OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) Sunday 5:00 pm 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WARDENS:

2017: Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan;2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE OUR SANCTUARY BEAUTIFUL FOR CHRISTMAS.

Donations for flowers for the sanctuary were made by the following

parishioners: John T. Sullivan, Anne and Jim Rowen (Jean Brown and James Patrick Rowen), Natalie and Ermie Pelausa (Dr. Jess P Pelausa,

Josefina O. Sinahon; Julian King; Mariano Lee, Rosario O. Sacurom),

the Neemeh family (Debbie Neemeh), Francine Geertsen (George

Geertsen), Kurt and Margie Reckziegel (deceased members of the

Farrell and Reckziegel families), Josephine Vaupshas (Julian Vaupshas), Giovanna Martinez (Gaetano Martinez), Anna Chassé

(Marc Chassé), Tony and Mary Ann Ianuzielo, Raquel Bondoc

(Aniceta Bondoc, Juan Bondoc, Cleotilde Malonzo, Joel Gorrospe,

Christmas Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of AdventSaturday December 235 pmSunday December 2410 amChrístmas Eve

Sunday December 24 7 pm & 9 pm

<u>Chrístmas Day</u> Monday December 25 10 am

Holy FamilySaturday December 305 pmSunday December 3110 am

<u>Blessed Virgin Mary,</u> <u>Mother of God</u>

Sunday December 31 Monday January 1





THANK YOU to all who came to our Christmas Concert, to those who donated food items, to everyone who set up and helped clean up!



Fernando Gorrospe).

On Sunday December 24th, following the 10 am Mass, please stay and help us **DECORATE THE SANCTUARY** for Christmas. The process usually takes 30 minutes. Families welcome!

Theme: God's Spirit comes to us in ways we least expect. **Breaking Open the Word**

Text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38. **Step One: Listen to the Word**

As you hear this reading about Mary today, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? **Step Two: Look into Your Life**

Question for Children: If you were to tell someone one thing about Jesus' mother, Mary, what would you say?

Question for Youth: Gabriel's greeting to Mary was, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us – he loves us just as we are. What are some of your personal strengths that God rejoices in? Question for Adults: Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?

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Today we celebrate the birth of Christ. In the darkness of this night, God's purest light appears in human history, offering us a share in God's eternal life and mercy. The Christmas story is known to all through word, song and tradition. But it is more than an account of a baby born in difficult circumstances. For this is no ordinary child, but one sent to us from the very heart of God – a child who is innocent and powerless, yet has within him the awesome capacity to reconcile and heal. The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah. He will sit upon the throne of David, and upon him will rest dominion and authority. Paul tells Titus that in Christ, the very grace of God has appeared in our world and through him, we have all been offered salvation. Luke recalls the birth of Jesus in human history.

The Light of the World disperses the worst nights of darkness. A full moon lighting up a darkened sky can serve as a great reminder to us that Jesus is the Light that disperses the darkest moments in our lives and in our world. Accepting and sharing the true light brings hope where there is despair. Isaiah tells of the glad tidings that will take place once the Messiah arrives. The author of Hebrews states that the Son is the most profound and complete way that God speaks to us. Saint John proclaims Jesus as the pre-existent Word of God, now present to us in the flesh, who reveals God to us.



Saturday De	cember 23, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Adver	nt
5:00 pm	Debbie Neemeh	her family
Sunday Dec	ember 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent	
10:00 am	Pro Populo	
	ember 24, 2017 – The Nativity of the Lord	
7 pm	Jean Simon Gobeil	the Gobeil family
9 pm	Pro Populo	
Monday Dec	cember 25, 2017 – The Nativity of the Lord	
10 am	Vincenzina Mazza Greco	the Martinez family
Tuesday Dee	<u>cember 26, 2017</u>	
<mark>NO MASS</mark>		
Wednesday	December 27, 2017	
<mark>NO MASS</mark>		
Thursday D	<u>ecember 28, 2017 – The Holy Innocents</u>	
<mark>7 pm</mark>	Coleman & McMenamin families	the Estate
Friday Dece	<u>mber 29, 2017</u>	
8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory	Rita Heddo
Saturday De	cember 30, 2017 – Holy Family	
5:00 pm	Pro Populo	
Sunday Deco	<u>ember 31, 2017 – Holy Family</u>	
10:00 am	Pietro Cammalieri Sr.	Lori-Ann Zemanovich
Sunday Deco	ember 31, 2017 – Mary, Mother of God	
5:00 pm	Barbara Auclair	Marco Vieira and family
<u>Monday Ja</u>	<u>nuary 1, 2018 – Mary, Mother of God</u>	
10 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.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE DURING CHRISTMAS

December 26 & 27, NO MASS December 28 & 29, 8:30 am. January 2 & 3, NO MASS. January 4 & 5, 8:30 am. The regular schedule will resume January 8. Please see below for details.

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS The office is closed until Friday January 5

<u>MEDITATION GROUP</u> will resume on Tuesday January 16 at 7 pm in the boardroom. Everyone is welcome, even if you have not attended any other sessions.

Our **<u>KIDS CHOIR</u>** will begin meeting in the new year! Be sure to check future bulletins for dates and times.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 8 TO MAY2 2017

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

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 those who have died:

Fr. Roger Martineau.

For vocations: Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through hthe invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them (Luke 1: 26-38). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$2,490. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"- LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

