

# 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich;

2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;

2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel.

**FEEDBACK - SYNOD ON THE PROTECTION OF MINORS:** As an institution, the Church is well past the point of discussion and in need of a deliberate and concrete overhaul in order to weed out the insidious corruption that has been cultivated for centuries. Archbishop Lionel Gendron, president of the CCCB and Bishop of Longueuil, came out of the Synod with a dramatically changed viewpoint. He admitted that in cases of sexual abuse by clergy, his first concern was always for the priesthood, and then for victims. He now claims that his only concern is for victims. Having spoken with a mother whose son was abused, he realized that such conversations are discouraged, especially if trials are ongoing. This policy intrinsically favors the abuser within the Church, as he faces no restrictions on communication. As Father Robert pointed out in his homily last week, it is time for the Church to take an active role in HOW we make changes to the system. And like everything else in our faith, it is a movement from the bottom up. Jesus was grassroots: he literally hit the pavement, he listened and responded to individuals on a personal level. It is now our time to do the same. According to his last letter to the parish, our Archbishop Christian Lépine is looking forward to meeting with us. **TAKE SOME TIME THIS LENT** to pray about what concrete changes need to be made in the formation of potential priests, and what sort of evaluation process can be implemented on a regular basis to ensure the mental and physical health of the priesthood and their congregations. Below you will find many ways this parish family is coming together to worship, building a strong foundation from which to implement change. Please consider adding one or two of these Lenten activities to your to do list. Two of the better interviews with Bishop Gendron, can be found at [http://mi.lapresse.ca/screens/deb54afe-3cdd-4287-ba0b-346ce8d01ea9\\_\\_7C\\_\\_0.html](http://mi.lapresse.ca/screens/deb54afe-3cdd-4287-ba0b-346ce8d01ea9__7C__0.html) and at <http://presence-info.ca/article/dossiers/article/eglises/article/eglises/abus-sexuels-le-president-de-la-cecc-a-appris-a-voir-les-victimes-autrement> (sorry they are in French only).

**ARE YOU GOING TO CELEBRATE LENT WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY?** Please consider participating in a few of the following activities over the Lenten season:



Join us for the **Way of the Cross** at 3:30 pm on Fridays during Lent, before the 4 pm Mass. A signup sheet is available near the icon of Mary for Crucifix bearers and readers.



**Lenten buckets** are 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 or at the main doors of the church 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.

Our **MEDITATION** group returns this Wednesday March 13 at 7:30 pm, following the 7 pm Mass. What is meditation? It is sitting quietly together with fellow parishioners, as you repeat silently, *Maranatha*, or *Come Lord Jesus*, to yourself. The point of the exercise is to find your centre in Jesus! This ancient form of prayer is practiced worldwide. Why not give it a try? Sessions last 30 to 40 minutes.



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. Details to come.

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to make time for confession this Lent, perhaps for the first time in many years. A priest gave us his number one tip for confession at a retreat I attended last weekend: just chill out. And come. Jesus is waiting for you. Go to : <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/mamaneedscoffee/2019/02/guide-to-making-a-great-confession-for-the-full-article>. Our **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held during Lent. Several priests will be available to hear your confession. Are you a little apprehensive? Materials will be made available to help you make the most of this sacrament of healing.



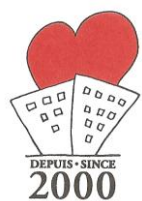
**AFTER SACRIFICE COMES CELEBRATION!** After the Easter Vigil, the Mother of all Masses, please join us in the parish hall to we break our fast at our traditional **RESURRECTION PARTY!**

**Fundscrip orders** are due this weekend. **Thank you to the parishioner who purchased a gift card from Maxi for the parish!** Dollarama and Walmart are other shops we frequent regularly. Forms are available at the entrances of the church.



**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.

**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION:** We are reading *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. Next Thursday March 14th, we will be looking at chapters 3 and 4. Attendance at the previous session is NOT required. Can't make it to the sessions? Then read along at home.



As we enter our season of Lent, we are mindful of praying, fasting and giving. Many TMR residents are in need of support services, which **The TMR VOLUNTEER CENTER**, readily take care on a daily basis. These include transportation services, and friendly visits. The center relies solely on donations and volunteers. If you want to volunteer or make a donation, or if you find yourself or someone you know in need of their services, please visit their website at [vmr-benevoles-tmr.com](http://vmr-benevoles-tmr.com) or call 514-734-2923.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our **Pancake Supper** last Tuesday and to those who helped out, especially Rick who did all the cooking for us! We collected 2 bins full of items for Multicaf.



## Mass Intentions

**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

**Tuesday March 12, 2019**

8:30 am George Geertsen

the family

**Wednesday March 13, 2019**

**7:00 pm** Thérèse Dabbous

Antoinette and Farid Tannous

**Thursday March 14, 2019**

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

The Estate

**Friday March 15, 2019**

**4:00 pm** Special Intention

The Martinez family

**Saturday March 16, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Georges Gharib

Leila El-Hage Gharib

**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:** *This is my beloved Son, hear him.* Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say? (Luke 9: 28-36). 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 \$1,705. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (Genesis 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any *kind*?



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 our parish family, as requested by a parishioner.



**MARCH**

**PARISH PROJECT - LENTEN BUCKETS:**

Collect the money you save from your sacrifices for the needy!

**14 ADULT FAITH EDUCATION** continues with *The Fourth Cup*.

**15 STATIONS OF THE CROSS**, on Fridays during Lent at 3:30 pm before the 4 pm Mass.

**17 AN IRISH COFFEE SUNDAY:** where something green or bring green treat to share after Mass.

Please see inside for details.

**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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