

# 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 & 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## WARDENS:

2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;

2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan.

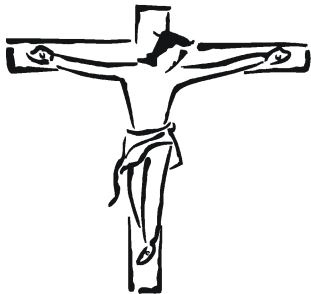
Lent is a journey in the desert for each of us. It's quieter and clearer in the desert. There are fewer distractions, fewer toys, fewer addictive behaviors, fewer arguments. There's no one to yell at in the desert but myself and the enemy. The word "temptation" has its roots in a word that means "leaning" or "tending." Our temptations are the attractions, habits, safe havens of escape for us. Going into the desert - stripping ourselves of all the noise and distractions (things that lean us or tend us in the opposite direction) - so that we can see more clearly, understand with greater focus, what we are really like - what we are really about. During Lent, we can see the fault lines, with our eye wide open. We can recognize where the battle for integrity really is, where the struggle for our best self is waged on a day to day basis. Each of us can give ourselves to concretely discovering the place where we teeter between doing what we know is right and good and loving, and responding selfishly, even with revenge and divisiveness. In the desert of Lent, those choice points become clearer and can result in our discovering riches Jesus is offering us in a life that is more whole and balanced, responsive to his grace, and full of self-sacrificing love.

What will entering the desert of Lent mean for each of us? It will have something to do with being more simple, more focused, more hungry. That's why fasting is an important part of Lent - not just on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those are the required days for us all. Eating less can help us be less "full" of what we feed on. It's not to do "sacrifice" in itself. The desert fathers and mothers fasted to encounter hunger. And, when they were hungry, they were more open and listened with greater clarity. We may want to fast from any other "excesses" in our lives, to create a bit more "space" for insight and realization and recognition and reflection. Decompressing and uncluttering our schedules, our pace, the things that claim our anxieties, can be part of a journey in the desert for grace to happen in me. To the degree I might be saying, "I'm not coming up with anything to think about or change in me," to that extent I might need to turn the dial up on the desert part of this Lent.

- Andy Alexander, S.J., Creighton University Online Ministry. Used with Permission.

## How will you keep this Lent?

**SPIRITUAL SPA RETREAT** Saturday February 24, beginning at 2:30 pm. Come decompress with the Lord. A variety of music, short meditations and silence await you! Meditation (45 minutes), contemplation/prayer with Scripture (45 minutes) and adoration (45 minutes) during which Fr. Robert will be available for confession, followed by Mass at 5 pm. Coffee and snacks will be served. Can't stay the entire time? Come when you can and leave when you must!



Why do we pray the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**? As a means of making sense of suffering. The question of why suffering exists finds its answer in Christ's transformation of suffering through love. Christ's cross makes sense of our own, hence the universal appeal of this devotion. The reality of suffering makes meditation on the passion and death of Jesus particularly relevant in Christian life. "If you really want to love Jesus, first learn to suffer, because suffering teaches you to love" (St. Gemma Galgani). How do we know if we are suffering well? If we remain joyful throughout our suffering. **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 available on the communion rail.

**LENTEN BUCKETS RETURN!** If you are fasting (ex. not eating sweets) or making some other sacrifice during Lent (ex. skipping your favorite program), take a bucket from the communion rail home with you (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. Last year, over 20 buckets went into your homes and were returned with over \$400! The proceeds were given to a local family in need. This year, the proceeds will go to making Blessing Bags for the homeless – details to come. Buckets can be found on the communion rail.



**MEDITATION GROUP** meets this Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the boardroom via 71 Roosevelt. Everyone is welcome – feel free to bring a friend! No prior experience required, just a desire to be with the Lord!

**YOUTH GROUP MEETS** Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 9 pm. Cost is 5\$ for pizza. We will look at how to raise money for the homeless, for example a bake sale...Do you have any ideas? Please come and share them with us! **WE NEED YOU!**



**FUNDSCRIP ORDERS** are in! Please see Father Robert or Anthony Mancini after Mass.

**2017 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE!**  
Please pick yours up today to save us the cost of a stamp.

**THANK YOU**  
to all who prepared, brought syrup or sweets, set up and cleaned up, and especially to all those who came to our pancake supper!

## Did you know?

- Wayne, our caretaker collects **empty soda and beer bottles and cans** and donates the proceeds to the parish? If you would like to donate your 'empties' to Wayne's cause, please rinse out cans and bottles before bringing them into the parish. They can be left at the 71 Roosevelt entrance. This could be a great Lenten project for your children!
- Children's activities during Mass:** You have options! John Issa breaks open the Gospel for those children who do not need their parent with them; younger parishioners can make use of the library off the vestibule where you will find toys, books and worksheets. Another option for those registered in CFE is to bring your books to Mass. If you have other suggestions, please contact the office.



### Saturday February 17, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

### Sunday February 18, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Joseph Mahmet

his family

### Tuesday February 20, 2018

8:30 am Peggy Gale

Winston Redman

### Wednesday February 21, 2018– The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

**7:00 pm** Gaetano Martinez

the family

### Thursday February 22, 2018

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

the Estate

### Friday February 23, 2018

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

Rita Heddo

### Saturday February 24, 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

### Sunday February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Frances Farrell

Josephine Vaupshas



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. The full 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 Josefina O. Sinahon as requested by Natalie O. Pelausa.

## PRAYERS:

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

**For those who have died :** Joseph Mahmet.

## For vocations:

*This is the time of fulfillment!  
The reign of God is at hand.*  
Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News. (Mark 1: 12-15). 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 \$2,232. Our Second Collection was for \$675. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14*

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.





## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- see inside for details of changes in 2018.

## FEBRUARY

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 8 am during Lent.

**PARISH PROJECT:** Lenten Buckets. See inside for details.

**19 MEDITATION GROUP,**  
7 pm in the boardroom.

**23 YOUTH GROUP** Meeting,  
6 to 9 pm. Cost \$5 for pizza.

**24 SPIRITUAL SPA RETREAT,**  
beginning at 2:30 pm.

- Meditation (45 minutes)
- Contemplation/Prayer with Scripture (45 minutes)
- Adoration (45 minutes)
  - Fr. Robert will be available for confession.

followed by Mass at 5 pm.

Can't make it for the entire retreat?  
Please feel free to join us when  
you can and to leave when you  
must.

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

**Evangelization:** Say "No" to  
Corruption

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



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