

**PEACE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING**

Last spring, I received a text from a dear niece requesting prayers for a good friend who had a few months previously been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Two weeks ago, this young lady died. She was 23. A last Facebook post, presumably written by her family, states: *"I've been battling cancer for over a year now, it was one mighty battle and I went further than any of my doctors believed possible but sadly this battle ended yesterday morning! I want to thank all who supported me in my fight as well as anyone who's helped me to be the person I was. I am no longer in pain and can now rest in peace."*

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus," Paul writes to the Philippians. How do we find peace in such challenging circumstances?

While here it is Paul who writes about praying, prayer is a major theme of Luke's Gospel. I did as Dominique asked; I know she prayed also. Certainly, Stephy's Roman Catholic parents were praying, as parents always do for their children. And yet none of these prayers were answered in the way we had hoped. Still we are told that the "peace of God" will come to us. And in her post, young Stephy says she "can now rest in peace."

It is difficult to understand why this young lady, with a full life ahead of her, should have that life cut so tragically short. Luke tells us that persistence in prayer will pay off, but when our prayers seem to go unanswered by God, or we do not receive the answers we desire, how are we still able to find peace? Have faith? Believe? How are we, as we mark especially on this third Sunday of Advent, one traditionally known as Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, still able to live with joy?



Pope Francis says, "the message is so rich and so deep that it always exceeds our grasp." (EG #128) He says that "joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty ... but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved." (EG#6) This certainty helped Stephy's family make their statement, even in the midst of abject grief.

God loved Stephy as much as God loves her parents, her family, her friends. And God will bring peace and comfort to them, just as God has brought peace to Stephy after a hard-fought illness. This is the joy we are called to not only on Gaudette Sunday but every day, a joy born of the conviction that whatever we are living - grief, tragedy, angst, doubt, anger - we are always unconditionally loved.

Ellen Bennett



**Saint Augustine's**  
340 Dominion Street  
Moncton, NB



**Saint Lawrence O'Toole**  
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**Our Lady of Mercy**  
11 St. Andrews Street  
Pointe-du-Chêne, NB

**PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

**Priest-Moderator:** Rev. Allison Carroll  
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**Justice and Solidarity:** 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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**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** Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17  
**Tuesday** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24  
**Wednesday** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Luke 1:5-25  
**Thursday** Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Luke 1:26-38  
**Friday** Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-45  
**Saturday** 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56  
**Sunday** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45



<b>Remembering our Deceased Family &amp; Friends with Christmas Flowers</b>	
<p>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 <b>Christmas flowers</b> in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below &amp; 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.</b></p>	
<b>In Memory of:</b>	
<b>Donated by:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Amount donated \$</b>	<b>Envelope # (if applicable)</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat	15	4:00 p.m.	St. A	L. Bernie Boyle & Deceased family Members	Family Maureen
Sun	16	4:00 p.m.	OLM	Deceased O'Brien Family Members	Al and Shirley and Family
		9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Late Edgar and Rita Cormier	Anne Arsenault
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Jeff Longphee	Curtis Family
Tue	18	12:00noon	St. A	Late Andrew Murphy	Jean J. Gaudet
Fri	21	12:00noon	St. A	Late Diane Delaney	Madge and Family
Sat	22	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Bazil Lund	Wife Genevieve
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Ron Browne	Eileen, Phyllis, Wayne, Eddy, Joyce
Sun	23	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Late Reg and Florence King	The Babin Family
		11:00 a.m.	St.A	Late Norman Joseph Arsenault	

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS**

**Saint Augustine's:** Envelopes: **\$3,587.00** (188 env); Loose: **\$514.00**; Building Fund: **\$70.00** (4 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$690.00** (25 env); Candles: **\$125.00**; Christmas Offering: **\$220.00** (6 env); Donation: **\$100.00**; Ray of Hope: **\$25.00**; Christmas Flowers: **\$210.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$345.00** (10 env.).

**Saint Lawrence O'Toole:** Envelopes: **\$860.00** (39 env.); Loose: **\$158.00**; Christmas Flowers: **\$20.00**; Christmas Boxes: **\$100.00** (4 env); Cemetery Upkeep: **\$100.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2 env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy:** Envelopes: **\$699.00** (39 env.); Loose: **\$117.30**; Candles: **\$55.00**; Christmas Flowers: **\$300.00**.

**2019 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 2018 must be received by the parish office prior to the New Year.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** are in need of **GROCERY BAGS**. These may be dropped off during the depot hours or left in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the parking lot.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot will be closed from December 24th to January 1st. The depot will reopen January 2nd.



**Holiday Schedule**

**In this  
season of Advent,  
inspire us  
to be a people of hope.  
Encourage us not to be greedy  
for material possessions,  
but for justice and truth.  
Enflame us with a love for others,  
which crosses boundaries  
of race, religion, and nationality.  
Stir within us an appreciation  
of the immense beauty  
of the earth.  
Be with us, Lord, at this time,  
that we may be a people of hope.  
Amen**



*Schedule of Christmas and New Year's Masses*



**Christmas Eve, Monday December 24th**

St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
St. Augustine's	4:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	
IHMC	4:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	
St. Jude's	6:30 p.m.		
St. Lawrence O'Toole	7:00 p.m.		
Holy Family	7:00 p.m.		
Our Lady of Mercy	7:00 p.m.		

**Christmas Day, Tuesday December 25th**

St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.
St. Augustine's	11:00 a.m.
Holy Ghost	10:00 a.m.

**New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st**

St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.
St. Augustine's	4:00 p.m.
Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy	4:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day, Tuesday January 1st**

St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.
St. Augustine's	11:00 a.m.
IHMC	11:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence O'Toole	9:00 a.m.



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be **DECORATING THE CHURCH** for the Christmas Season immediately following mass next Sunday, December 23rd. Parishioners are more than welcome to come along and lend a helping hand.



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

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**

Sundays  
8:30 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Recitation of the Rosary during Advent**

Sunday, December 16th  
10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Goodie Sunday**

12:00 noon—St. Augustine's Church Basement: **Christmas is Coming Celebration**

Sunday, December 23rd  
8:30 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Recitation of the Rosary**

Saturday, December 29th  
1:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church: **Sacrament of Baptism**

*From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development  
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**ADVENT GOD SIGHTINGS**— Be mindful of the Advent themes of Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love by sharing your Advent God Sightings on Instagram! How do you participate? Follow @YouthFaithMoncton on Instagram. Take a photo (as many as you want) that represent to you these Advent themes and post them. Be sure to tag #youthfaithmoncton as well as #adventgodsightings so we can see them. Think creatively outside the box, something that speaks to you as we journey together through Advent towards Christmas.

**VISION BOOKSTORE** have a **CHRISTMAS SALE** at Place de la Cathédrale, 224 St. George Street December 18th to 21st. Most in stock books and CD's will be reduced by 10%. Bookstore hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Monday December 24th - Closed at noon  
Tuesday December 25th - Closed  
Wednesday December 26th - Closed  
Monday December 31st - Closed at noon  
Tuesday January 1st - Closed