

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.

MAKING CHRIST PRESENT [WHILE DOING THE DISHES!] The English words “present” and “presence” are derived from the French and Latin words that mean “to be before someone,” “to be at hand” or “to be within reach.” This offers insight into the reality of presence but we can further grasp its significance by contrasting it with its opposite – namely, absence. Who of us has not felt the stinging absence of someone we love who, for whatever reason, was unable to be before us, or to be at hand or within reach? [At funerals,] we regularly see firsthand the many tears that bear witness to love’s hatred of that vacuum known as absence. All of this to say, then, that when one loves, one desires to be totally present to and in the presence of the beloved. Truly, love wants nothing more than to be within reach of the beloved. Presence and love go hand in hand.

...Such mundane things as sweeping floors, caring for the sick and washing dishes [can be] the most exciting and important things in all the world. [And they are, if they are] being done in the presence of Christ and for Christ, completely wrapped in love. It struck me, then, that those who cultivate the habit of living in God’s loving presence, everything, even that which seemingly is insignificant or meaningless, becomes eternally significant or meaningful because of love – and because these things are done in the presence of and for the God who humbly made himself present to us that first Christmas morning and continues to do so in countless ways.

- Father Scott Jablonski, The Priest Magazine, December 2018

As Father Jablonski notes, **practicing presence is practicing love**. We have all had a ‘moment’ with a family member, co-worker or complete stranger where we felt heard and accepted as we are, without judgment or prejudice. This is how Christ looks upon us constantly, with loving openness. As Christians we are called to follow his example. Lent provides the opportunity to become more present to our fellow parishioner and, in so doing, to Christ. Here are some ways you can practice presence within our parish family this Lenten season this Lent:

- ♥ **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.
- ♥ Join us for the **Way of the Cross** on Fridays during Lent at 3:30 pm, 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. Do you have an idea for a Lenten project? Please let us know!
- ♥ 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!**

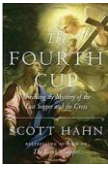
Details to come on all of these activities. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any suggestions. We are open to making changes and adjustments to suit our parish family’s needs!



PRAY WITH ST. JOSEPH: Could you take our little statue of St. Joseph home for one week? A prayer sheet accompanies the small statue. See how a simple 30 second prayer can enrich your life. 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.



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.



COFFEE SUNDAY: This Sunday February 17, join us after Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee and conversation. Please bring something sweet to share. Coffee and juice provided.



PARENTS: Do you have a child in grade 6 or higher? Then bring the entire family to our **YOUTH SKATING PARTY!!!** After our Coffee Sunday on February 17th, we will go across the street for a skate and return for pizza and hot chocolate! Hockey sticks and pucks welcome. If weather conditions do not permit skating, please bring your favorite board game.



Your **FUNDSCRIP ORDERS** are here! Please see Father Robert after Mass to collect your order.

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Saturday February 16, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Cristeta Fernandes Pasqua *the Fernandez family*

Tuesday February 19, 2019

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

Wednesday February 20, 2019

7:00 pm Gaetano Martinez *his family*

Thursday February 21, 2019

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin *The Estate*

Friday February 22, 2019 – The Chair of Saint Peter

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

Saturday February 23, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday February 24, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Catalina Daniel *her family*

Prayers:

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

For those who have died: Catalina Daniel, Deacon Richard Haber.

For vocations: Saint Luke tells us today where true blessing lies – and where the fleeting rewards of the world. Blessed are we who respond to God’s call; happy shall we be (Luke 6:17, 20-26). 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 \$1,255. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn’t want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



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 Mrs. R. Zawilinski, as requested by Jenny Baluch.



FEBRUARY

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

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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