OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) Sunday 5:00 pm 10:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday8:30 amWednesday7:00 pmThursday & Friday8:30 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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2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Recently a family in our parish went through a series of tragedies which required them to move. They did not have the finances to hire somebody to move them, they didn't have a lot of friends who could help them, so they turned to me to see if I could find some help. Several people volunteered to meet on a Saturday morning and load the moving van. On the day of the move I was sick but I couldn't stand the thought of lining up a work crew to help me and then not showing up. Several days later the group needed to do another load and this time they told me to stay home. I think I felt a lot like Simon's mother-in-law in today's gospel.

She has been looking forward to Simon and his friends coming. The thought of having the new, dynamic teacher with them excites her. She wants everything to be just right. Hospitality is her thing. But she has a fever and cannot even get out of bed. I know that terrible feeling. All she wants to do is serve her guests and she cannot. What a delight it must have been for Jesus to cure her. In my case the irritation wasn't even the sickness; it was the inability to fulfill my offer of hospitality. You see the servant heart in Simon's mother-in-law; as soon as she realizes she is healed, she begins to serve the group and make them comfortable in her home.

We see the heart of a servant in Jesus, too. He spends most of the day healing the sick and they keep coming and coming until after sunset. "The whole town was gathered at the door." Jesus had to be worn out but he kept on serving. When he awoke from sleep the next morning, but before anyone else was up, he needed to get away to pray and he found a deserted place. Simon and the other disciples looked for him and on finding him essentially said, "Jesus, you've made it big. Everyone is looking for you. Now's the time to negotiate that big television contract or get an advance on a book." Jesus will have none of that.

Throughout Mark's Gospel Jesus appears to want no one to know who he is. The demons shout out who he is and he tells them to be quiet. Of course, Jesus doesn't need a recommendation from demons but it appears to be more than that. He heals people and then tells them not to tell anyone about it. Most of them go out and tell everyone they can. In today's story, Jesus can stay and make a name for himself but he says that it is time to move on. Why? Jesus is a servant of God. He does not come to make a splash - to impress people - to become well known. He simply wants to proclaim the good news and heal people.

How many servants of God have fallen away from their first love because of human adulation which led to pride? They made a name for themselves and true service to others became a thing of the past. They now spend their time marketing themselves. Is it possible to remain a humble servant of God when you are famous? Jesus shows us that it is. He knows who he is. He is not full of himself. He does not forget his mission. Famous or not, may God grant us the grace to remember why we have been sent into the world and to fulfill our calling as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. - excerpt from Creighton University's Online Ministries. Used with Permission.



YOUR 2017 TAX RECEIPT IS READY! Your 2017 Tax receipt is available at the main doors of the church.

<u>FUNDSCRIP FORMS</u> are available on the communion rail and at the main doors of the church.

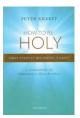




HAVE YOU CONSIDERED REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION? A long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church, Mass intentions can be offered in remembrance of the dead, as an intention for the living, in thanksgiving, etc. Intentions do not need to be specified, as in the case of special intentions, and the name of the person requesting the intention need not be included. Mass Intentions are available for weekday or weekend celebrations and cost \$15 each. \$10 of every intention goes towards your donations for the year. To request a Mass intention, please call or email the Parish office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: On February 10 and 11, 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.





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 chapters 24-28 of Peter Kreeft's book *How to be Holy*, on Tuesday Feb. 6 at 9:15 am or Thursday February 15 at 7:00 pm. Coffee will be served. You are welcome to bring a friend.

GET READY FOR LENT!

"Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over, and over again, expecting different results." This can be a good beginning reflection as we examine the choices we will make in the days ahead. Our Lord is calling us to a "change of heart." And, we know from experience, that nothing will change, unless we change our patterns. To expect different results is insanity. Start to come to know that by asking for help. "Lord, help me to know what needs changing." Then, listen. With a little bit of reflection, most of us will just begin to name things that make up our ordinary habits and ways of being who we are, that we aren't very proud of. Things we do and things we never get around to doing. We can "feel" the call to change our attitudes, our self-absorption, or our way of interacting with others. Maybe I don't take God very seriously It could be that dishonesty on all kinds of levels has become a way of life for me. Maybe I continue to hold wounds or resentments from the past, things against others or myself. Something all of us can do is commit ourselves to being more reflective during Lent. It just means that I'm going to make a point of being more observant, more aware of what I'm experiencing - paying more attention to what is "automatic" behavior. (Taken from the Praying Lent pages of Creighton University's Online Ministries web site. Used with Permission.)

<u>SHROVE TUESDAY</u>: Our traditional pancake supper will take place Tuesday February 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice will be served. . Admission: non-perishables food item for Multicaf.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday February 14 at 8:30 am and 7 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Are you available to read at one of the Masses? A pink signup sheet can be found on the communion rail.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent, join us at 8 am as we pray the Stations of the Cross together. Readers and Crucifix bearers needed! Signup sheet will be available in February.

LENTEN BUCKETS RETURN! Last year, over 20 buckets went into your homes and were returned with over \$450! The proceeds were given to a family in need. This year, the proceeds will go to making Blessing Bags for the homeless. Stay tuned for details.

Mass Intentions		
5:00 pm	ebruary 3, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Pro Populo	
-	ruary 4, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
10:00 am		Jeanette Harb
<u>Tuesday February 6, 2018 – St Paul Miki and Companions</u>		
8:30 am	Coleman and McMenamin families	the Estate
Wednesday February 7, 2018		
<mark>7:00 pm</mark>	Betty Ouellet	her family
<u>Thursday February 8, 2018</u>		
8:30 am	Evelyn McMenamin	the Estate
<u>Friday February 9, 2018</u>		
8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory	Rita Heddo
Saturday February 10, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
5:00 pm	Pro Populo	
Sunday February 11, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
10:00 am	the deceased members of the El Hage family	Nakhle El Hage



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 Mary Whyte.

PRAYERS:

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

For those who have died :

Francesco Di Fruscia, Fr. Emmett Johns, Joseph Mahmet, Mary Whyte.

For vocations:

Healing, reconciling and proclaiming good news: the tasks of Jesus, the tasks of the church. Does God call you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of good news? (Mark 1: 29-39). If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 for information.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tues/Thurs/ Fri: 8:30 am; Wednesday: 7 pm. Please use 71 Roosevelt.

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$1,580. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mark 1:35, 38 In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.



 WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
see inside for details of changes in 2018.

FEBRUARY

- **3-4 Blessing of the throats**
- 4 Coffee Sunday, no need to bring anything. Come as you are!
- 6 Adult Education continues, 9:15 am, chapters 24 28.
- **10-11 World Day of Prayer for the Sick.** Father Robert will offer the anointing of the sick following Mass.
- **13** Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper, 5:30 7:30 pm.
- Ash Wednesday Lent begins. Please see inside for Mass times.
- **15** Adult Education continues, 7:00 pm, chapters 24 - 28.

24 PARISH LENTEN RETREAT, 2:30 pm

- meditation (45 minutes)
- reflection (45 minutes)
- adoration (45 minutes)
- followed by Mass at 5 pm.

<u>Holy Father's Prayer</u> Intention for February

Evangelization: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power, may resist any lure of corruption.

