

Living Under the Blessing or the Curse

There’s a Buddhist parable that runs something like this: One day as the Buddha was sitting under a tree, a young, trim soldier walked by, looked at the Buddha, noticed his weight and his fat, and said: “You look like a pig!” The Buddha looked up calmly at the soldier and said: “And you look like God!” Taken aback by the comment, the soldier asked the Buddha: “Why do you say that I look like God?” The Buddha replied, “Well, we don’t really see what’s outside of ourselves, we see what’s inside of us and project it out. I sit under this tree all day and I think about God, so that when I look out, that’s what I see. And you, you must be thinking about other things!”

The above story is an illustration of the choices we make about whether we want to live under the blessing or under the curse. Let me illustrate this. Many down and out Biblical figures, through circumstance or choice, lived under a curse and moved ever so slowly to live under a blessing. Recall the more popular word the Church used to use instead of the word “blessing.” The word was “benediction” which literally means “to speak well of” (bene=well; diction=speech). So, to bless someone is to speak well of that person.



The first blessing comes from the mouth of God on the sixth day after creating human beings. It says, “God blessed them” (Gen. 1:28) ... “and indeed, it was very good” (Gen. 1:31). Getting back to our down and out Biblical figures, Max Sheler said that Zacchaeus came to see and love in himself what Jesus saw and loved in him. And that Peter and Mary Magdalen (insert your own name), gradually and slowly came to see and love in themselves what Jesus saw in them. And what Jesus saw in them, he knew in himself. What did Jesus know in himself? That he was God’s Beloved. Jesus hears the blessing pronounced over him in two powerful moments in the Scriptures—at his baptism and at the transfiguration on Mount Tabor (“You are my beloved”). The beloved sees the beloved. Heart recognizes heart. The beloved in me recognizes the beloved in you. The beloved cannot see a pig, only another beloved.

The flip side is that we have all lived under the curse. We have all heard debilitating voices that said, “You’re stupid ... you’ll never make anything of your life ... who do you think you are? ... Why did you think you were so smart? ... You could die, and nobody would take notice.” And lo and behold, we do something or say something out of sorts and the voice of self-fulfilling prophecy returns, “See, there’s living proof, you are worthless; your hunch was right!”

Saintly as he was, St. Francis was on the outs with his greedy father. That continual rejection from his father hurt so much that Francis would invite a beggar from the streets to accompany him, walk by his side and protect his soul. He instructed him, “When my father hurls curses and abuse at me, I will hear them painfully in one ear, but I ask you to walk on my other side, and whisper God’s favor into my other ear, ‘Francis, you are my beloved son. You are a son of heaven and a son of God.’ Just keep repeating it until I believe it again.”

(Fr. Phil)



Welcome to ...

Queen of All Saints Parish

March 17th 2019
Second Sunday of Lent



Saint Augustine's
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, NB



Saint Lawrence O'Toole
2340 Route 115
Irishtown, NB



Our Lady of Mercy
11 St. Andrews Street
Pointe-du-Chêne, NB

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest-Moderator:

Assistant Priests part time:

Pastoral Associate:

Liturgy:

Justice and Solidarity:

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Marilyn McCleary

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

St. Augustine’s:	Friday—12:00 noon
	Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence O’Toole:	Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00
Our Lady of Mercy:	Saturday 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parish Office: 340 Dominion Street, Moncton, NB E1C 6H8

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Website: www.qasmoncton.com

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St. Augustine’s Local Pastoral Council: staugustine.lpc@gmail.com

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Eileen Caissie
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St. Lawrence O’Toole Cemetery:

Linda Evans 389-9300

Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen: 857-4224

Meals served: Monday to Friday 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 857-2088

Regular Depot Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Daily Readings

Monday	Daniel 9:3, 4-10; Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday	Solemnity: Saint Joseph 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Luke 2:41-51
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Friday	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9



Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference is now accepting registrations for their upcoming Conference taking place in Halifax from July 5th-7th, 2019. If you are in high school and or 14 years of age to 18 or 19 years of age please consider this wonderful faith filled weekend. For further information please contact the church office or Theresa at 204-7440 or visit the website Steubenville Atlantic 2019. Deadline for applications is May 26th 2019.

Saint Augustine's Marriage Preparation Course will begin with a meet and greet evening Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. The course will be offered Friday, April 26th 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 27th 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register please contact the office at 857-4223



YOUTH interested in meeting as a young member of the Catholic faith are asked to contact Pastoral Associate Charlie Farrell and let him know what activities and discussions you are interested in. The next gathering will be held in St. Augustine's basement on Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com or 857-4223.

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Local Parish Council meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00 a.m.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	16	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Thanksgiving	Anne Marie and Kalabhar Reddy
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Ron Browne	Wife Genevieve
Sun	17	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	50th Ann. Clarence and Julie Gagnon	Laurel Cliff
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Hampford and Celia Hachey	Family
Tue	19	12:00noon	St. A	Late Betty Stafford	Bernard and Family
Fri	22	12:00noon	St. A	Late John F. Barry	Bob and Alice Esson
Sat	23	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Sheldon O'Meara	L. and L. Doucette
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Mike Shields	Maureen Lemay
Sun	24	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Diane Fourgere	Clarence and Julie Gagnon
		11:00 a.m.	SA	Anniversary Late Al Belliveau	Winnie Belliveau

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$5,544.00** (204 env); Loose: **\$1,050.00**; Ash Wednesday: **\$1,045.00** (64 env.); Building Fund: **\$265.00** (13 env); St. Vincent de Paul: **\$95.00**; Crossroads for Women: **\$100.00**; Candles: **\$187.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$880.00** (25 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$815.00** (31 env.); Loose: **\$94.55**; Ash Wednesday: **\$150.00** (7 env.); Loose: **\$107.35** Holy Land: **\$295.25** (28 env.); Pre-Authorized: **\$120.00** (4 env).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$775.00** (38 env); Loose: **\$104.65**; Candles: **\$61.65**, Ash Wednesday: **\$251.60**

Thank you for your generosity!



February 2019

Meals Served - 2190 (YTD) 4493
Volunteer Hours - 441 (YTD) 947.5
Soup To Go - \$530.00
Thank you for your support!

Grief and Bereavement Support Group

Starting Tuesdays March 19th, 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Camden Court in Moncton for 7 weeks. Facilitated by Ruth Johnstone. If you have lost a loved one and would like to gain some tools for dealing with your grief, please register today.

Caregiver Support Group starting Wednesday May 1st, 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Moncton for 4 weeks. Facilitated by Eleanor Kreplin. If you are taking care of a family member or a friend with a life threatening illness, this group is for you. Please Register for both programs at 854- 9530, 383-2404 or volunteer@hospicegm.ca with Debbie Landry-Jaillet at no charge.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Albertine and Denis Myatt on the death of her brother **Oliver Murphy** and to the family of **Murielle Dallaire**.



With Deepest Sympathy

May they rest forever in the loving embrace of God.

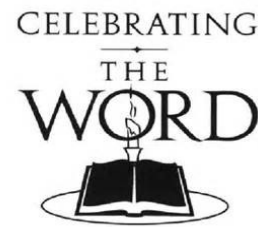
Would you like to have the **WEEKLY BULLETIN DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX?** Simply send your email address to parish.office@qasmoncton.com

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CELEBRATION OF THE WORD – Mark your Calendars: In order to ensure that all our faith communities become more familiar with the liturgy of Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours, the English Diocesan Pastoral Council has requested that this ritual prayer of the Church be organized again this year during the Season of Lent. Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours is the official ritual to be used when no priest is available to preside at Sunday Mass. Members of all the English parishes (and especially liturgical ministers) are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to gather together to pray this liturgy. This liturgy will be celebrated on March 18th, 7:00 pm, St. Bernard's Church. Note: Following each of the liturgy, all those present, including the liturgical ministers, are invited to remain to discuss and ask questions about this ritual.



LENTEN GOD SIGHTINGS

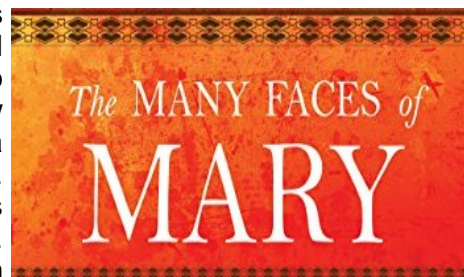
How are you observing the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and alms giving this year? Share your daily Lenten God Sightings on Instagram with the Office of Youth Faith Development, by using the hashtags #yfdmoncton and #lentengodsightings. Contact Trevor for more info. See you on Instagram!



ADULT FAITH COMMISSION: next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 at 6:30 at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

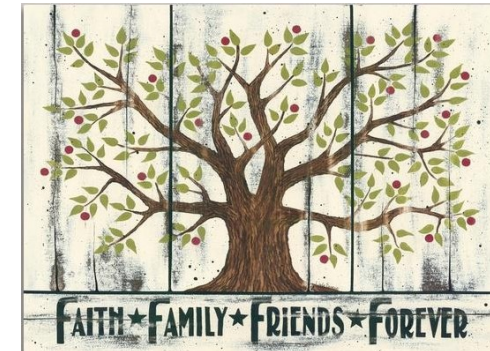
Wise Woman, Disciple, and Rebel: The Many Faces of Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, often called the apostle to the apostles is an enigmatic presence in the Gospels. All four Gospel writers show Mary Magdalene's presence at the tomb searching for the body of Jesus. There is little we know about her, and much that draws us to her. Join Dr. Fiona Black on Friday, March 29th from 9:30 to 3:30 at St. Bernard's Church Hall as we take a closer look at this woman who clearly was very important to Jesus. Register with Ellen by Wednesday, March 27th. Lunch



Faith Development families gather in St. Augustine's Church basement for sessions

Level 1-3 9:15 a.m.	Session #13 Sunday, March 24th Session #14 Sunday, March 31st
Level 4-6 12:15 p.m.	Session #13 Sunday, March 24th Session #14 Sunday, March 31st
Level 4-6 6:30 p.m.	Session #13 Tuesday, March 26th Session #14 Tuesday, April 2nd



1ST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION will be held at St. Augustine's on Tuesday, March 19th, at 6:30 p.m.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will be held following mass on Sunday, March 24th

A GATHERING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS OR PARENTS will be held in St. Augustine's Church basement on Monday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m.

H.U.G. Packages in support of Crossroads for Women and women in local homeless facilities: St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League members will be collecting items to be distributed to Crossroads for Women as well as local homeless facilities. The women and children who seek refuge in shelters will sometimes arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs. Providing a family with items of toiletries and clothing during their stay can make a big difference. The items can help women get back on their feet after leaving the shelter and can make a huge impact on those who are seeking shelter from their storm. Parishioners are invited to participate in this project! Baskets will be placed at St. Augustine's entrance to accept items. Suggested items for packages:

baby wipes	puzzles
blanket	pyjamas
books	sanitary pads
diapers	scent-free detergent
disposable razors/shaving cream	shampoo/conditioner
deodorant	soap
facial tissue	socks
games	teddy bear / soft toy
gift card	toilet paper
granola bars	toothbrush / tooth paste
hairbrush / combs	underwear





LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Bernard's
Sunday, March 31st 2:00 pm

St. Augustine's
Wednesday, April 10th 6:30 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Thursday, April 11th 6:30 pm



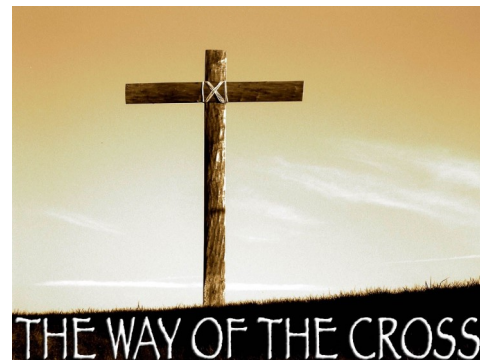
Throughout Lent Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine's each Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

St. Lawrence O'Toole will **RECITE THE ROSARY** before Sunday liturgies during Lent at 8:30 a.m.

LENTEN WALK WITH THE LORD invites you to do one simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent—a calendar is at the church entrances to help you with your Lenten journey.



Please keep the children celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME** on **Tuesday, March 19th** in your prayers



THE WAY OF THE CROSS will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. To make this prayer available to as many as possible, it will be celebrated in different churches according to the following schedule:

Friday, March 22nd Friday, April 5th
St. Bernard's **Saint Augustine's**

Friday, March 29th Friday, April 12th
Immaculate Heart **St. Bernard's**

Friday, April 19th
Holy Family

MEMORIAL SERVICE – A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday March 18th 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for the families of persons who died at the Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital Center during the months of November, December and January 2019 (from main entrance, please go to second floor). This service will take place in the amphitheater of the hospital- directions provided from main entrance of hospital. Contact information: Janice Cormier at 383-9882 or Louise Boissonnault at 862-4571.



Tuesdays During Lent Mass at St. Augustine's 12:00 noon

Tuesdays Please note time change:
1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Adoration and Rosary**

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Living Word Community Prayer Group**

Thursdays
7:00 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Adoration, Silence, Prayers for Vocations**

Tuesday, March 19th
6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **1st Reconciliation**

Sunday, March 24th
9:15a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

12:15p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

Sunday, March 24th
10:15 a.m.- Saint Lawrence O'Toole: **Faith Development**

Tuesday, March 25th
6:30p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Confirmation Gathering**

Tuesday, March 26th
6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

Tuesday, April 2nd
6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

Monday, April 8th
6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Practice for Good Friday Play**

Lenten Parish Mission schedule With Fr. Mark Cherry 7:00 p.m. each evening St. Augustine's Church

Monday, March 25th
Talk one: Beloved of God

Tuesday, March 26th
Talk two: Called and Chosen

Wednesday, March 27th
Talk three: Appointed and Anointed

There will be a free-will offering each evening in support of the mission.





What is happening with Development and Peace?

In 1967, in response to an encyclical of Pope Paul VI called (translated) 'development is the new peace', the bishops of Canada began Development and Peace. D&P would respond through the social teachings of the Church to needs of communities in the Global South in the development of programs for agriculture, education and community action. Donations from Canadian parishes, schools and individuals support these initiatives. Development and Peace partners with other organizations internationally (D&P is the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, based in Rome) in order to most effectively carry out these initiatives. Partnerships are governed by the organization's partnership policy to ensure we are acting in harmony with the teachings of our faith.

Share Lent Campaign 2019

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A Concern Brought to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB)

Concern has been raised over the past few years, that funds are going to projects not consistent with the moral values and teachings of the Church, particularly around sanctity of life. Some Catholic groups wanted confirmation from the CCCC that these concerns have been addressed before they will commit further funds.

Development & Peace- Caritas Canada Letter from Executive Director

Our deep attachment as a Catholic organization to the values of our church and for social justice are at the heart of programs and activities. We want to reaffirm our commitment to these values and to the full respect for the sanctity of human life. D&P only awards funds to projects that adhere to these teachings. It is part of the application process for funding (Partnership Policy).

In 2017 at the request of the CCCC, D&P- Caritas Internationalis began a review of its 180 partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East due to above mentioned allegations. This review was done in collaboration with the CCCC, and representatives of the CCCC identified some partners that raised potential question regarding respect for the teachings of the church. (Analysis done in February and September 2018). Those partners in question, have a moratorium on their funding for as long as their situations are not clarified. There will be regular review of projects to remain accountable and transparent.

The work of D&P and its partners has transformed the lives of millions of people in the Global South through involvement in programs for clean water, farming, loss of lands due to unjust business and industry practices, and humanitarian aid to name a few. While our Lenten Journey continues to be one of prayer, fasting and alms giving, our support and prayers throughout this process are invaluable. Donors and members in parishes, communities and schools throughout all of Canada are a sign of our Gospel call to care for one another.



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