

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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2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;
2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;
2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

IT'S WHAT WE DO: You are what you eat. Or in this case, what you don't eat. Religious identity is often determined by the nature of your nurture. Observant Jews eat only kosher. Muslims eat nothing until after sunset during Ramadan. Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. It's a sign of who we are, people who are hungry for the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life. We practice self-denial for the sake of the Kingdom. So on Fridays go meatless. It's what Catholics do.

- preparetheword.com

Remember: (1) Ash Wednesday is a fast day – as is Good Friday. What do Roman Catholics mean by fasting? Two small meals and one regular sized meal – no snacking! (2) Traditionally, Catholics go meatless on Fridays! Try having Fish Fridays during Lent (3) Every Sunday we celebrate the resurrection by breaking our fast.

Last week's blurb made it sound that Ash Wednesday is holy day of obligation. It is Not! Sorry for any confusion caused. That being said, it does mark the first day of the most important season for many Christians. Please consider attending one of the two celebrations planned – see details below.

Are you going to be away for Ash Wednesday? This year Ash Wednesday falls on spring break for many of us. Many will be out of town and unable to attend Mass. What can you do to mark the day? Read over the readings (which can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/030619.cfm>), choose one reading to meditate on, and, if you are with family or friends, discuss.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CELEBRATE LENT WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY? As we saw in last week's blurb, community is essential to Christian living. Please consider participating in a few of the following activities over the Lenten season.



Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 6. 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 in the parish hall – please enter by 71 Roosevelt. 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. **KITCHEN HELP WANTED:** Thank you to everyone coming to help flip pancakes! We will also need help to clean up afterwards.



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. In previous years, the money has gone to local families in need.



MEDITATION group returns for **6 Lenten sessions!** Come to one or all six! Beginning Wednesday March 13 at 7:30 pm, following the 7 pm Mass.

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. 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!

Fundscrip forms are available this weekend. Fundscrip is a passive form of fundraising. You buy gift cards to your favorite stores and the parish receives 2 to 7 % of your purchase, at no cost to you! For example you order \$100 from Provigo. You receive a \$100 gift card; the parish receives \$3. Last year, your purchases provided the parish with nearly \$500 in donations! **Thank you to the parishioner who purchased a gift card from Maxi for the parish!** Dollarama and Walmart are other shops we frequent regularly.



COULD YOU TAKE OUR LITTLE STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH HOME FOR ONE WEEK? 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.

UPDATING YOUR WILL? Prayerfully consider leaving a legacy to help maintain our House of God for future generations (and your estate will benefit from a tax receipt). Please contact the parish office or Father Robert if you would like more information.



EMPTY BOTTLE/CAN RETURN: Thank you to everyone for dropping off your rinsed empties at 71 Roosevelt. So far this year we have already made \$88.55!



Saturday March 2, 2019 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Patsy Rochon and Lucille Lawson Rochon *Teresa Rochon and family*

Sunday March 3, 2019 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Pro Populo

Tuesday March 5, 2019

8:30 am the Coleman and McMenamin families *The Estate*

Wednesday March 6, 2019 – Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm Evelyn McMenamin *The Estate*

Thursday March 7, 2019

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin *The Estate*

Friday March 8, 2019

4:00 pm the Coleman and McMenamin families *The Estate*

Saturday March 9, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday March 10, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mariam Harb *Jeanette Harb*



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.

Prayers:

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

For vocations: Each tree is known by its fruit. What are the gifts and talents the Lord has given me? How is he asking me to use them? (Luke 6:39-45). 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:

Tuesdays: 9 am to 4 pm.
Fridays: 9 am to 12 pm.

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last week was for \$1,445. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

““A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (Luke 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



MARCH

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

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

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for MARCH

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



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