Lately I have been reflecting often about dying and rising, and the prominent place they have taken in my life. The physical deaths of numerous family members, friends, and acquaintances; numerous births, marriages, and other beautiful beginnings; friendships that have ended, and others that have emerged and taken flight; the letting go of some of my deepest, long-held certainties about the world, and the realization that a change in perspective can provide powerful insight. For Christians, our good news is our belief in the resurrection of the dead, our hope that even amid the ashes, goodness, light and life can flourish, if lovingly cultivated and tended to.

I cannot speak for you, but I can tell you that I have spent a fair bit of my own time lamenting among the ashes of that which was. Gnashing of teeth, even. As you might imagine, this is not a life-giving space, and perhaps sheer frustration has led me to grow into a deeper appreciation for the way in which life can guide us to see evidence of truth all around us. even in today's culture.

In October of this year, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome to address the topic "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." The Synod's preparatory document states:

...the Church has decided to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today. By listening to young people, the Church will once again hear the Lord speaking in today's world...the Church can glimpse the world which lies ahead and the paths the Church is called to follow.

(Synod of Bishops XV Ordinary General Assembly, 2017)

I thought this was a beautiful example of our openness to listening to the voice of God through our young people, who speak to us not only through their presence among us, but also by their absence. Fans of *The Simpson's* might recognize this quote which has always resonated with me. In one episode (Homerpalooza, May 1996), Grandpa Simpson reflects on the changing nature of the world, and he states: "I used to be with it, but then they changed what 'it' was, and now what I'm with isn't it. And what's 'it' seems weird and scary to me." I see truth in Grandpa Simpson's satirical statement. How many of us have experienced the feeling he is describing? What to do with the fear we experience when the world around has changed...that feeling of a rug having been pulled from beneath us? One response is to cling to a static worldview, unchanged. Another response is presented in

today's gospel, when Jesus says "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." To me, this is an invitation to transformation. A new covenant. A clean heart. To rise from the ashes.

~Trevor Droesbeck Archdiocese of Moncton Office of Youth Faith Development





March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

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Claire Hachey

Liturgy: 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.

Effective January 6th to March 24th

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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@gasmoncton.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 Solemnity-Saint Joseph 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

Tuesday Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday Daniel 3:13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95; John 8:31-42

Thursday Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Fríday Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13; John 10:31-42

Saturday Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11: 45-57

Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1, 15:47



DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Ann and Don Beaumaster and family on the sudden death of her brother-in-law <u>Edward Bartlette</u>; to Fr. Mike Toner and Sheila McCarthy and family on the death of their brother <u>Allison Toner</u>; to Betty Carpenter and Patricia Fraser on the death of their mother <u>Rita Hynes</u>, and to family and friends of <u>Rita Melanson</u>, whose funeral was celebrated at St. Lawrence O'Toole on Friday. May they rest forever in the loving embrace of God.



Sunday

A blue **ROSARY** was left behind at St. Augustine's a couple of weeks ago. If you happened to pick them up would you kindly return them to St. Augustine's...they have great sentimental value to the owner.

Hosted by K of C Council 9270, **MONCTON RIGHT TO LIFE** will hold a **TURKEY SUPPER FUND RAISER** on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>April 8th</u>. Contact Sr. Cecile at 857-9414; Connie at 857-4035 or Lise at 854-4209 or the parish office for the \$20.00 tickets.

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR has been attended by thousands of people in our archdiocese and millions across Canada and the world! Come and see why!! You will enjoy hearing about wonderful life-experiences, touching stories and inspiring teachings! There are many benefits for yourself and for the people in vour life, when you grow in knowledge and begin to apply it to your daily life. There will be several presenters including Fr. Charles Broderick. Being held Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. April 9th to May 21st at Holy Family Church. The \$15.00 fee includes all materials. Call Roberta 386-5175 or Donna 386-2072 for information.

FIFTH SUNDAY



MASS INTENTIONS								
Sat	17	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Brian Fawcett	Pennie and Family			
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Manuel deSimas	Knights of Columbus OLM			
Sun	18	9:00 a.m.	SLO'T	Anniversary Late Marie Anne LeBlanc	Clarence and Julie Gagnon			
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Clement Shituku	Boni, Edie, Kennedy			
Tue	20	12:00noon	St. A	Special Intention	Yvon and Edna Tremblay			
Fri	23	12:00noon	St. A	Late John F. Barry	Bob and Allice			
Sat	24	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Al Belliveau	Winnie and Family			
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Dot Doiron	Roger and Shirley LeBlanc			
Sun	25	9:00 a.m.	SLO'T	Late Bob Tuck	Danny and Nicole Sullivan			
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Angus Rafferty	Family			

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$3,115.45 (149 env); Loose: \$579.05; Building Fund: \$57.00 (5 env.); Candles: \$60.00; St. Vincent de Paul \$95.00; Donations for Flowers \$10.00; Share Lent \$180.00 (9 env.); Good Friday/ Chaplains \$20.00; Pre-Authorized: \$575.00 (14 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: \$620.00 (33 env.); Loose: \$71.95; Development & Peace \$10.00; Pre-Authorized: \$30.00 (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: March 4th—Envelopes: \$997.00 (36 env.); Loose \$158.55; Candles \$71.00.

Our Lady of Mercy: March 11th—Due to weather not available at printing. Pre-Authorized: \$20.00 (1 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Walk-ins and new donors are always needed at **MONCTON WHOLE BLOOD CLINIC** at 500 Mapleton Road. Go to blood.ca for more information and to book an appointment.

PEACEMAKING...Not for the Faint Hearted—

Guided Weekend Retreat with Gloria Ulterino from Friday, May 4th to Sunday, May 6th at Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay. Retreat begins with registration Friday at 4:00 pm and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Peacemaking is not for the faint hearted. But, true peacemakers are blessed. They are subject to persecution and being misunderstood. They are most often underappreciated. Those who broker spiritual and social peace together are children of God, of course, for Jesus is the Prince of Peace and he is our brother. So, what we need now more than ever are peacemakers - people of character who know how to reconcile people to God and to one another. Souls are at war. People are at war. Peace is a calling. Let's start actively living it out. Be blessed. Don't be unsettled by the consequences. You are in good company- Jesus and the saints. Gloria Ulterino, an active Catholic laywoman, is a preacher, storyteller, and leader of the Women of the Well storytelling group in Rochester, New York. She has led the services in this book in parishes and retreat settings in Western New York, at national gatherings, and with various other groups since 1998. She holds masters degrees in Divinity, Theology, American History, and is the author of numerous articles on pastoral ministry. Cost: \$230.00 single; \$390.00 couple; \$135.00 commuter. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 payable to Villa Madonna is due with your registration; remainder is due at time of arrival. TO REGISTER please contact Villa Madonna by calling toll free 1-866-783-3300.

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

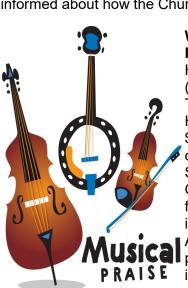


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LENTEN INSTAGRAM CHALLENGE 2018—Join the Office of Youth Faith Development on Instagram as you journey through Lent with Lenten Photo Challenge 2018. Check us out **Youth Faith Moncton** on Instagram for further information, or contact Trevor at the Office of Youth Faith Development.

The ADULT FAITH COMMISSION will meet in St. Bernard's Church basement on <u>Tuesday, March 20th</u> at 6:30 p.m.

NOT GETTING AN ANSWER, BUT WE'D BE MORE INFORMED ABOUT THE QUESTION—There are still copies of Sr. Nuala Kenny's book: Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care available at the Vision Book Store at Place de la Cathédral, 224 St. George Street (the basement of the Cathedral – side entrance off the parking lot). There is still plenty of time for you to finish reading that book which will be used as a springboard for discussion around the complex issue of medically assisted suicide and the challenge it presents for Roman Catholics. Retired nurses Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Leveque will facilitate these conversations, taking place on Saturday, April 14th and Saturday, April 21st at St. Bernard's Church Hall. Books cost \$17.00. This is the first in our series of initiatives to become more informed about how the Church views death.



WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING: Time with David Haas—The Archdiocese of Moncton is pleased to host David Haas, well known composer of contemporary liturgical music (including: You are Mine, Blest Are They, and We Have Been Told), in concert on Friday, June 1st, 7:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Drive in Riverview Admission: \$20.00 (cash only). Doors open at 6:30 pm. Please note: a collection will also be taken up for Music ministry Alive (MMA) Scholarship Fund for youth and adult music ministry formation. On Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00am - 2:00pm, David will facilitate a workshop and retreat for Music Ministers. This day is offered free of charge to music ministers within our diocese. Advance registration only—Deadline is May 25th. Lunch will be provided. Visit <u>www.diomoncton.ca</u> for registration and other PRAISE information. CDs, music and books by David will be available for purchase before and after the concert, and on Saturday as well.



It is with great joy that I will preside the MASS OF CHRISM at 7.00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 27th at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral. This special Mass is a manifestation of our Church gathered with the first pastor of our Diocesan Church. All priests are invited to concelebrate the Eucharist and renew their commitment of service. Also, we will proceed with the consecration of the Holy Chrism and the blessing of the oils for the sick and the catechumens. It is a major diocesan celebration where all the faithful of our diocese are invited. Welcome to all.

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau

THE WAY OF THE CROSS will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church on Monday March 19th and 26th at 7:00 p.m. and Saint Bernard's Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.



St. Lawrence O'Toole will **RECITE THE ROSARY** next <u>Sunday, March 25th</u> at 8:30 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine's <u>Tuesdays March 20th and 27th</u> at 12:00 noon.

REMINDER—7:00 p.m. liturgies will resume at Our Lady of Mercy Church <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 7th</u>.



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

Tuesdays

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

<u>Wednesdays</u>

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Living Word Community Prayer Group

hursdays

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

Sunday March 18th

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

10h00—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Session de Famille**

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

Monday March 19th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **1st Eucharist Gathering**

Tuesday March 20th

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

Wednesday March 21st

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Penitential

Thursday, March 22nd

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Family Way of the Cross Rehearsal

Sunday, March 25th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Family Way of the Cross Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 27th

7:00 p.m.—Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** â St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de l'église dimanche, le 18 mars à 10h00.

A gathering for CHILDREN AND PARENTS preparing to celebrate the SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be held at St. Augustine's Monday. March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #13	Sunday, March 18th
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #13	Sunday, March 18th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #13	Tuesday, March 20th
Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #14	Sunday, April 8th
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #14	Sunday, April 8th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #14	Tuesday, April 10th
Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #15	Sunday, April 22nd
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #15	Sunday, April 22nd
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #15	Tuesday, April 24th





REMEMBERING DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to make monetary donations for Easter Flowers in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our churches throughout the Easter season. If you would like to donate funds for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one vou may do so by completing the information below and 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 published in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for your donations

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Amount Donated:	Envelope # if Applicable

The action of **HOLY WEEK** moves from the triumph of the palm procession through the agony and death of the Lord to his glorious resurrection from the dead. During Holy Week, the people of God take time to reflect and pray about what Jesus has done for us in his love. We become more aware of the many ways in which we continue to live and experience the dying and rising of Jesus in our daily lives.



PASSION SUNDAY

Palms: The blessing of palm branches and the procession remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We praise Christ our king; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Jesus comes to save us and the world by the Paschal mystery: his death and resurrection accomplishes our salvation.

Passion narrative: Quickly the mood of the celebration changes; the solemn reading of the passion account from Matthew, Mark or Luke reminds us of the purpose of Jesus' entrance into the Holy City. We have begun to follow him on the way of the cross, along the road that leads us to Calvary and to Easter.

At Home: We place palms in our homes to show reverence for Jesus our leader: we are his followers in suffering as in glory.

Excerpt from National Liturgy Office

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Augustine's

Wednesday, March 21st

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Wednesday, March 21st



HOLY THURSDAY Thursday, March 29th

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

St. Augustine's 7:00 p.m. On Holy Thursday, St. Augustine's will remain open until 10:00 p.m. for those who wish to adore the Blessed Sacrament.

GOOD FRIDAY Friday, March 30th

FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Augustine's

10:30 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

St. Augustine's

3:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL FOR THE PARISH UNIT

Saturday, March 31st

St. Augustine's

7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 1st

St. Lawrence O'Toole Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

St. Augustine's



Catholics and Cremation

The death of a loved one is one of the most profoundly sorrowful moments in our lives. All major religions of the world have ways of ritually expressing the reality of death. The recent Vatican document, *Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo*, granted by Pope Francis, states that, "from earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayer and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. Those who have died remain part of the Church who believes "in the communion of all the faithful in Christ".

Over the course of centuries, some long held customs and practices have changed, in both society and in our religious traditions. In our own Roman Catholic tradition, with the tremendous gift of the Second Vatican Council, we have experienced the Church "reading the signs of the time". While our experiences of worship have been revised in both language and in ritual action, what is unchanged in our tradition is the respect for human life that the Church continues to faithfully call for. This is very evident in the way that the Church commemorates the death of one of its members.

The Order of Christian Funerals, the Church's official ritual book, envisions three ritual moments to be celebrated when a Catholic dies: Funeral Vigil, Funeral Liturgy (with or without Mass, depending on the circumstances), and Committal (burial or entombment). The celebration of these rites is intended to bring hope and consolation to those who mourn.

In the Introduction of the Order of Christian Funerals, we read that, "Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God".

The **Vigil** provides an opportunity for the Christian community **to share memories** (**such as a eulogy**) **and to offer** initial support to the mourners as they come to terms with the reality of death and to the sorrow that is experienced.

In the **Funeral Liturgy** (with or without Mass), the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of Saints. Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth, and benefit from their intercession and prayers.

At the rite of final commendation and farewell, the community acknowledges the reality of separation and commends the deceased to God.

The **Rite of Committal** is the final act of the community of faith in caring for the body of its deceased member. It is an expression of the communion that exists between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven: the deceased passes with the farewell prayers of the company of believers into the welcoming company of those who no longer need faith but see God face to face. (Order of Christian Funerals #379)

As Roman Catholics, we believe that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Given this deep respect for the body, the Church insists that the deceased be reverently buried or entombed in sacred, designated places for that purpose; in other words, returned to the earth.

Therefore: cremated remains are to be given the same respect and dignity that we afford the body of a deceased person. Among other things, this would mean that we would bury in a timely manner, and not divide, scatter, display in homes, put in tattoos or jewelry the cremated remains of loved ones. Keeping the ashes in your home, even in a burial urn, puts the remains at risk of being lost, stolen, or accidently discarded. As well, such a practice does not help in our process of grieving.

As people of faith, it is important to be informed, so that you can make decisions and discuss your choices with your loved ones. You are encouraged to speak with your parish priest about options and choices, prior to planning with the funeral home. Parishes welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you might have.

