

Jesus' baptism/ my baptism. Are they so different?



Throughout my life I have had many friends and acquaintances who have been loyal members of evangelical churches. These people are faith filled and extremely committed to the teachings of their individual churches. We have had many conversations over the years on the "taboo" topic of religion, and I have been blessed and enriched to learn of the faith principles that guide their lives.

One question that would often be posed to me, and to be honest, would frequently intimidate me, was: **"are you saved?"** They would often be able to quote an exact day and time when they were

"saved" and gave their life to Christ. For a good part of my life, the reason I was intimidated was that I didn't have an answer. The best I could come up with was: *"I hope so"*. Now, years later, I have a much better answer to offer. (Mind you, it could hardly be much worse). The answer, of course, is a resounding YES. I am saved because I am baptized.

In the earliest times of our church, baptism looked a lot different than it does now. It happened outside and was the culmination of a lengthy journey filled with much prayer, catechesis and soul searching. One thing that was very similar to the journey today is that the catechumens were told virtually nothing about how the baptism ceremony would look. (The idea was and is that they would just experience the rite as opposed to anticipating what was coming next.) On the night of their baptism, most often Holy Saturday, they would be taken out to the nearest body of water. They would be accompanied into the water by the presiding minister. After being asked one final time if this was truly their desire, they would be plunged backward into the water as the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" were said. They would be held under the water until almost kicking to come up for air. This is the dying with Christ that is often lost in our modern day sprinkling of water. When they would be brought up from the water they would have an initial gasp for air. This is their first breath in their new life in Christ. They are indeed **"saved"**.

Every year when we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of our Lord, I find it so intriguing that Jesus felt it was necessary to be baptized. Why? I wonder. I don't think it was salvation that he was seeking. Maybe he was establishing the template for our faith journey. Being a Christian carries with it a call to evangelization and to ministry. Baptism brings the grace and gifts we will need to accomplish this daunting task. In that light, Jesus' baptism makes perfect sense, as you cannot give what you have not yet received. After all, Jesus' public ministry did not begin until after he was baptized.

Mark Mahoney



**January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord**



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
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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 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
Telephone: 857-4223 **Fax:** 857-0020

Email: parish.office@qasmoncton.com **Website:** www.qasmoncton.com

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

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

Daily Readings

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| <i>Monday</i> | Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 |
| <i>Thursday</i> | Memorial: St. Anthony Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 |
| <i>Friday</i> | Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 |
| <i>Saturday</i> | Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 |
| <i>Sunday</i> | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12 |



Just a friendly reminder... 2019 Envelopes are available at the back of the Church as well as envelopes for pre-authorized users.



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards on Monday, January 14th 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 Norma at 384-0605.

FACEBOOK

Queen of All Saints Parish Grouping
www.qasmoncton.com



Would you like to have the **WEEKLY BULLETIN DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX?** Simply send your email address to



St. Augustine's Saturday, January 12th Sunday, January 13th

Main entrance of St. Augustine's following the masses.

CHICKEN FRICOT, Crackers and Cookies \$5.00

In support of the Ray of Hope Kitchen. Your support is greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 12 | 4:00 p.m. | St. A | Late Joseph Longphee | George and Cindy Mayo |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | OLM | Late Angeb Tagay de Mayo | Parishioner |
| Sun | 13 | 9:00 a.m. | SLO | Late Harry Wynberg | John and Diane Haché |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | St. A | Late Archbishop Daniel Bohan | Family |
| Fri | 18 | 12:00noon | St. A | Late Mary Claire Nowlan | Karen and Bill |
| Sat | 19 | 4:00 p.m. | St. A | Late Jackie Melanson | Lahanky Family |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | OLM | Late Peggy Sullivan | Mom Mary |
| Sun | 20 | 9:00 a.m. | SLO | Late Donald Cliff | Wife Laurel |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | St. A | Late Frank Gillis | Wife Maria |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$2,441.00** (125 env); Loose: **\$291.00**; Christmas Offering: **\$10.00**; Candles: **\$120.00**; Needy at Christmas: **\$25.00** (2 env.); Building Fund: **\$405.00** (21 env.); New Year's Day: **\$670.00** (33env); Candles: **\$60.00**; All Souls: **\$10.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$1,438.00**(35 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$770.00** (28 env.); Loose: **\$61.05**; New Year's: **\$10.00** Initial Offering: **\$35.00** (3 env); Candles: **\$32.25** Pre-Authorized: **\$50.00** (3env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$865.00** (37 env.); Loose: **\$124.55**; Christmas Offering: **\$45.00**; New Year's Offering: **\$80.00**; Initial Envelope: **\$57.00**

Thank you for your generosity!



DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to John Fitzgerald and family on the sudden death of his father **Ron Fitzgerald**

May he rest forever in the loving embrace of God.



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**

Sunday, January 13th
10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Goodie Sunday**

Sunday, January 20th
9:15 am— St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

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

Monday January 21st
6:30 p.m.— St. Augustine's: **Gathering for Children and Parents preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday, January 22nd
6:30 p.m.— St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

**From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and
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PARISH CATECHETICAL COODINATORS: are scheduled to meet on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

ADULT FAITH COMMISSION: next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:30 at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES from various parishes of the English Deanery will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 20th. Candidates are to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. This gathering will conclude approximately 4:30 p.m.

OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY ** POLAND **** CZECH REPUBLIC**

This pilgrimage is set for September 2020, but bookings for the world-famous passion play in Oberammergau, Germany are quickly being filled. Apart from the district of Bavaria, Germany, our trip takes us to Poland's two largest cities, Warsaw and Krakow. While in Poland we will also visit the monastery of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the priest who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in Auschwitz. We will be visiting the world's oldest operating salt mine in Wielickza, Poland as well as many other historic sites. Our trip also takes us to three remarkable cities in the Czech Republic including its beautiful capital, Prague.

Plan to join travel consultant, Liliana Trail (386-8954) and Fr. Phil Mulligan (386-6737) at an information session on **Sunday, January 20th** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 2:00 p.m.**



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

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| Level 1-3 9:15 a.m. | Session #9 Session #10 | Sunday, January 20th Sunday, February 10th |
| Level 4-6 12:15 p.m. | Session #9 Session #10 | Sunday, January 20th Sunday, February 10th |
| Level 4-6 6:30 p.m. | Session #9 Session #10 | Tuesday, January 22th Tuesday, February 12th |



FAITH JDEVELOPMENT AT SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will be held following mass Sunday January 13th and January 27th.

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A gathering for **CHILDREN AND PARENTS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be held in St. Augustine's basement on Monday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: FOR CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS/PARENTS: Saturday February, 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The **GENTLEMEN OF HARMONY AND FRIENDS**—Jeunes Chanteur d'Acadie, Harrison Trimble Vocal Ensemble and quartets Gale Force and Seventh Wave will perform their second Annual Vocal Magic a Cappella show at Riverview Arts Centre Saturday, February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at Frank's Music, Jean Coutu, Sobey's Riverview

www.riverviewartscentre.ca



St Lawrence O'Toole Parishioners—If stormy weather causes the Sunday Mass to be cancelled 7:00 a.m. has been set as the time to make the decision. The QAS office message will be changed and the media will be contacted shortly thereafter. ***In the rare instance of a power outage at the parish office, please be aware that the phone system is unfortunately also out of commission.*** If you want to find out if Mass is cancelled please **call the office at 857-4223** for the recorded message or alternately you may check on line at <http://www.cbc.ca/stormcentre/nb/> or on radio at 89.5 FM-CJSE

