

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.

*Christmas Mass Schedule**Holy Family*

Saturday December 30 5 pm

Sunday December 31 10 am

*Blessed Virgin Mary,**Mother of God*

Sunday December 31 5 pm

Monday January 1 10 am

**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 Ernie Pelousa (Dr. Jess P Pelousa, Josefina O. Sinahon; Julian King; Mariano Lee, Rosario O. Sacurom), the Neeme family (Debbie Neeme), Francine Geerts (George Geerts), 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 Ianuziolo, Raquel Bondoc (Aniceta Bondoc, Juan Bondoc, Cleotilde Malonzo, Joel Gorrospe, Fernando Gorrospe).


As 2017 draws to a close, many of us are putting the finishing touches on some New Year's resolutions. In the readings for today, Abraham is an example of a man of faith. He can assist us in the decisions we make about how to live more faithfully in 2018.

The writer to the Hebrews says that Abraham believed God's promise that he would have an heir "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." Notice what the Genesis and Hebrews readings do not say - that he knew how God was going to fulfill his promise. It is one thing to believe that someone is trustworthy and will do what they say but it is another matter altogether to know how they are going to do it. In fact, Abraham seems to know how God is *not* going to do it. He is not going to give him a son from his wife, Sarah. So, he has certain suggestions for how God can pull it off. Proposal A is that he adopt one of his servants, Eliezer. This was not an uncommon way to obtain an heir and Eliezer must have been a loyal, noble person because Abraham made him the steward of his house. By the way, his "house" is not like anything we see today. Once Abraham had to gather the fighting men of his house to go and rescue his nephew, Lot, who had been taken captive. His fighting men numbered 318. Abraham was a wealthy man with a huge household and Eliezer was his right hand man. So, Proposal A isn't really a bad idea, from Abraham's standpoint. However, God says No, "your own issue shall be your heir." He knew God could not give him this heir through Sarah but at least now he knew that God would fulfill his promise through his own son and not an adopted servant. Abraham believed God.

That does not stop Abraham from offering Proposal B. Our Genesis reading for today comes from the 15th and 21st chapters of Genesis. In between those chapters you can read about Abraham's second proposal. Abraham has a son by one of his slaves. Since it is his own issue, Abraham just knows that God will fulfill his promise through this particular son. Again, God says No; you will have a son through your wife, Sarah. At this, Abraham laughs in God's face. Sarah also laughs. God, you made me a promise and we believe you. However, this way of fulfilling your promise is impossible. Sarah cannot have children. When Sarah becomes pregnant and has a son, Abraham and Sarah are so blown away by it that they remember how they laughed at the prospect and name their son Isaac which means "he who laughs." Every time they see Laughing Boy they remember that they laughed at God's promise right up until the day when they laughed for joy at this bouncing baby boy.

What can Abraham teach us who want to live by faith in 2018? On more than one occasion I have believed God's words but then decided to help God out by telling him how to fulfill them. We can learn an important lesson from Abraham: trust God and wait for him to do amazing things. He may fulfill his promise through some normal, natural way. On the other hand, he may fulfill it in a way that is unimaginable. Abraham trusted God from the beginning but had to learn how to stop telling God how to be God. Perhaps in 2018 we, too, will learn that God is not only trustworthy but that his ways are not our ways. May the God who does miracles grant us a Happy New Year.

Mass Intentions



Saturday December 30, 2017 – Holy Family

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 31, 2017 – Holy Family

10:00 am Pietro Cammalieri Sr.

Lori-Ann Zemanovich

Sunday December 31, 2017 – Mary, Mother of God

5:00 pm Barbara Auclair

Marco Vieira and family

Monday January 1, 2018 – Mary, Mother of God

10 am Pro Populo

Tuesday January 2, 2018

NO MASS

Wednesday January 3 2018

NO MASS

Thursday January 4, 2018

8:30 am Coleman & McMenamin families

the Estate

Friday January 5, 2018

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

Rita Heddo

Saturday January 6, 2018

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 7, 2018

10:00 am Aniceta Bondoc

Raquel Bondoc



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

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

**Office hours resume this Friday
January 5 from 9 am to 4 pm.**

MEDITATION GROUP 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 **KIDS CHOIR** will begin meeting in
the new year! Be sure to check future
bulletins for dates and times.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 8 TO MAY 2 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 the 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 vocations: A child is born for us; a son given to us. Are we willing to proclaim the glad tidings of great joy to the world? (Isaiah 9:1-6) If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

STEWARDSHIP:

Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



JANUARY

2 NO DAILY MASS.

3 NO DAILY MASS.

OFFICE HOURS

- see inside for details.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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