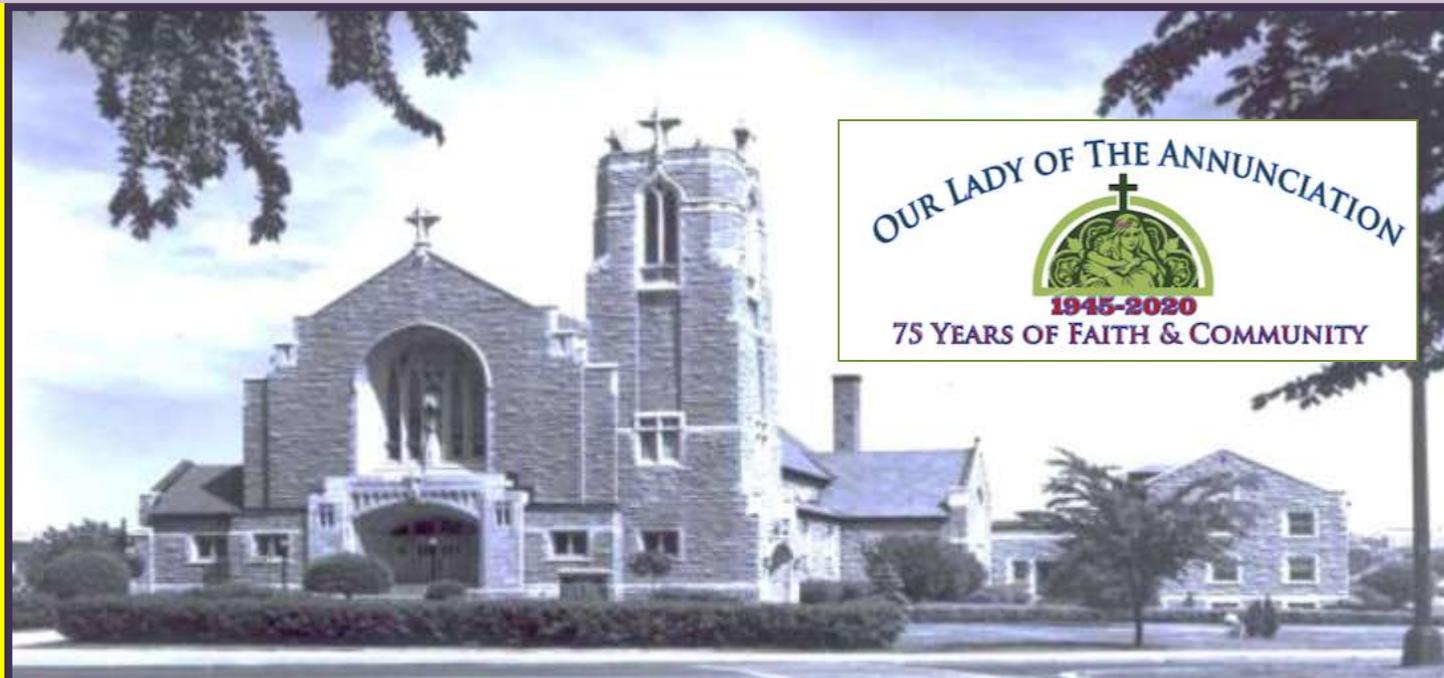


# OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH MOUNT ROYAL, QUEBEC



## 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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2020: Fiore Egiziano, John T. Sullivan;  
2021: John Issa, Kurt Reckziegel;  
2022: Karolina Weclas, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

In today's first reading, Abram is called to continue his family's journey toward the promised land. The second reading is a call from Paul to Timothy to take over his work with all that this entails. The Gospel is the story of the transfiguration. In each case I see individuals to whom the torch is being passed.

The reading from Genesis is God's call for Abram to accept the role of leader of his family and take them forward on a journey that had stalled as his father aged. He is asked to leave a reasonably comfortable life and move in the direction prescribed by God.

In the Epistle, Paul challenges Timothy to accept his calling as a leader. Paul is aging and in prison. Some of Paul's followers have begun to wonder if he is really on the right track; why would God put prison in that path? Timothy is asked to take up Paul's mantle and persevere in his mission.

If I imagine myself in the place of one of the apostles as he experiences the transfiguration, I can see myself in the same state of fear and confusion that Peter, James and John must have felt. I can picture myself wondering what had just occurred. I am left with a personal feeling that the transfiguration was much more of an event for the apostles than it was for Jesus. They see Jesus as taking their religious and cultural history one step further and with His final comment in today's Gospel, Jesus' role as the fulfillment of salvation history becomes known. These three disciples have been given a profound religious experience. They have been charged to share this experience when the time comes.

When I used to ask my grandchildren "Would you like to go with Grandpa?" they would generally respond with an unquestioning and enthusiastic "Yes". Now I need to say where I am going and what we would be doing before a get response. We learn to start choosing our own path at a very early age.

In today's readings I see a set of examples where God has called individuals to move forward along a path that they would not likely have chosen on their own. Recently I find myself encouraged to consider my directions in terms reflecting if this is a path that God has put aside for me or if this is a path that I have put aside for God. This is the basis for my prayer today.

*Dear Lord,*

*Help me to see when my ways are not your ways.*

*Grant me perseverance when the way becomes challenging.*

*Aid me in not letting the fear of failure stand in the way of the potential for success.*

Mike Cherney  
Creighton University's Physics Department

**PREVENTATIVE MEASURES FROM DIOCESE:** Although the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for Canada, Archbishop Lépine recommends the following preventative measures be taken in parishes:

- 1) Remove the holy water from the fonts at all church entrances;
- 2) Invite the faithful to extend a sign of peace in a manner other than by shaking hands.

At this stage, the faithful remain free to receive Communion either on the tongue or in the hand. They are asked to act prudently, if they think they are not feeling well. On the same note, we remind everyone to observe the usual precautions against spreading winter viruses: wash hands frequently, avoid coughing in one's hands, etc.

Thank you for your understanding.



**75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS CONTINUE:** Thank you for using the envelopes provided in the pews to donate to our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund. We would like to serve prosceno at our anniversary Mass on April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you could bring a bottle in or perhaps donate a SAQ card – you could use FUNDScrip to do so – it would be greatly appreciated. Our next event: Festive Sacred Music Concert, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Tickets \$15 are on sale at the main entrance after Mass. Please see sheet included in the bulletin for more details.

# Preparing for Easter

Like John the Baptist, we are each meant to prepare the way for the Lord, each in our own way and together as a community. Our three traditional Lenten practices – fasting, praying and almsgiving – help purify our souls, making a welcome home for the Holy Spirit.



## **RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm**

Open to all. Come support the children who will be making their first confession! After a short Liturgy of the Word, several priests will be available to hear your confession. Been a while since your last confession?

A little nervous? Don't let that stop you from receiving God's love through this sacrament! A step by step guide through confession is available on the communion rail.

**GET YOUR BUCKET** 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 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. **RATHER NOT TAKE A BUCKET HOME?** You can still contribute by throwing your contribution into our big blue bucket.

**TAKE ST JOSEPH HOME!** we invite parishioners to pray for vocations in their home with a small statue of St. Joseph, provided by the parish. A sign-up sheet are available at the back of the church.

**WAY OF THE CROSS** Please join us on Fridays during Lent at 8 am as we pray the Stations of the Cross together. Please enter by 71 Roosevelt.

Please join our very own Greg Doyle as he leads a **ROSARY** before Sunday Mass during the season of Lent. We will meet in front of the icon of Mary at 9:30 am. Bring your favorite rosary or use one of ours! A sign-up sheet is available if you would like to lead us in this prayer.

## **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, Hilda Rejwan, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Marina Zogalis.

**For vocations:** "Rise, and do not be afraid." So many experience fear or trepidation when called to the priesthood and/or religious life. God strengthens those who are called if they but respond with a generous heart. (Matthew 5:38-48) 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 \$1625. **Thank you** for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

## Mass Intentions



### **Saturday March 7, 2020 – Second Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Patsy Rochon

*Teresa Rochon and family*

### **Sunday March 8, 2020 – Second Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Georges Gharib

*Leila El-Hage Gharib*

### **Tuesday March 10, 2020**

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamain families

*the Estate*

### **Wednesday March 11, 2020**

8:30 am Pro Populo

### **Thursday March 12, 2020**

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamain

*the Estate*

### **Friday March 13, 2020**

8:30 am Pam Chiricosta

*the Ianuziello family*

### **Saturday March 14, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm Pam Chiricosta

*Anne Macyshyn*

### **Sunday March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Special Intention

*the Martinez family*



The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and 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 Rick Auclair, as he

continues to recover.




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**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March**

**Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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