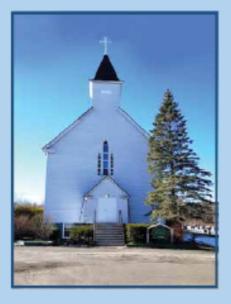
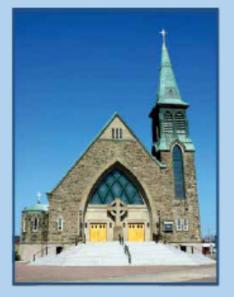
# **Queen of All Saints Parish**





Saint Augustine's Moncton



Saint Lawrence O'Toole Irishtown

Our Lady of Mercy Pointe-du-Chêne

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Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen: 857-4224 St. Vincent de Paul Society: 857-2088 St. Augustine's Housing: 855-2277 (McKee Manor and the Villa) Meals served: Monday to Friday -- 10:30 am to 12:00 pm Depot Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday -- 10:30 am to 1:15 pm Office Hours: Monday to Thursday -- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Friday -- 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



# Welcome to Queen of All Saints Parish

February 7th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule—Heures des Messes

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Saint Lawrence O'Toole
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Saint Lawrence O'Toole (French)
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
Friday	12:00 noon St. Augustine's	

Saturday4:00 p.m. St. Augustine's<br/>7:00 p.m. Our Lady of MercySunday9:00 a.m. Saint Lawrence O'Toole<br/>11:00 a.m. St. Augustine's<br/>7:00 p.m. St. Augustine's

Confessions are scheduled by appointment for Saint Lawrence O'Toole (Tuesdays 1:00pm to 3:00pm) and St. Augustine's (Wednesdays 1:00pm to 3:00pm). Please call the office at 857-4223 to arrange a time. CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

NB PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCED THAT (ZONE 1) MONCTON AREA RETURN TO THE RED ZONE OF COVID-19 RECOVERY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20TH. ALL SCHEDULED MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. OUR WEBSITE www.qasmoncton.com WILL BE UPDATED REGULARILY.

Daily	Readings
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Monday	Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56	and a
Tuesday	Genesis 1:20-2:4; Mark 7:1-13	A THERE A
Wednesday	Memorial: St. Scholastica Genesis 2:4-9; 15-17;	SAY PR
	Mark 7:14-23	
Thursday	Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30	
Fríday	Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37	
Saturday	Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10	
Sunday	Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-1	
	Mark 1:40-45	

As you know our parishes rely on weekly collections, so if at all possible, please continue to make your weekly contribution. You can mail in your envelope or drop it off in our mail slot in the front door of the rectory which faces Dominion Street. If you would like to consider changing over to pre-authorized payments, please leave a message on our phone line and someone will call you back to set this up. We continue to hold you in prayer in this difficult time and greatly appreciate your faithfulness.



**St. Augustine's and Saint Lawrence O'Toole 2020 Income Tax Receipts** are ready to be picked up at the Parish office Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm. Also, if you have not picked up your 2021 boxed envelopes these can be picked up as well.

If you would like to consider pre-authorized payment, please call the office at 857-4223 to set this up. Thank you

# Prayers of the Faithful

For the church, as it strives to be faithful to preaching the Gospel and healing the brokenhearted at all times and in all places. *We pray* 

For world leaders, who, by making themselves servants to all, may promote the human dignity that is rightfully due to all. *We pray* 

For those whose suffering goes beyond words and is caused by indifference, injustice or violence. *We pray* 

For all those burdened by anxious days and sleepless nights, as they seek comfort in their trials and direction for the future. *We pray* 

For all who touch the suffering through kindness, companionship, generosity, or any simple act of consolation. *We pray* 

For the sick and for those who have died. We pray



Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

#### Mass Schedule Ash Wednesday February 17th

10:00am 1:00pm 4:00pm 7:00pm St. Augustine's Our Lady of Mercy Saint Lawrence O'Toole St. Augustine's



Masses will take place only if we move back into the Orange Level



### World Day of the Sick February 11th

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11th (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great effort of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

The Holy See has released the Holy Father's Message which is entitled "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (*Mt 23:8*), which encourages a trust-based relationship with the sick and the nurturing of integral human healing. In his Message, Pope Francis writes: "...the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

St. Augustine's Marriage Preparation Course

Will begin with a meet and greet evening <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 25th</u> at 6:30 p.m. The course will be offered <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 19th</u> 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 20th</u> 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information and to register please contact the office at 857-4223.



Pending return to Orange Level where we can meet again.

#### SAINT AUGUSTINE'S FAITH DEVELOPMENT

NB Public Health has announced Zone 1 (Moncton area) has moved into the Red phase of Covid 19 recovery plan. Sessions at St. Augustine's and St. Lawrence O'Toole will be offered via zoom but may be a different day or time. Information regarding the zoom sessions will be forwarded to the families via email.



Group A	Sunday, February 7th, 9:30am
Group B	Sunday, February 7th, 12:15pm
Group C	Tuesday, February 9th, 6:15pm

Group A Group B Group C Sunday, February 21st, 9:30am Sunday, February 21st, 12:15pm Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:15pm

**CONFIRMATION SESSIONS AND RETREAT FEBRUARY 6TH** will meet via **ZOOM** until we return to the yellow phase. Information regarding the Zoom gatherings will be forwarded to all registered candidates via email.

**RECONCILLIATION MEETING / REGISTRATION** postponed until we return to yellow phase.



From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development 45 York Street Trevor 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com Ellen 857-9952 ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com

**<u>Catechetical Gatherings</u>**: Until we return to Yellow Alert Level, children's catechism will be held virtually. Please arrange with your parish catechetical coordinator to have the necessary supplies for the sessions.

<u>Adult Faith Commission</u> meeting has been rescheduled yet again – darn COVID – to Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will keep our fingers crossed that by that time, Zone 1 will be out of red alert, out of orange alert and back to yellow alert. Meeting time, 6:30 at 45 York Street.

#### The End is Nigh of an Era: Exploring the Book of Revelations, Part 2

When will all that is spoken of in the Book of Revelations take place? Are we judged individually at the time of our death, or as part of large groups as depicted in some paintings?

The questions continue to surface from the first gathering, so the virtual conversation about the Book of Revelations with presenters Dr. Fiona Black and Dr. Andrew Wilson continues Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Fiona and Andrew will answer your questions from the first session and dig a little deeper into the end of the world images we see in Revelation passages. It is not necessary to have attended the first session to join us, but if you had attended that, you will need to re-register if you do plan to join us again. Contact Ellen to register.

#### "We're All in this Together": Exploring Pope Francis's encyclicals, Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti

In all his writing, Pope Francis calls us to see the world through a different lens, emphasizing the unconditional and unending love of God for all God has created and the importance of our connectedness with this creation. In *Laud-ato Si'*, calling us to care for our common home, he states: "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." (LS#13) In *Fratelli Tutti*, on fraternity and social friendship, he says: "To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family, dwelling in a common home." (FT#17)

Lent is the Church's season of repentance and conversion. What better time to dig deeper into the message these two beautiful documents wish to share with us? Join Sr. Denise Lirette, fj and Dr. Andrew Wilson on February 18, March 4 and March 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. as they share the message contained in these words of Francis, and explore with us, how we should respond. Given the fluidity of the COVID-19 challenges, we are uncertain at this time, whether these gatherings will be a hybrid of physical and virtual, or completely virtual. We'll keep you posted on that. For now, register with Ellen, and we will see where we are led.

# **Exploring our Faith**

The Book of Job is one of the most interesting books in the Old Testament. Most scholars agree that the person of Job didn't exist but that he represents every person who has ever suffered undeserved hardship. Job had everything: wealth, health and a large family to ensure his future legacy. He assumed his life was good because God had rewarded him for being loyal and for having lived a good and righteous life. (Satan argues that Job is only loyal to God *because* his life is good. If his life had been rotten, he wouldn't be so loyal!) Through a series of disasters, Job loses everything: his possessions, his family and his health. Although he remains loyal to God, our first reading is taken from a time when he bemoans the unfairness of his predicament, arguing he had done nothing wrong to *deserve* the hardships he is now experiencing.

The Book of Job deals with that difficult question many of us have asked, "Why do bad things happen to good people." (Also the title of a wonderful book by Harold S. Kushner.) We know that innocent children sometimes suffer cancer and abuse. We see how natural disasters destroy the homes and livelihoods of people who were only in the wrong place at the wrong time. We are experiencing a random pandemic that is causing the death and economic destruction of innocent and vulnerable people. We, too, might be lamenting, "It's not fair!"

Although today's reading from Job ends on a sentiment of despair, it is important to note that Job's story doesn't end there. His own pain and suffering lead him to a newfound understanding that suffering is an inherent part of being human and he becomes more compassionate toward others who suffer innocently. He also knows that God hasn't abandoned him, nor does God reward or punish him for his level of goodness or sinfulness. Job teaches us that suffering often cannot be predicted or controlled, but we *can* control how we respond to it.

The readings of today challenge us to think less about why suffering happens, and to focus more on our *response* to hardships and suffering either within our own lives or that of



others. Are we pessimists who spend our energies on complaining about the unfairness of it all and seeking out someone to blame? Are we optimists who feel life is a gift, despite all its pain and messiness and so spend our energy on easing the hardships as best we can?

Today's gospel shows us how Jesus responds to the pains and suffering of humanity. At the time, it was believed that illness was caused by demons and given as a punishment for having sinned. Although Jesus is inundated with people seeking to be healed, he offers his healing to everyone who asks, *without* judgment. The first to be healed in today's gospel is Peter's mother-in-law. She models for us a response by serving those around her. To be a follower of Jesus is to serve and to help ease the sufferings of those around us without judgement of their "worthiness."

Sometimes in our pain, we exert a great deal of energy looking for explanations or pointing fingers of blame, and we get distracted from actually doing something to alleviate that pain. Like Job, we are called to trust that God *is* present amidst our sufferings and giving us the grace we need to work within it. Grace allows us to see loss also as a source of gain. Grace opens our eyes to new perspectives we may not have been able to see before. Our present pandemic has been both a source of suffering *and* grace. I hope that when we get through this all, we will remember how the light of God's grace *was* working among us, making us more aware of our connectedness to one another and empowering us to become a better, more compassionate community.

Mary Joshi

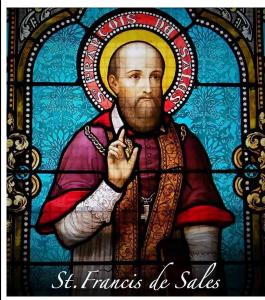


#### 2021 New Brunswick Home Energy Assistance Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program provides a \$100 benefit designed to help low-income families cope with high energy prices. The program will provide a payment of \$100 to families with incomes up to and including \$30,000. Application forms are available online at: https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/finance/promo/heap/program.html

The study into this marvelous book of spiritual direction will begin <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 11th</u> at 6:00pm with weekly **ZOOM** sessions for St. Lawrence O'Toole parish, and (when we return to the Orange Zone and can gather) will be followed by an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The **ZOOM** session will be repeated on <u>Fridays at 11:00am</u> at St. Augustine's, (and when in the Orange Zone) will be followed by Mass and Adoration. We hope this will be a positive continuation to our previous studies with St. Theresa of Avila and St. Augustine. I think you will find in St. Francis a wonderful companion.

From The Introduction to the Devout Life, by Saint Francis de Sales, bishop



**Devotion must be practiced in different ways.** When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of his Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with his character, his station and his calling.

I say that devotion must be practiced in different ways by the nobleman and by the working man, by the servant and by the prince, by the widow, by the unmarried girl and by the married woman. But even this distinction is not sufficient; for the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, to the occupation and to the duties of each one in particular.

Tell me, please, my Philothea, whether it is proper for a bishop to want to lead a solitary life like a Carthusian; or for married people to be no more concerned than a Capuchin about increasing their income; or for a working man to spend his whole day in church like a religious; or on the other hand for a religious to be constantly exposed like a bishop to all

the events and circumstances that bear on the needs of our neighbor. Is not this sort of devotion ridiculous, unorganized and intolerable? Yet this absurd error occurs very frequently, but in no way does true devotion, my Philothea, destroy anything at all. On the contrary, it perfects and fulfills all things. In fact if it ever works against, or is inimical to, anyone's legitimate station and calling, then it is very definitely false devotion.

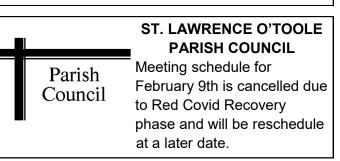
The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them. True devotion does still better. Not only does it not injure any sort of calling or occupation, it even embellishes and enhances it.

Moreover, just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, each according to its color, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable. It is therefore an error and even a heresy to wish to exclude the exercise of devotion from military divisions, from the artisans' shops, from the courts of princes, from family households. I acknowledge, my dear Philothea, that the type of devotion which is purely contemplative, monastic and religious can certainly not be exercised in these sorts of stations and occupations, but besides this threefold type of devotion, there are many others fit for perfecting those who live in a secular state. Therefore, in whatever situations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.

Fr. Angus

#### Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom)

Learn about faith using science experiments! Designed for young people in grades 1-6, participants will be guided step by step through various fun and simple science experiments that will help them to learn more about faith and scripture. The next sessions will take place at 6:30 pm on February 22, and March 22. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com to register.





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