

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 – 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.

For Christian Unity:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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WARDENS:

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

THIS WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS Mary, the Mother of God

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be two collections at this weekend's Masses. The first will be for our regular collection (please use the white envelope); the second will be for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (please use the pink envelope). Thank you for your continued support.

TAKE ST IOSEPH HOME!

As part of this year's vocation theme, we invite parishioners to pray for vocations in their home with a small statue of St. Joseph, provided by the parish. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. Why not begin now, with this prayer:

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

O Great Saint Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know the state of life that God in His providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it.

Obtain for me the light to know God's Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.

SAVE THE DATES

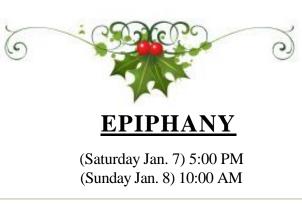
VOCATION AND VIRTUE CONTINUES:

During our last workshop, Father Robert described sacrifice as making the other holy. Join us Thursday January 26 at 7:15 pm as we discuss the challenges of leading a Christ centered life in preparation for Advent.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Friday January 27 at 6 pm. We too will discuss sacrifice, eat pizza and begin planning for our talent show. Cost is 5\$.

HELP WANTED

On Sunday January 8, after Mass, we will remove the Christmas decorations from the sanctuary.



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AS MOTHER

The little child awakens to self-consciousness through being addressed by the love of his mother....

The interpretation of the mother's smiling and of her whole gift of self is the answer, awakened by her, of love to love, when the "I" is addressed by the "you"....

Nothing higher can be awaited beyond this, so that the fullness of reality is in principle enclosed in this "I"—"you" (as in paradise) and that everything that may be experienced later as disappointment, deficiency, and yearning longing is only descended from this....

The little child does not "consider" whether it will reply with love or nonlove to its mother's inviting smile, for just as the sun entices forth green growth, so does love awaken love; it is in the movement toward the "you" that the "I" becomes aware of itself. By giving itself, it experiences: I give myself. By crossing over from itself into what is other than itself, into the open world that offers it space, it experiences its freedom, its knowledge, its being as spirit....

Since the summons by the mother is not addressed to something in the child but to the child itself beyond the sum of its qualities (which it can share with other children), precisely in reality the "I" of the child, it experiences at the same time that my "I" is loved, is lovable for my mother, and that my reply can lie only in the gift of this "I"—together with all that may belong to it, although it is not necessary at all to know the individual details of this. Small children throw themselves upon one's lap like a round ball.

FATHER HANS URS VON BALTHASAR

was an eminent Swiss Catholic theologian who wrote prodigiously. Excerpt taken from the January 2017 edition of the Magnificat,

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 31, 2016 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 5:00 pm Pro Populo Sunday January 1, 2017 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Federico Fontanilla 10:00 am *Requested by Emilio Fontanilla* **Tuesday January 3, 2016 NO MASS** Wednesday January 4, 2016 NO MASS **Thursday January 5, 2016** 8:30 am **Evelvn McMenamin families** *Requested by the Estate* Friday January 6, 2016 - St. Brother André 8:30 am Souls in Purgatory Requested by Rita Heddo Saturday January 7, 2016 – The Epiphany of the Lord Pro Populo 5:00 pm Sunday January 8, 2016 – The Epiphany of the Lord Patricia Doyle 10:00 am Requested by Greg Doyle

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> There are significant changes to the **Weekday Mass** Schedule as of January 10, 2017. Please see below for details.



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 the repose of soul of Robert Clark, Sr.

PLEASE NOTE Weekday Mass Schedule

as of January 10, 2017

Mondays - No Mass Tuesdays - 7 pm Wednesdays – 7 pm Thursdays - 8:30 am Fridays - 8:30 am

THANK YOU! As of December 20, with grateful thanks to its generous supporters – Pillars Trust has raised \$140,000 since launching its annual campaign in early November. Last year, we disbursed \$229,000 to its beneficiaries - kindly help us to reach our goal of \$200,000. Envelopes with more information are located at the entrances to the church. Credit card donations can be made at www.pillarstrust.org and receipts are issued immediately. In the new year, the parish will collect donations for this cause.



PRAYERS:

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

For vocations: The priests, brothers and sisters of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God's call.

THIS WEEK'S **OFFICE HOURS**

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

STEWARDSHIP:

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

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.