

UNITED WE STAND? SIT? KNEEL?



As a young person growing up in the Roman Catholic tradition and attending Immaculate Heart of Mary weekly, the last thing that was on my mind at mass was being in community. While subconsciously I was being formed by my faith community; consciously, it was about me and God. I can still recall coming into the church, blessing myself with holy water and proceeding directly to my seat where I would shut the world out with my own personal prayer.

Fast forward about fifteen years; there I am sitting in my first liturgical formation workshop (as I had just volunteered to be a lector), and I am hearing, seemingly for the first time to me, the importance of the community and the vital role they (we) play in powerful liturgy. It was the moment where I came to the realization that Mass wasn't just about God and me. There were hundreds of people around me who showed up that day for reasons that were similar to mine. God was just as present to them as to me. It wasn't (and isn't) about God and me; it's about God and us.

Please don't get me wrong; I am not saying that a personal relationship with God is not important. It is in fact the foundation of our faith. But, when we come to liturgy, from the moment we put our hand on the door of the church, we enter "**community**". We come from our personal prayer and preparation and enter communal prayer. We are now, in a very tangible way, the Body of Christ. This truly defines who we are. As Pope Francis said in *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and be Glad): "*We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual.*" When in community, we pray as community. We stand together, we sit together, we sing together, we listen together, we do everything together. As the hymn reminds us: "We are one body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone."

While it is true that we all come from different backgrounds and have been taught different things about what to do at mass, how to pray and what reverence is supposed to look like, it is still so important to remember that unity in prayer and posture trumps everything. In my recent experience of attending mass, the time in the liturgy when we should be the most unified is the time when we are most divided. I am speaking of the "Communion Rite". It seems that at this time (more than any other time in the mass) is when we truly "*do our own thing*".

I am not here to say what posture is the correct one, or that one is better than another; I am saying that whatever is the norm for the community you are worshipping in that day, then that should be your posture as well. It is more important to be in community than to be right. Debates about what direction your church should go in are best left for meetings at another time. For this time, we respect and honour the presence of God in our community and our prayer.

Mark Mahoney



September 23, 2018
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest-Moderator: Rev. Allison Carroll
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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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Faith Development-Children: 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.



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

Daily Readings

Monday

Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13

Wednesday

Feast: St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues

Revelation 7:9-17; 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Luke 9:23-26

Thursday

Memorial: St. Vincent de Paul

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9

Friday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday

Feast: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael

Revelation 12:7-12; John 1:47-51

Sunday

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Mark 9:35

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Not Getting an Answer, But We'd Be More Informed About the Question

Last winter, given the legalization of Medical Assistance in Dying, the Office of Faith Development began offering a series of initiatives inviting us as Roman Catholic Christians to give serious consideration to what we believe about death and dying. The Church holds the underlying principle of Choose Life among all others; we recognize the question of medically assisted suicide is a multifaceted one with no easy answers.

These initiatives began with a book discussion of Sr. Nuala Kenny's book, *Rediscovering the Art of Dying*, facilitated by retired nurses Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Levesque; and continued with a session exploring the sacred and secular approach to death and dying, facilitated by Dr. Andrew Wilson.

On October 11th, Archbishop Valéry Vienneau will present a session delving into the response of the Atlantic Episcopal Assembly, the bishops of Atlantic Canada to this question: *A Pastoral Reflection on Medically Assistance in Dying*. Bishop Vienneau will also look at other responses by other Canadian episcopal assemblies. This session will take place at Holy Family Parish Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Should you plan to attend, please register with Ellen prior to October 11th.

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Visit **VISION BOOKSTORE** at Place de la Cathédrale, 224 St. George Street Friday, October 5th and take advantage of a special monthly sale where most in stock books and CD's will be reduced by 10%. Information at www.visionbookstore.ca *visit their 'Facebook Page' regularly and discover new arrivals each week! **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOOKSTORE HAS NEW HOURS: 9:00 a.m. TO NOON AND FROM 1:00 p.m. TO 4:00 p.m..**

MASS INTENTIONS					
Sat	22	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Susan Fahey	Mom, Dad and Family
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	For Souls	Flo LeBlanc
Sun	23	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Late Jean Richard	Don and Ann Beaumaster
		11:00a.m.	St. A	Late Genoveffa DeBiasi	Family
Fri	28	12:00noon	St. A	Special Intentions	Nancy
Sat	29	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Agnes Rafferty	Terry Whalen
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Irois Gallant	Francis Gallant
Sun	30	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Late Donald Cliff	Hervé Gagnon
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	In Loving Memory of Norman Comeau	Ida & Family

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's:

Envelopes: \$3,073.00 (144 env.); Loose: \$684.00; Building Donation: \$1,000.00; Candles: \$95.00; Pre-Authorized: \$990.00 (25 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole:

Envelopes: \$595.00 (30 env.); Loose: \$125.15; Pre-Authorized: \$120.00 (4 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy:

Envelopes: \$747.00 (35 env.); Loose: \$98.45; Candles: \$14.25; Building Fund: \$10.00; Pre-Authorized: \$20.00 (1 env.).

Thank you for your generosity!

The Rexton Catholic Church's **ANNUAL FALL TURKEY SUPPER** will be held next Sunday, September 30th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Rexton Catholic Church Hall on 12 School Street. Cost is \$13.00 for adults and take outs; \$6.00 for children under 10.

If you are interested in seeing the movie **OUTCASTS** brought to Riverview in November, contact Roberto at 962-1665 to notify your wishes. Organizers are needing a firm commitment from a number of people now in order to continue with the process. To view the trailer: www.outcaststhemovie.com. For mature audiences only.

With Sympathy

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the family of **Aurea Lirette**, whose funeral was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy on Tuesday. *May she rest forever in the loving embrace of the Lord!*

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese. The **COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA** will take place next weekend.

To enroll youth for exciting outdoor adventures or to find out more information on how to register your child (ages 5 to 15) in St Michael's Scout Group contact Darlene at photobug2010@hotmail.com

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Church will hold their **LOCAL PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting this Tuesday, September 25th at 10:00 a.m.

WISHING YOU

A GREAT WEEK



Tuesdays

1:30 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**

Sunday, September 23rd

9:30 a.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Levels 1 to 3 Session**

12:15 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Levels 4 to 6 Session**

Monday, September 24th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Confirmation Session for Youth and Parents**

Tuesday, September 25th

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **St. Lawrence O'Toole Local Pastoral Council**

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Levels 4 to 6 Session**

7:00 p.m.—Our Lady of Mercy Church: **Our Lady of Mercy Local Pastoral Council**

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ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN will be held next Sunday, September 30th from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Champlain Street in Dieppe between

Acadia Avenue and Paul Street. Parking and signs at St. Theresa's Church at 2:15 pm. One can also pray from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Adoration Chapel for the protection of life from conception to natural death. For information contact Sr. Cécile at 857-9414.

As the evenings begin to cool down, **MITTEN KNITTING TIME** has arrived. St. Augustine's Mitten



Tree will once again be spreading its branches in November in anticipation of being adorned with mittens, mittens and more mittens! Members of the Catholic Women's League will deliver the mitts to local schools in early December. Please pick up those needles and help keep the children's hands warm this winter.



Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Moncton would like to thank the local church community for their very generous donations in support of our Fabric, Yarn and Craft sale on September 8th. More than \$8,000 was raised in 4 hours. These funds will go directly to their African grandmother sisters, in solidarity not charity, through the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers Campaign. stephenlewisfoundation.org



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

Level 1 -3 9:15 a.m.	Session #1 Session #2	Sunday, September 23rd Sunday, September 30th
Level 4-6 12:15 p.m.	Session #1 Session #2	Sunday, September 23rd Sunday, September 30th
Level 4-6 6:30 p.m.	Session #1 Session #2	Tuesday, September 25th Tuesday, October 2nd

ALL YOUTH PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND THEIR PARENTS will meet in St. Augustine's Church basement on Monday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: St. Lawrence O'Toole is no longer be able to offer French Faith Development sessions.



NEW EYES, OPEN HEART RETREAT FOR ADULTS OF ANY AGE will take place November 2nd to 4th at Broadleaf Guest Ranch in Hopewell Hill. Using this beautiful location as a backdrop, the retreat will be a two-day journey of faith based on the work of Fr. Richard Rohr. The cost will be \$50.00 per person. Register by going to: www.diomoncton.ca

→Pastoral Offices
→Youth Faith Development
→Rendezvous.
For more information, contact Trevor at 857-4879 or Fr. Phil at 386-6178.

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



The Mayor's Seniors Advisory Committee will be hosting a reception next Sunday, September 30th at 2:00 p.m. at Moncton City Hall in honour of **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS**.