

Acing the Test

In my twenties and thirties, I experienced a recurring dream wherein I was back at J.M.A. Armstrong High School in Salisbury, except my current adult age, and I would find myself sitting in an otherwise empty classroom, waiting to take a test. Unconcerned about the obvious question of why I was taking a High School test at the age of 30, I would ask myself in the dream, “How am I supposed to write this test? I am 100% unprepared for it. How did this happen?”

As you may already know, dreams of being unprepared for tests in various forms are common. They are so common, some neuroscientists have offered explanations for why they may occur, such as anxiety over unachieved goals, paths not taken, missed opportunities, regrets over past actions, etc. In fact, the more I read about these dreams, the more I did not like what I was learning because they suggested some kind of tension between the expectations I (and others) had for my life and the way my life was unfolding. Everything was perfect, how dare I dream otherwise?

People studying human behaviour have a field day with this kind of stuff, but my point here is knowing that unpleasant feeling of being unprepared for an event that is both important and imminent. You might have experienced something similar if you have ever walked into a presentation or meeting unprepared for what was expected of you. Now, compare that to the feeling you experience when walking into a test, presentation, or meeting having prepared for it to the best of your ability. While you may still experience nervousness, you know you are ready for what lies before you, and the difference between being prepared and being unprepared is like night and day.

With Jesus’ precaution to “Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour” we are invited to maintain a posture of ever-readiness for encountering our Christ, our God. Ron Rolheiser suggests Jesus is telling us to “Wake up! Wake up before death wakes you up.” During the upcoming season of Advent, we will be encouraged to wake up to the commercialism of our culture, and to all that which distracts us from preparing ourselves for encountering the divine. Preparedness in 2017 involves forging a spiritual space that goes beyond the superficiality of what our culture calls us to be, and draws us into a deeper relationship with our God. Not only does this “nurture strength of spirit to shield (us) in sudden misfortune,” as Max Ehrmann wrote in *Desiderata*, but it also helps us to recognize that Jesus lives among us right now.

“Watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you, because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don’t believe in magic will never find it.”

-The Minpins, by Roald Dahl

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November 12th 2017
Thirty-Second 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 Priests part time:	Rev. Laurence Quin–Morris frlaurence@gasmoncton.com
	Rev. Jean Bernard (JB) Mallais jbm+@gasmoncton.com
Liturgy:	Claire Hachey
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.

Parish Office: 340 Dominion Street, Moncton, NB E1C 6H8

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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
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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	Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Friday	Memorial: St. Elizabeth of Hungary Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Proverbs 31:10-13; 16-18,20,26,28-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21



A **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** will take place October 15th to 24th, 2018. An **INFORMATION SESSION** will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m. For information and to reserve a place for the meeting, please contact Travel Consultant, Liliانا Trail at 386-8954 or Fr. Phil Mulligan at 386-6737.



ARCHBISHOP VALERY VIENNEAU will be the speaker at the **FALL CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** being held at St. Jude's Church in Salisbury Friday, November 17th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Archbishop Vienneau will speak on the theme of *Our Walk With Jesus: as our Lord and Savior; as our Good Shepherd; as the Way and the Truth; as the Resurrection and the Life; and as the Bread of Life*. Mass at 6:30 p.m. Saturday followed by healing prayer. Registration \$20.00; Bag lunch at noon. For information call Mary 855-8330 or Roberta 386-5175.



NOT AS IT SEEMS— Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will hold their annual **Dinner Theatre Church Fundraiser** on Saturday, November 25th with a repeat performance on Sunday, Nov 26th, with both at 6:00 p.m. It's a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings', coffee, tea and dessert for \$25.00. For tickets, contact Helen Vaughan at 386-2071.

The **MITTEN TREE** has started sprouting in the church gathering space and will continue to grow until Advent, when Catholic Women's League members will distribute the mitts to local school children.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	11	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Deceased CWL Members Late Reg Leger	St. Augustine's CWL Wife Jean
Sun	12	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Deceased Members of Lowry Family Anniversary Late Lucy Laviolette	Family Claude and Family
Tues	14	7:00 p.m.	St. L O'T	Late Frances Atkins	Patricia Jardine
Fri	17	12:00 noon	St. A	Anniversary Late Norman LeBlanc	Dolores and Family
Sat	18	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Anniversary Late Debbie McGrath-Roussel In Thanksgiving	Stella McGrath & Family Parishioner
Sun	19	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Late Charles Northup Anniversary Late Edward Donavon	Norman & Gloria Goguen Georgina and Family

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$4,412.00** (199 env); Loose: **\$691.00** Building Fund: **\$585.00** (34 env.); Candles: **\$75.00**; World Mission Sunday: **\$15.00** (2 env.); All Souls: **\$290.00** (17 env); Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$1,388.00** (35 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$815.00** (37 env.); Loose: **\$114.00**; Heating: **\$250.00** (13 env.); Candles: **\$124.95**; Pre-Authorized: **\$50.00** (3 env.).



Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$ (env.); Loose: \$; Candles: \$; World Mission Sunday \$; Pre-Authorized: \$20.00** (1 env.)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ALL ST. AUGUSTINE'S, OUR LADY OF MERCY AND ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE PARISHIONERS may take advantage of the **PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT SYSTEM** for weekly church contributions. Payments may be stopped or changed at any time. Please call the parish office if you are interested.



On **REMEMBRANCE DAY** Canadians pause in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. It is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED Monday, November 13th** in observance of Remembrance Day.

On the **FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE**, mass will be celebrated in Irishtown Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.



Saint Lawrence O'Toole's **SOCK TREE** is now up in the entrance of the church and we are looking for warm socks for all ages. Please help decorate and hang them on the tree. A basket will also be available for mittens and hats. All articles will be distributed to the needy.

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The **BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST** selection for young adults 19-39 will be *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave. It is a dual narrative about a Nigerian asylum-seeker and a British magazine editor. The novel examines the treatment of refugees by the asylum system, as well as issues of British colonialism, globalization, political violence and personal accountability. We will meet to discuss the book on Saturday, November 25th at 10:00 a.m., location TBA.



GOSPEL OF MARK: the Puzzling Story of Jesus

Join Dr. Andrew Wilson Saturday, November 25th at Holy Family Church Hall from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm as he provides a glimpse of the Jesus presented in Mark's Gospel. He will explore such questions as: Why do the disciples in Mark's Gospel constantly miss the point? Is a 'Markan Sandwich' a first century luncheon? Given that on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins her New Year, and for the next liturgical year we will primarily hear the Gospel of Mark, this session will offer insights into that Gospel. Cost of the session is \$12.00. *Dr. Wilson's entertaining style and depth of knowledge has made him a popular presenter for the Office of Faith Development.* Pre-registration is necessary by November 22, and may be done by contacting Ellen. Lunch will be provided.

Still time to purchase your tickets for St. Augustine's CWL fund raiser. \$400.00 worth of various Gift Cards! Tickets available at the parish office this week or at the Christmas Bazaar next Saturday. Only \$1.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Winning ticket will be drawn November 18th.



GOODIE SUNDAY will be held at St. Lawrence O'Toole next Sunday, November 19th immediately following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. All are invited to enjoy some tasty treats with other Queen of All Saints parishioners.



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS (St. Michaels)

SCOUTING is making and selling unbaked homemade **APPLE PIES**. They are \$8.00 each with all proceeds to support Scouting adventures for QAS St. Michaels Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. Contact Garth at 388-3979 to place your order—pay for pies at time of pick up at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 25th at Mount Royal Church, 106 Mount Royal Blvd.



COMMUNION WHEN IN THE HOSPITAL—

Due to the "Privacy Act", parishioners are reminded that if they wish to receive Eucharist, it is necessary to *state that "they wish to receive"*, either while being admitted or by informing nursing staff.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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

Level 1 -3	9:15 a.m.	Session #5	Sunday, November 12th
		Session #6	Sunday, November 26th
		Session #7	Sunday, December 10th
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #5	Sunday, November 12th
		Session #6	Sunday, November 26th
		Session #7	Sunday, December 10th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #5	Tuesday, November 14th
		Session #6	Tuesday, November 28th
		Session #7	Tuesday, December 12th

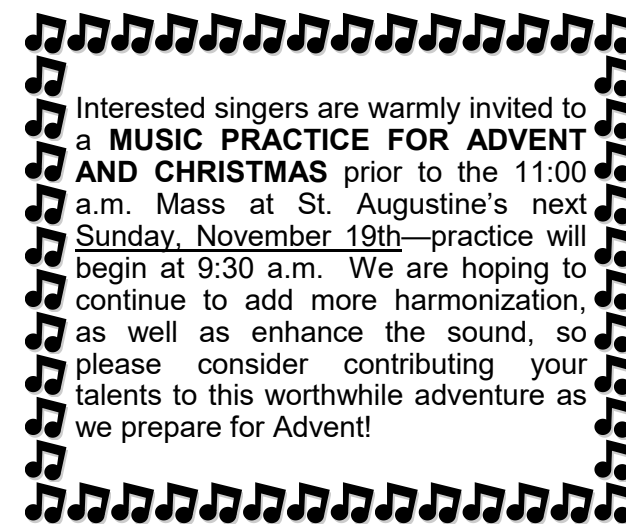
Next Sunday, November 19th a **TOUR OF THE CHURCH** for children preparing for the **Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation** will be held at St. Augustine's at 12:15 p.m.

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** à St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de l'église dimanche, le 3 decembre à 10h00.

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held on November 12th and 26th at 10:00a.m.



ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will be taking part in the Christmas Bazaar at St. Augustine's Church Saturday, November 18th. Our participation is a fund raiser for our church. Donations of home baking, preserves, knitting and Christmas gift items would be appreciated. All items can be dropped off at St. Lawrence O'Toole rectory next Friday, November 17th between 3:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.



Interested singers are warmly invited to a **MUSIC PRACTICE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS** prior to the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine's next Sunday, November 19th—practice will begin at 9:30 a.m. We are hoping to continue to add more harmonization, as well as enhance the sound, so please consider contributing your talents to this worthwhile adventure as we prepare for Advent!



The Christmas tradition of "Tags for Toys" at St. Augustine's will begin November 25th. Trees laden with tags for boys and girls of all ages will be placed at the main entrance of the church. Parishioners may select a tag, purchase an age appropriate gift and bring it **unwrapped** to the boxes provided near the trees **no later than December 17th**. Volunteers from the St. Vincent de Paul Society are coordinating this project in conjunction with the Salvation Army and will ensure the toys are distributed to children from our area in time for Christmas.

In an effort to assist the working poor and the homeless, **THE METROTONES POP CHORUS** present their annual Christmas charity concert on Friday, December 15th, 7:30 p.m. at the Moncton Wesleyan Centre. Proceeds to the The Food Depot Alimentaire with assistance to The Karing Kitchen and The Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen Inc. Tickets \$10.00 (plus non-perishable food items) available at all Jean Coutus; Read's Newsstands; Peoples Park Tower; Sobeys (Vaughan Harvey Blvd.); Hospice Shoppe or a chorus member. For information call 384-0225 or www.metrotones.org

St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League is reminding members that it is time once again to pay our annual membership dues. You may pay at the monthly meeting or simply put the \$25.00 in an envelope clearly marked **CWL DUES**. Don't forget to include your name!



Upcoming EVENTS

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, Silence, Prayers for Vocations**

Sunday November 12th

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

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

Sunday November 12th

10:00a.m. Saint Lawrence O'Toole: **Family Session**

Monday November 13th

1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Senior Adults Group**

6:30p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Confirmation Gathering**

Tuesday November 14th

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

Saturday, November 18th

8:30 a.m.—St. Augustine's: **CWL Christmas Bazaar**

Sunday, November 19th

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

12:15p.m. St. Augustine's: **1st Eucharist and Reconciliation Church tour.**

Sunday, November 26th

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

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

Tuesday, November 28th

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



NEXT WEEKEND

St. Augustine's Church
Saturday, November 18th
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

CAFÉ FRICOT sponsored by
The Ray of Hope Kitchen
\$8.00

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

In the Church, the reform of Vatican II has refined and reinvigorated a long-standing Catholic tradition: November is a month-long celebration of the communion of saints, of remembrance and prayer for those gone before us, and of heightened anticipation of Christ's second coming.

During the month of November, St. Augustine's, and St. Lawrence O'Toole will each have their **BOOK OF THE DEAD** on display. On the pages provided, parishioners are encouraged to write the names of loved ones who have died, if they have not already done so.

The names of loved ones previously written in the Book of the Dead remain listed from year to year and continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

On Monday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m., we will gather at St. Augustine's Church to pray for our loved ones who have died in the past twelve months. Everyone is invited to attend this liturgy and the reception that will be held in the church basement following the mass.

