our collection last week was for \$2110. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4)*

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".

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 the intentions of Rita.







**FEBRUARY**

**9 & 10 ANNOINTING OF THE SICK, following Mass.**  
Please see inside for details.

**14 AFE, following Mass.**  
Coffee will be served. Our next selection will be Scott Hahn's *The Fourth Cup: Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross*, which can be purchased online.

**17 COFFEE SUNDAY.**  
Please bring something to share.

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

- Tuesdays: 8:30 am;
- Wednesdays: 7 pm;
- Thursdays: 8:30 am;
- Fridays: 4 pm.

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

**Human Trafficking**  
For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.




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