

THREE QUALITIES OF A GOOD LAY MINISTER

What are some of the qualities a minister must have? From my own experience of ministry and from my years helping others to prepare for ministry, I find that it is important that the minister (1) have an attitude of service, (2) have the necessary competence and (3) be a team player. We will look at each of these qualities in relation to lay ministry at the liturgy; the same qualities, however, are important for ministry in the parish and for our work in the world at large.

AN ATTITUDE OF SERVICE—We minister because we follow Christ who “came not to be ministered unto but to minister.” We do not volunteer for liturgical ministry to get our own needs met (our need to feel important) but to serve the community, to aid their prayer, to help this assembly become a place where we can contact the living God. Ministers of music know the difference between a prayer and a performance and they know that the worshipping community can instinctively recognize that difference. You can tell a lot about your ministry by the comments people make. A good minister should be hearing things like: “Your singing really helped me pray this morning.” “I really felt God speaking to me when you read that Epistle.”

COMPETENCE—A minister must be competent. Competence is usually a combination of specialized training and natural abilities. You must know what thing you do best and be willing to participate in training sessions or attend practices specific to your particular ministry. The most prayerful liturgies which I have experienced have been those at which each of the ministers did their ministry well. Ministers of music must be competent musicians. The ministers of the Word must be good readers, capable of being heard and understood, capable of inspiring the assembly and making evident the fact that it is Christ himself who speaks when the Scriptures are read in the liturgy. There is no substitute for competence.



A TEAM PLAYER—Liturgy is never a “solo performance.” It is the collaborative worship of the entire community working together. A good football team is not a merely one with good receivers, good passers, good blockers—a good team is one in which all these people work together to make touchdowns and win games! Liturgy is no different: The liturgical ministers must work together as team players; they must know and abide by the rules—and they have to have a huddle now and then to meet and plan! A cantor who wants to show off and “steal the show” can destroy a celebration even though the singing is technically perfect. Ushers and readers must work together: The ushers cannot be seating latecomers while readers are ministering to the community. The words of the music must reflect the words of the Scripture reading and the words of the homily. Ministers must be team players. (Fr. Phil quoting Thomas Richstatter o.f.m. in Catholic Update, August 1991 issue)

Fr. Phil Mulligan



February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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
Assistant Priest:	Rev. Laurence Quin–Morris rllaurence@qasmoncton.com
Liturgy:	Carole Penney
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 7:00 p.m.

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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@qasmoncton.com
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St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery:	Linda Evans 389-9300
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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 Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Daily Readings

Monday	Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday	Feast: Chair of St. Peter 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
Thursday	Memorial: St. Polycarp Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50
Friday	Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12
Saturday	Sirach 17:1-4, 6-8, 10-15; Mark 10:13-16
Sunday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 49:14-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34



There are a number of boxes of 2017 weekly collection envelopes assigned to St. Augustine's parishioners that have still not been claimed!

In order to save postage costs, please pick up your 2016 **INCOME TAX RECEIPT** at the parish office.



Next weekend, Our Lady of Mercy Church will celebrate the **RITE OF ACCEPTANCE** with **Frances Kelly**. During this ritual, Frances will publicly declare her intention to continue her journey toward full initiation in the Catholic Church, and as a parish community we offer her our support and witness. Please keep Frances, and all Catechumen, in your prayers as they continue their journey towards the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.



PRACTICE FOR LENT next Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m.

- ♪ New Psalm for Lent
- ♪ Music for Ash Wednesday
- ♪ Introducing new song 'We Remember, We Believe'
- ♪ All are welcome!

Led by Fr. Laurence, a **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** will be held February 7th to 15th, 2018. Information brochures are available at each church.

THANK YOU to all those who prepared/served/purchased tickets for the **CHOWDER FEST TAKE OUT** last weekend at St. Lawrence O'Toole. Due to your continued support, it was another great success raising over \$1,500.00.



A **WARM WELCOME** is extended to members of **QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SCOUTS** as they attend St. Augustine's Sunday morning liturgy as Scout—Guide Week begins.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	18	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Eugene Boudreau	Bob & Rita LeBlanc
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Fred Walker	Marceline Belliveau
Sun	19	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Anniversary Late Reg King	Eileen, Phyllis, Wayne, Eddy, Joyce
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Hamford Hachey	Celia & Family
Fri	24	12:00 noon	St. A	Special Intention	Carol Ferguson
Sat	25	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Doris Styles	Pam Van Egmond
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Ron Browne	Wife Genevieve
Sun	26	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Late Beryl McCleary	Germaine Melanson
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Terry Stack	Sylvia

OFFERINGS FOR LAST WEEK



Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$3,702.00** (169 env.); Loose: **\$602.00**; Building Fund: **\$430.00** (27 env.); Ray of Hope: **\$320.00** (17 env.); Donation: **\$100.00**; Candles: **\$56.20**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$442.00** (15 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$790.00** (45 env.); Loose: **\$58.50**; Initial Offering: **\$5.00**; Chowder Fest Fundraiser: **\$1,505.60**; Pre-Authorized: **\$28.00** (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$604.00** (40 env.); Loose: **\$103.05**; Candles: **\$41.35**.

Thank you for your generosity !

St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League members will host their annual **SHAMROCK CARD PARTY** Wednesday, March 15th, 12:00 noon in St. Bernard's Church Hall. Price is \$10.00 each and includes Luncheon and prizes! Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets available from Louise Ongo at 859-7306 or Norma Gibson at 855-8236.



ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1st! A basket is available at the entrance to each church to accept your old palms.

MASS SCHEDULE ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:30 a.m. St. Bernard's
12:00 noon Holy Family
6:30 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary
7:00 p.m. St. Augustine's

The **Way of the Cross** will be celebrated each Fridays of Lent at Holy Family Church at 7:00 p.m.

St. Bernard's will celebrate **Evening Prayer** during Lent Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.



From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development
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The next selection for **BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST** for Young Adults 19-30 will be *The Prophet*, by Kahlil Gibran. Meet to discuss the book on Saturday, February 25th at Jean's Restaurant, Mountain Road. Contact Trevor for more information.

Rediscovering our relationship with God and creation in light of the Pope's Encyclical, Laudato Si' and the Universe Story – Beginning March 2nd and continuing through the Thursdays during Lent, Sr. Denise Lirette, fj will guide the conversation about the call from Pope Francis to care for the earth, using the document *Laudato Si' (Praise Be to You)*. Sessions will take place at Holy Family Church Hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Copies of *Laudato Si'* are available from the Vision Book Store for \$10, or can be downloaded from the Vatican website at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html. Please contact Ellen or Trevor to register.

In order to ensure that **all** our faith communities become more familiar with the ritual prayer, **Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours**, the English Diocesan Pastoral Council has requested that two opportunities to celebrate this official prayer of the Church be organized during the Season of Lent. **Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours** is the **official** ritual to be used when no priest is available to preside at Sunday Mass. Members of all the English parishes (and especially liturgical ministers) are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to gather together to pray this liturgy. These liturgies will be celebrated on: Monday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church.

Following each liturgy, all those present, including the liturgical ministers, are invited to remain to discuss and ask questions about this ritual.

AMAZING GRACE: Discovering God's Gifts in our Lives—This year's Lenten Mission takes place at Holy Family Church over three Sundays – March 12th, 19th and 26th - beginning with prayer at 6:30 p.m. , and concluding with a time of fellowship. Join us as we look at grace through these three lenses:

"A Word about Grace: What the Bible tells us about God's Graciousness". March 12th Dr. Andrew Wilson and Dr. Fiona Black (Associate Professors of religious studies at Mount Allison University) will consider: What does the Bible have to say about grace? Is there a difference between the Old and New Testament understandings of grace? What are the ways that grace moves from "text" to "life"?

"God's generous gift offered again and again and again and ..." March 19th Claudette Derdaele (Director of the Adult Lay Formation Program with the diocese of Saint John) will explore: What is this gift given at moments of sacraments? How does this gift "keep on giving?" How do we "keep on receiving?"

"Set the Table, Grace is Coming!" On March 26th Craig Murphy (Regional Director of Chaplaincy, Atlantic for Bridges of Canada) will answer: Who invited Grace anyway? In the busyness of our lives, how on earth do we take the time to sit down for a meal with such a gifted guest? How does your table look, and are we open to the banquet that is set before us if we have eyes to see? Let's explore together what living a grace-filled and graceful life might be for us.

The next **THEOLOGY ON TAP** for young adults 19 to 39) will be held on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at St. James' Gate FOX CREEK. The title for this session will be *Walk a Mile in My Shoes* and will address issues of awareness and inclusivity involving disabled persons. Our guest speaker will be Karen Young, an adult educator at St. Nicholas Adult High School, part of the Ottawa Catholic School system. Please contact Trevor to register.

Are you there yet? Are you ready to spend time with your God in silence? Lent is a time for almsgiving, fasting and prayer. This Lent join others in "Our Sacred Space" practising the discipline of silence and stillness in the presence of God, praying as Jesus prayed to His Father. Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the Day Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Call Dianne of Our Sacred Space Christian Meditation Community at 386-6094 for further information.



GROUP A—level 1 to 6
Sunday, February 19th Session 11
Sunday, March 12th Session 12
Sunday, March 26th Session 13

GROUP B—level 1 to 6
Monday, February 20th Session 11
Monday, March 13th Session 12
Monday, March 27th Session 13

GROUP C—level 4 to 6 only
Tuesday, February 21st Session 11
Tuesday, March 14th Session 12

A RETREAT FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND SPONSOR OR PARENT will be held in St. Augustine's Basement next Saturday, February 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A GATHERING FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST will be held in St. Augustine's basement next Sunday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m.

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** à St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de l'église dimanche, le 26 février.



Did you know.... in 1978, the first annual Fall Education and Action campaign is organized. **A Time to Act** was a national campaign which consisted of sending Christmas cards to South African political prisoners.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH



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

Thursdays
7:00 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Adoration and Prayers for Vocations**

Sunday, February 19th
9:15 a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Family Session A**

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Goodie Sunday**

11:00 a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Family Mass**

Monday, February 20th
6:15 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Family Session B**

Tuesday, February 21st
10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **St. Lawrence O'Toole Local Pastoral Council**

6:15 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Family Session C**

Saturday, February 25th
1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church Basement: **Confirmation Gathering**

7:00 p.m.—Our Lady of Mercy Church: **Rite of Acceptance**

Sunday, February 26th
9:30 a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Practice for Lenten Music**

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Catechese Familiale**

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **First Eucharist Gathering for Children and Parents**

Wednesday, March 1st
Ash Wednesday