



TIS THE SEASON TO HOLD ON

“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term ...” The opening words to the reading from Isaiah, set the tone for all of today’s readings. They acknowledge that there is pain in the world and the path of our lives can be filled with obstacles, but they also promise that the hardships and the suffering will not last. God will gather us into his arms where we will be safe and cared for.

Day after day in the hospital, I meet people who are wrestling with spiritual pain, the pain of wondering “why me?” “why this?” “why now?” “what is the point.?” There is the woman whose once brilliant husband no longer knows how to do even the little things like guide a spoon to his mouth or brush his teeth, but still knows that he wants to go home. Each time he asks about going home, she feels as if a huge chasm has opened in front of her. She doesn’t even know what to hope for. There is the man in his twenties who was beginning graduate school when he started to see and hear things that no one else could see or hear. He had dreams of winning a Nobel Prize and now people are telling him that he needs to live in a special care home and have someone else manage his finances. His intellectual insights and his delusions get tangled together sometimes, so now most people don’t bother listening to him. When he looks to his future, he sees nothing but pointless drudgery, a never-ending trudge up a mountain that has no top and no scenic views. There is the single mother who is dying and who is trying to make sure that she leaves messages for her children for all of the important life events that may be before them. Every day she tries to push through pain and fatigue to go just a little further in life and help her children just a little bit more. The list goes on and on.

Many people say that they dislike the “Christmas season” because each of these things, which are so difficult anyway, become even harder when there is a societal expectation of joy and celebration. Today’s readings are a reminder that the season of preparation for Christmas, the Advent season, is not meant to be a season of perfection and tranquility, but rather a season in which we acknowledge that our lives are far from perfect and often anything but tranquil, but nonetheless God is with us. Advent is a season for holding on despite the suffering because we know that something better will come. The chasms on our path will be filled in, the mountains leveled and the obstacles removed; something wonderful is coming even though every day of waiting can seem like a thousand years. Holding on to the promise of blessing is not easy, but if we encourage and support one another we can experience peace and hope even in the wilderness. Sometimes we are tempted to despair because we cannot imagine how things could ever be good again. It is true, only God can see a good ending to the stories I just told. But then again, only God could see how the world could be changed from a stable behind an overcrowded inn.

Pam Driedger



December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent



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:

Rev. Allison Carroll

Assistant Priests part time:

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Marilyn McCleary

Liturgy:

Justice and Solidarity:

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 7:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS LITURGIES INSIDE

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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Faith Development-Children:

Eileen Caissie

eileen.caissie@qasmoncton.com

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

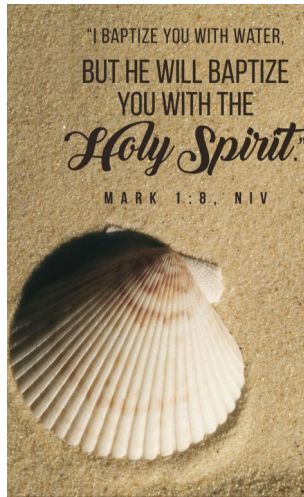
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 857-2088

Clothing Depot Regular Hours:

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

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 35:10-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday	Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47
Wednesday	Memorial: St. Lucy Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday	Memorial: St. John of the Cross Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of

socializing, board games or cards on Monday, December 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The elevator will be available for this gathering which is held in the Fr. Peter McKee room in St. Augustine's Church basement. For information, contact Debbie at 384-8431.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS—the \$25.00 annual membership dues may be dropped in the weekend collection in an envelope clearly marked with your name and **CWL DUES**.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS BOXES DONATION ENVELOPES are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to help needy families in our community during the upcoming Christmas season.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Boyd Biddiscombe and Family on the death of his brother **Gerard Biddiscombe**. May he rest forever in the loving embrace of the Lord!



2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for St. Augustine's and St. Lawrence O'Toole parishioners are available for pick up at the church entrance. Please remember to include your name and donation amount on the envelopes to ensure proper credit. Please contact the parish office if a box has not been assigned to you and you wish to receive envelopes, or if there are any changes required to your information.

PLEASE NOTE

All contributions for income tax purposes for 2017 must be received by the parish office prior to the New Year.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	9	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Fred and Mary Swift, Mathilda and Susan Fahey	Lindsay, Eileen Fahey and Family
Sun	10	7:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	OLM St. L O'T St. A	Late Marie Lea LeBlanc Late Noreen Cassidy Late Mike Gould	Odette and Family Al and Shirley Baglole Cindy and George Mayo
Tues	12	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Al Belliveau	Don and Ann Beaumaster
Fri	15	12:00 noon	St. A	Special Intention	Nancy Middleton
Sat	16	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Bernie Boyle Late Ella Melanson	Stella and Family Husband Claude
Sun	17	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Late Malcolm and Gloria McKinney Late Eugene Murphy	Mike McKinney and Family Gerald and Tillie Ramsay

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$4,332.00** (187 env); Loose: **\$830.55**; Building Fund: **\$305.00** (21 env.); All Souls: **\$25.00** (2 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$2,066.00** (68 env.); Needs of Canadian Church: **\$5.00**; World Mission Sunday: **\$5.00**; Donations: **\$1,386.00** (3 env.); Christmas Flowers: **\$140.00**; Candles: **\$242.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$1,453.00** (28 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$1,031.00** (40 env.); Loose: **\$130.90**; Christmas Boxes: **\$75.00** (4 env.); Christmas Offering: **\$25.00** (1 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$10.00**; Cemetery Upkeep: **\$50.00** (1 env.); Missals: **\$160.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$70.00** (4 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$690.05** (37 env.); Loose: **\$41.00**; Candles: **\$40.00**; Heating: **\$15.00**; Christmas Flowers: **\$155.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!



For those in need of a hot meal the **RAY OF HOPE KITCHEN** will be open Christmas Day and Boxing Day from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

Tuesdays

1:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Adoration and Rosary**

Tuesdays—St. Augustine's Mass during Advent
12:00 noon

Thursdays

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

Sunday, December 10th

9:15a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **English Family Session**

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

Monday, December 11th

1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church basement: **Seniors and Retiree Gathering**

6:30p.m. St. Augustine's: **Confirmation Gathering**

Tuesday, December 12th

6:30p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

Sunday, December 17th

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Goodie Sunday**



The work at **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHEDRAL** is on schedule. We are pleased to announce that the cathedral will be open for the usual French Christmas masses: December 24th at 7:00 p.m. and December 25th at 10:00 a.m. Welcome to everyone. The various organizations under the management of “Station Acadie” will move during the coming months to their new offices on the ground floor. Station Acadie will announce later on the date of the official opening of the offices (Place de la Cathédrale).

From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development

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ADVENT PHOTO CHALLENGE 2017—Join us as we take a photographic journey through Advent towards Christmas. You can post as many photos as you want, providing they follow the designated theme for the day/week. For more information, follow the youth office at **#YouthFaithMoncton** in Instagram and check out the daily challenges. People of all ages are encouraged to participate—not on Instagram? Snap pics anyway and share on Facebook or Twitter with the [@youthfaithmoncton](https://www.instagram.com/youthfaithmoncton) hashtag. For more information, contact Trevor at trevord.diocese@gmail.com, or PM the youth office on Instagram.



EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US: understanding incarnation in light of the Universe Story—We sit in Advent, a season of hope, a season of waiting, a season of increasing light at a time when we experience decreasing light, a season of preparing for the birth of the Christ child. Join Sr. Denise Lirette, f.j. on Tuesday, December 12th at Holy Family, Falkland Avenue, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as she explores the significance of darkness and light in our lives and in the Universe, particularly as we note the birth of Jesus as a significant event in the history of humanity *and* the Universe and truly the Light that shines in the darkness. Contact Ellen to register.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT

St. Augustine's Faith Development families will gather in the church basement:

Level 1-3 9:15 a.m. Session #7 Sunday, December 10th

Level 4-6 12:15 p.m. Session #7 Sunday, December 10th

Level 4-6 6:30 p.m. Session #7 Tuesday, December 12th

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held Sunday, December 10th at 10:00a.m.

A **GATHERING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** will be held in St. Augustine's Basement this Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.



TAGS FOR TOYS—Deadline for returning your *unwrapped* gift is **NEXT WEEKEND**. **Didn't pick up a tag?** No worries—simply purchase a toy and bring it with you to one of St. Augustine's masses next weekend. This ensures that the gifts will be distributed in time for Christmas.

A couple in the Kendra Street area are in need of a drive to masses at St. Augustine's. If you would like to help them out, please contact the parish office.

Still time to add something warm and cozy to Saint Lawrence O'Toole's **SOCK TREE**. A basket is also available for mittens and hats. All articles will be distributed to the needy.

CALL NOW!

St. Lawrence O'Toole families needing assistance for Christmas time can call Barb Cormier after 6:00 p.m. in the evenings to register for a **CHRISTMAS BOX**. Deadline to contact Barb at 342-0411 is this Thursday, December 14th.



NEW SIGN FOR RAY OF HOPE SOUP KITCHEN – You may have noticed the new sign on the north west lawn of St. Augustine's replacing the old one that that fell over several years ago. The Soup Kitchen would like to thank **Gary Hansen** of Pro Signs and **Gordon Lahanky** of Atlantic Commercial Properties for creating and installing this new sign.

Please take note that **ADORATION** at St. Augustine's will be **CANCELLED** December 26th and January 2nd.



Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers



Once again this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin.

Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Amount donated \$	Envelope # (if applicable)

Advent is the beginning of a new year, a new start.

PRAYING THE ROSARY—During Advent, the Rosary will be prayed at St. Lawrence O’Toole at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday prior to the regular weekend liturgy.

EVENING PRAYER will be celebrated at St. Bernard’s each Thursday during Advent at 7:00 p.m.

During Advent, **MASS** will be celebrated Tuesdays at 12:00 noon at St. Augustine’s.

Our Sacred Space Christian Meditation Community invites you to join them for a time of silence, being in the Presence of God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit who dwells within us Friday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Day Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Call Dianne, 386-6094 for information.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Sunday, December 10th	St. Bernard’s	2:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18th	St. Augustine’s	7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Associate Job Posting

The parish of St. Augustine’s is seeking a **full time Pastoral Associate**. The successful candidate must be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church and meet the requirements of the "Diocesan Policy on the Prevention of Violence Toward Vulnerable Persons". The position will include some weekend and evening hours.

Salary will be based on experience in the field.

Position requirements:

- Must be a practicing Roman Catholic
- Be willing and available to participate in mandatory ongoing formation
- Possess strong leadership skills
- Experienced in program coordination
- Have strong written and oral communication skills and
- Working knowledge of computer software programs

Qualifications:

- Dependable
- Highly organized
- Able to work independently and within a team
- Possess post-secondary training in various job settings
- Bondable

Application deadline has been extended to December 20th, 2017. Please submit resume in confidence to epwallace9@gmail.com



DIOCESE CHRISTMAS MASSES—ENGLISH

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th

4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine’s
4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Heart
5:00 p.m.	St. Bernard’s family mass
5:30 p.m.	St. Vincent’s
6:30 p.m.	St. Jude’s
7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence O’Toole
7:00 p.m.	Holy Family
8:00 p.m.	St. Bernard’s
8:30 p.m.	Immaculate Heart
10:00 p.m.	St. Augustine’s
10:00 p.m.	St. Bernard’s

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th

10:00 a.m.	Holy Ghost Riverside-Albert
11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine’s
11:00 a.m.	St. Bernard’s
11:00 a.m.	St. Clement’s

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday, December 31st

4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine’s
7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy

Monday, January 1st

9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence O’Toole
11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine’s

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday December 25th - Closed
Wednesday December 27 - Closed

Friday December 29th - Open

Monday January 1st - Closed

REGULAR HOURS RESUME
Wednesday January 3rd

CHURCH UNPLUGGED
at Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity
Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity invites families from parishes within the diocese to **KEEPSAKE CHRISTMAS** (for families with children of all ages up to Grade 5). Join them next Sunday, December 17th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm to create your own **NATIVITY SET** as you hear the story of Jesus' birth. This session will take place at the Dan Bohan Center, but spaces are limited so contact Karen asap at 387-4198. The cost for this event is for each family to bring non-perishable food items.

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Mission

To provide a hot meal to anyone who comes to the kitchen.....no questions asked

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December 2017



What's Cooking in the Kitchen

Welcome to Our First Semi-Annual Newsletter!

The Board of Directors would like to keep all our supporters; volunteers and the public up-to-date on the positive effects your financial and moral support is providing to the hungry in our community. We thank you for your continued generous support. For those of you reading this who may not have supported us in the past, please take a few minutes to read this and familiarize yourself with what we do in our community. We welcome any additional support in the form of volunteers, donations of funds, goods or services

In The Past Year...

We have made many positive changes to increase our effectiveness and visibility within the community including:

- ✓ Renewed and diversified the Board of Directors – We would like to express our sincere appreciation for our outgoing board members.
- ✓ Created a web page – www.rayofhopemoncton.ca
- ✓ Created a Facebook page
- ✓ Created an email address – rayofhopekitchen@gmail.com
- ✓ We can now accept donations by E-transfer to our email address or by PayPal, cash or cheque.
- ✓ Partnered with the United Way to help provide access to more stable sources of funding and to more volunteers.

We would also like to thank our new corporate sponsors - Chris Brothers, Casino NB, FHRI Hotels, Ward Foods, IGT, St. Louis Bar and Grill Dieppe

Million Meal Campaign

In October 2017 we launched our new fund raising campaign to raise awareness about the number of hungry individuals we have served in our kitchen and to help ensure that the kitchen can continue to operate as we prepare to serve our **MILLIONTH MEAL** in the next 5 -7 years.

Million Meals Campaign

Dave Small, Chairman of the Board of the Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen - *"Our hope is that the need for soup kitchens will eventually decrease, and someday disappear, but realistically, we expect that the demand to continue for the foreseeable future, We must ensure that we can maintain our service to the community in the long-term, because the need is ongoing."*

The Kitchen has served more than 780,000 meals since we first opened in 1984. Last year, the Moncton community generously answered the call after our savings had been depleted. Businesses and individuals donated enough funds to narrowly prevent us from shutting our doors; however now, more donors are needed to sustain the program in the long-term.



Finances



Our annual operating budget is nearly \$100,000 per year, including an equipment repair and replacement fund. Only 15% of our annual operating cost comes from municipal and provincial grants.

We have worked hard over the past years to keep our costs in check; however our equipment is aging and will need to be replaced over the next few years. We are therefore looking to the generosity of individual and corporate donors to give the additional \$20,000 we need per year for the Kitchen to continue to operate. The Kitchen relies heavily on private and corporate donations.
Thank you for your generosity.

Meals Served

1984-2017—780,000
2017 - 28,333 (est)
2016 - 23796

Volunteers

The Kitchen is fortunate to have a dedicated group of 20 volunteers that is essential to operate our Kitchen. We normally operate with about 12 volunteers per day, in addition to our full time Cook Jackie and Manager Greg.

Volunteers sometimes appear from unexpected places.....

A young man looking for a better life for his family decided to become an optician. He lived and studied at a college in Moncton while his family remained in Fredericton.

It was very hard leaving his wife and family each week but he could see the potential job opportunities after finishing college. It was also financially difficult for him so he worked part-time to make ends meet during his studies in Moncton.

He heard the Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen provided a hot meal each day for those who were struggling. He studied each morning and then went to the Kitchen for a meal. Rather than take advantage of this, he paid it forward by mopping the floors each day.

After two years of hard work, sacrifice and determination, he graduated as an optician working for a national company with good pay and benefits. Looking back, finding a hot meal to eat was truly a Ray of Hope.

The Kitchen is always looking for more volunteers to help us out. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering in any way.

Members of the Jewish community will be serving Christmas dinner to our patrons this year, as they have every year for the past 25 years!



DONATE OR VOLUNTEER



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or drop by at 340 Dominion St
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09:00—12:00 Monday to Friday

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