

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	8:30 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	4:00 pm

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 celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.

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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2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;
2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

WHY ASH WEDNESDAY? WHY LENT? Ash Wednesday is the first day in the season of Lent and begins about 40 days before Easter. The 40 days of Lent represent Jesus' time in the desert and the 40 years the Israelites spent in exile after the Exodus. So what are the ashes all about? The ashes traditionally are the burned palms from Last year's Palm Sunday and are worn by Catholics and other Christians as a sign of repentance, humility, renouncing pride which is why when ashes are distributed it's proclaimed: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." The history of wearing ashes symbolically goes back to the Old Testament: "My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:5-6). We do not wear ashes to proclaim our holiness but to acknowledge that we sin and are in need of repentance and renewal.

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation just for Catholics. Ash Wednesday is the day when many Christians focus their attention on three practices: fasting, praying, almsgiving. Why do we fast? Depriving ourselves of a basic necessity reminds us of our utter dependence on God. Traditionally, the money we save from fasting is given away to the needy. Why do we give? What we are given by God is not meant just for us but for us to share with others, for the service of others. Why do we pray? We are not totally self-sufficient. We have a need inside of us that cannot be filled by ourselves or others. We have a holy longing and must look to God. The mythical American hero is the Lone Ranger, independent, self-made, alone. Closer to a biblical hero might be Tonto, the Native American, part of a tribe, community minded dependant. Without a community, you cannot be enriched by others or enrich them. Only through the context of community may we continue to find a relationship with God. That's what Ash Wednesday is all about: repentance, renewal, community... fasting, praying, almsgiving.

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HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CELEBRATE LENT WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY?

Here are some suggestions:



Ash Wednesday is March 6 this year. Mass will be held at 8:30 am and at 7 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

We will have our traditional **Pancake Supper** on Tuesday March 5, beginning at 5:30 pm. Stop by when you can for pancakes and sausages. Service ends at 7:30 pm. Admission: non-perishable food items for Multicaf, which can be left in the big wooden bin at 71 Roosevelt.



Join us for the **Way of the Cross** at 3:30 pm on Fridays during Lent, before the 4 pm Mass.

Lenten buckets will be available again this year. If you are fasting (ex. not eating sweets) or making some other sacrifice during Lent (ex. skipping your favorite television program), take a bucket from the communion rail home with you this Lent (one bucket per household please). We invite you to put the money you save because of your sacrifice into the bucket. Return your bucket to the parish office at Easter. All money collected will be redistributed to the needy.



Meditation group returns for 6 Lenten sessions! Come to one or all six!

Christ is most present to us in the Eucharist. Plan to spend some time with him before the blessed sacrament. We will have **adoration** on a Saturday morning during Lent. Please plan on stopping by, even if only for 10 minutes. All are welcome!



Our **reconciliation service** will be held during Lent as well. Several priests will be available to hear your confession. One recent participant shared that she had come into the service with a heavy heart, feeling very troubled and overburdened, and that going to confession freed her of the weight she had been carrying. Are you a little apprehensive? Materials will be made available to help you make the most of this sacrament of healing.

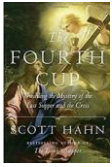
After sacrifice comes celebration! After the Easter Vigil, the Mother of all Masses, please join us in the parish hall to we break our fast at our traditional **resurrection party!**

Details to come on all of these activities. Remember: every Sunday we celebrate the resurrection by breaking our fast. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any suggestions. We are open to making changes and adjustments to suit our parish family's needs!



PRAY WITH ST. JOSEPH: Could you take our little statue of St. Joseph home for one week? A prayer sheet accompanies the small statue. This is a simple devotion to practice with children, and a fun way to pray as a family. A sign up sheet can be found at the main entrance of the church. Would you rather NOT be called up by Father Robert after Mass? This can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPT: Your 2018 income tax receipt is available at the main entrance of the church. If you cannot pick it up this weekend, we will mail it to you.



ADULT FAITH EDUCATION: Our next selection will be *The Fourth Cup: Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross* by Scott Hahn. Copies can be purchased at your favorite online bookstore. Having difficulties getting a copy? Please contact the parish office. Next Thursday February 28th, we will be looking at chapters 1 and 2. Can't make it to the sessions? Then read along at home.

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. Please contact the Parish office with your intention.

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Fridays: 4 pm.

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Saturday February 23, 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Catalina Daniel

her family

Tuesday February 26, 2019

8:30 am the Coleman and McMenamin families

The Estate

Wednesday February 27, 2019

7:00 pm Evelyn McMenamin

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Thursday February 28, 2019

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

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Friday March 1, 2019

4:00 pm the Coleman and McMenamin families

The Estate

Saturday March 2, 2019 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Patsy Rochon

Teresa Rochon and family

Sunday March 3, 2019 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Pro Populo

Prayers:

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

For those who have died: Lucille Lawson Rochon.

For vocations: The Lord calls us to be merciful as our God is merciful. The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life (Luke 6:27-38). 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 \$1,584. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back.” (Luke 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.



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. The amount is eligible for a tax receipt. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. **This week**, the Sanctuary Lamp burns for a special intention, as requested by a parishioner.



MARCH

5 Shrove Tuesday: beginning at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall, pancakes and sausages will be served! Please bring a non-perishable food item for Multicaf.

6 Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am and again at 7 pm.

Stations of the Cross, on Fridays during Lent at 3:30 pm before the 4 pm Mass.




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