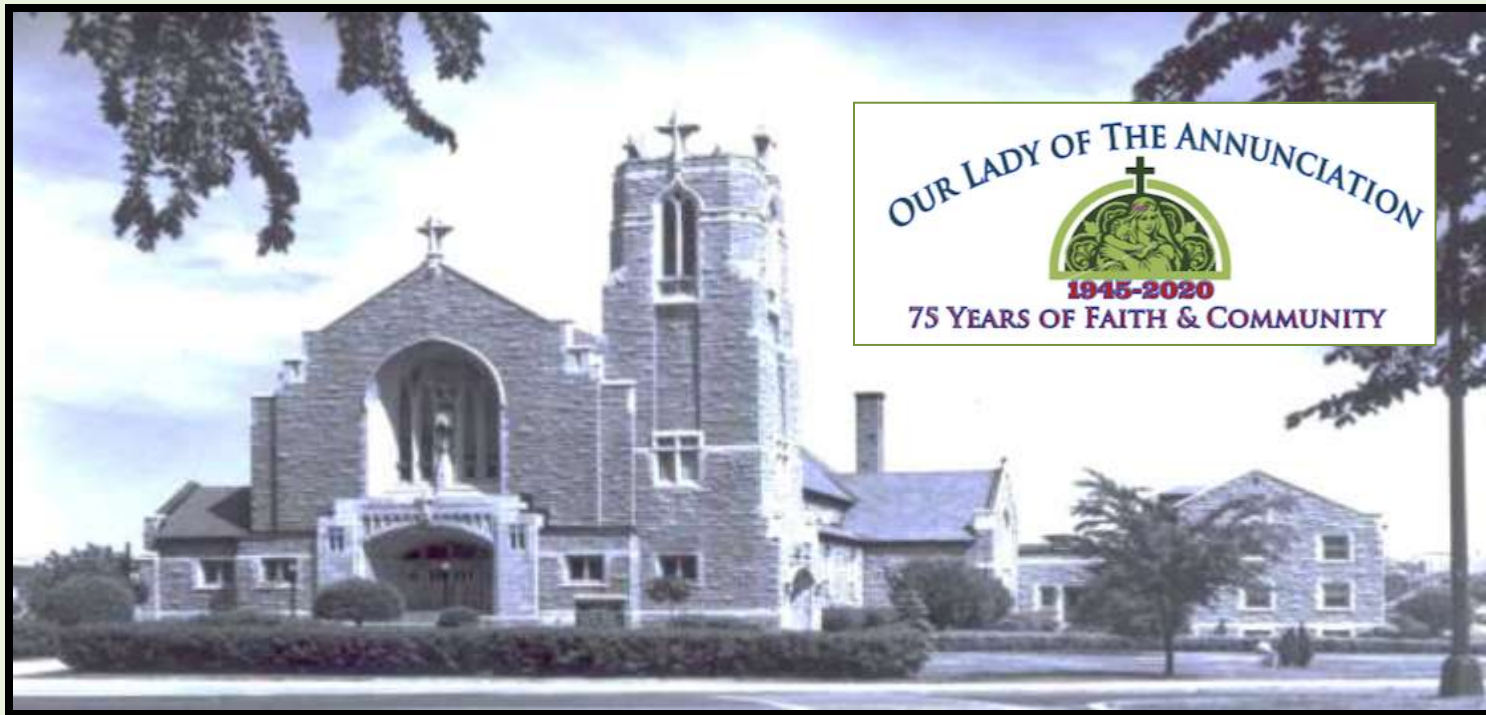


OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

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

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday	8:30 am
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Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm;
Sunday 9:30-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12 pm. It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation.

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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2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel;
2022: Karolina Weclas, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

This past Christmas, I was most struck by John 1:4-5:

“What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

The tiny votive candle flames around the tabernacle in our dark church after midnight Mass and the brilliant sunrise on my way in for Christmas morning Mass strengthened those words when I heard them. That image of a small but fierce light has stuck with me through the readings for this first part of Ordinary Time. Today that light “breaks forth like the dawn.” It “rises in the darkness, and the gloom shall become ... like midday.” It “cannot be hidden” but “gives light to all the house.” The image of light undefeated by darkness gives me hope for the Church. If we are *really* trying to follow the Light, to follow Christ and discern what is of God, I believe we’ll be on the right track.

“I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom,” Paul wrote to the Corinthians. I often like the simple message best. In fact, I’m unlikely to trust someone if I feel like they’re selling me something, because I think they must be hiding something. I’m much more likely to trust them if I perceive that they’re telling it like it is; I suspect that’s what Paul was doing. He preached with the only words he had, unpolished but true. He lived his conviction of the truth of Christ.

That’s what saints do. Both the psalm and the Gospel today call us to live out our baptism, our participation in the life of Christ as his Body, in a public way: not hidden, secret, or private, but not exhibitionist, either. We are called to be foci of the Light not to draw attention to ourselves, but to point others towards Christ.

As a catechist, I attempted to answer a first-grader’s question about why saints have halos in paintings. The actual question was, “Why does St. Brigid have a pizza on her head?” (It was a rather orange halo with a gold border.) I said, “Remember how we talked about the Easter candle as the Light of Christ? The halo is a way to show in paintings that the light of Christ shone through that person’s life.” I’m sure you’ve heard the story I was thinking of for that simple image: A parent and small child attend church together on a sunny morning. The child is fascinated by the people in the stained-glass windows. “Who are those people?” the child asks. The parent replies, “Those are the saints.” Later in religious ed, the catechist asks the child’s class, “Can anyone tell me who the saints are?” The child raises her hand and answers, “The saints are the ones the light shines through.”

The saints are the ones the Light shines through. Small, fierce, gentle, unmistakable, undefeated Light. AMDG, folks.

Molly Mattingly

Creighton University's Campus Ministry and St. John's Parish



This coming April 19th will be our commemorative Anniversary Mass followed by a celebration reception in the Parish Hall. All our parishioners, Mount Royal community, political dignitaries, outreach mission partners, an array of present and past clergy and our Archbishop Lépine will be present and Annunciation Parish is welcoming all and inviting everyone to the reception following the Mass in the

Parish Hall. As no tickets are being sold and only voluntary offerings are anticipated from that day's Mass collection, we could use some help gathering some supplies for the event. **If you can help us accumulate** some Prosecco, bubbly or sparkling white wine by dropping off a bottle from now till April, that would be greatly appreciated. The catered meal is being fully paid by the Parish but we need to raise some funds to supplement the costs of the celebration so if you want to donate some funds, please don't forget the 75TH Anniversary donation envelopes which are always in the pews and can be used anytime.



CAN YOU SEW? We need help sewing very simple sashes which will be used during the Anniversary Mass. Please contact Lori Ann at loriannzemanovich@hotmail.com or Father Robert if you can help with this task.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: On February 8 and 9, following Mass, Father Robert will be available to administer the sacrament of the Sick. Formally known as Last Rites, this anointing 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.





LET'S CELEBRATE! 75 years of Diversity and Community!

Come join us as we celebrate the diversity of our Parish. This Sunday after 10 am mass in the parish hall. Taste food from over 20 countries and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners.

Everyone is welcome!



NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS: Sunday February 16. During the celebration, we will be singing Sing, Sing, Sing by Chris Tomlin. You can listen to it at <https://youtu.be/UfoWKYLZUbg>. Song sheets will be available in the pews. Be sure to encourage our youth by singing along!

Mass Intentions



Saturday February 8, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Jean Neemeh

the Neemeh family

Sunday February 9, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am Robert Joseph Fowlie

Anne Macyshyn

Tuesday February 11, 2020 – Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 am Pro Populo

Wednesday February 12, 2020

8:30 am Robin Gale

Winston Redman

Thursday February 13, 2020

8:30 am Ferruccio Farese

Berthe Farese

Friday February 14, 2020 – Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius

8:30 am Antonio Farina

the Martinez family

Saturday February 15, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Lucille Lawson Rochon

Teresa Rochon and family

Sunday February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am Robert Joseph Fowlie

Anne Macyshyn

The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle burns for seven days. 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 lamp burns for our CFE families and catechists, as they pass on the faith to our young ones.



Prayers:

For the sick: Rick Auclair, the Beaugard family, Jean-Pierre Belair, Mike Callard, André and Marie Coupal, Chuck Lawton, Nona Moussa, Marchita Obregon, Patricia Paul, Winston Redman, Hilda Rejwan, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Marina Zogalis.

For vocations: 'I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.' In the Cross is our salvation, proclaim that salvation in all you do! (1 Cor 2:2) 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 NEXT WEEK

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

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1850. **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.




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8&9 ANOINTING OF THE SICK, after Mass

9 INTERNATIONAL BRUNCH

16 CHILDREN' S MASS

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26 ASH WEDNESDAY
 8:30 AM AND 7 PM

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Holy Father's Prayer
Intention for February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries
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 victims of criminal trafficking,
 may be heard and considered.

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