

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today's celebration, the Epiphany of the Lord, I believe has much to offer us in our faith journeys. As I read today's gospel, I am struck by the depth of the word epiphany. Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth". I think of the amount of faith manifested by the wise men to follow a star upon its rising, for them to pay homage to "the child who was born King of the Jews" and honour him with the rare gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

First, let's think of the effort, planning and preparation such a trip must have required. These men travelled from "the East" to Jerusalem and then on to Bethlehem. It must have taken a lot of faith and courage to be strangers in another city, going against the grain. They clearly understood the significance of his birth and they were not to be deterred from their goal. Indeed, theirs was a journey of faith, a search for meaning and purpose. His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI said in his homily on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 {about the wise men}: "...*They wanted above all else to know what is essential. They wanted to know how we succeed in being human. And therefore, they wanted to know if God exists, and where and how he exists. Whether he is concerned about us and how we can encounter him. Nor did they want just to know. They wanted to understand the truth about ourselves and about God and the world. Their outward pilgrimage was an expression of their inward journey, the inner pilgrimage of their hearts. They were men who sought God and were ultimately on the way towards him. They were seekers after God.*"



I think of the openness of heart and mind as well as the humility they demonstrated by accepting this child as our Saviour, when they could have displayed the same hostility as Herod. They welcomed Jesus and I'm sure they were unquestionably changed forever. On December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI said: "*Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person – Jesus Christ – who gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.*" He went on to say, "*faith is above all a personal, intimate encounter with Jesus, an experience of his closeness, his friendship, his love; only in this way does one learn to know him ever more, and to love and follow him ever more.*"

The journey of the wise men can be made equivalent to our faith journeys, and our search for forgiveness, compassion, grace, peace and justice. We don't have to travel physically far to get to where we want to be, but the distance, the ups and downs, are nonetheless present. I believe that the message is today's gospel is that we are all welcomed to accept Jesus Christ in our hearts and that none of us are excluded from God's love. Sometimes we just need to humble ourselves to the journey.

Katy Mahoney



**January 7, 2018**  
**Epiphany**



**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

<b>Priest-Moderator:</b>	Rev. Allison Carroll
<b>Assistant Priests part time:</b>	Rev. Laurence Quin-Morris frlaurence@qasmoncton.com Rev. Jean Bernard (JB) Mallais jbm+@qasmoncton.com
<b>Liturgy:</b>	Claire Hachey
<b>Justice and Solidarity:</b>	Marilyn McCleary

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

<b>St. Augustine's:</b>	Friday—12:00 noon Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.
<b>St. Lawrence O'Toole:</b>	Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00
<b>Our Lady of Mercy:</b>	Saturday 4:00 p.m. Effective January 6th to March 24th

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

## Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feast: Baptism of the Lord</b> Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Mark 1:7-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Samuel 3:1-10; 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</b> 1 Samuel 8:4-7; 10-22; Mark 2:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mark 2:13-17
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:</b> 1 Samuel 3:3, 10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20



**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2018**, the regular weekly Mass at **OUR LADY OF MERCY** will be at **4:00 p.m. in the afternoon**. This time for Mass will continue through the Winter Months ending on Saturday, March 24th.



The **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** is looking for **volunteers** who would be willing to help on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. This work requires some heavy lifting, dealing with clients and handling cash. For more information contact Jim Fenwick 857-2088 or Patsy Murray 388-9620.

**CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND FAMILY DAY**—Everyone welcomed to join the Irish Association of Moncton Chapter for a fun afternoon Sunday, January 14th at 305 Dominion Street across from Christ the King Church Golden Age Club from 2:00-4:00 p.m.



**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 15th 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 Debbie at 384-8431.

**GOODIE SUNDAY** will be held at St. Lawrence O'Toole next Sunday, January 14th immediately following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. All are welcome to attend.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	6	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Rev. Camille Gautreau	Patricia Jardine
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Robert and Adrienne	Roberta and Ted Kresky
Sun	7	9:00 a.m.	St. L	Late Ronald Despres	Clarence and Julie Gagnon
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Ann. L. Gioranni and Alberto Tamburri	Lee and Family
Fri	12	12:00 noon	St. A	Ann. L. Thecla Myatt	Denis and Albertine
Sat	13	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Florence LeBlanc Moulton	Sister Yvonne and Family
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Michael Shields	Maureen Lemay
Sun	14	9:00 a.m.	St. L	Ann. L. Donald Cliff	Clarence and July Gagnon
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Sarah McDuff	Katherine, John and Family

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

**Saint Augustine's:** Envelopes: **\$4,978.00** (161 env); Loose: **\$532.00**; Christmas Offering: **\$552.00** (20 env.); Christmas Flowers: **\$50.00**; Solemnity of Mary (New Year): **\$2,675.00** (87 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$40.00** (4 env.); Donations: **\$950.00** (3 env.); Candles: **\$140.00**; Holy Land: **\$10.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$315.00** (12 env.).



**Saint Lawrence O'Toole:** Envelopes: **\$781.00** (37 env.); Loose: **\$123.60**; Christmas Offering: **\$35.00** (3 env.); New Year: **\$360.00** (26 env.); New Year Loose: **\$79.15**; Initial Offering: **\$70.00** (9 env.); Pre-Authorized: **\$50.00** (3 env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy December 30th:** Envelopes: **\$455.00** (26 env.); Loose: **\$187.00**; Candles: **\$26.10**; Building Fund: **\$8.00**; Christmas: **\$20.00**; Missals: **\$5.00**; New Year: **\$270.00**; Initial Envelope: **\$5.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy December 23rd-24th:** Envelopes: **\$480.00** (29 env.); Loose: **\$841.00**; Candles: **\$88.50**; Building Fund **\$30.00**; Christmas Offering: **\$1,515.00**; Missals **\$20.00**.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## 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, January 7th

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

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### Tuesday, January 9th

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

### Tuesday, January 9th

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

### Sunday, January 14th

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

### Monday, January 15th

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

### Sunday, January 21st

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

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

### Monday, January 22nd

6:30 p.m. **Confirmation Gathering**





The **Diocesan Center at 45 York Street** and the **Vision Bookstore** will be closed from December 26, 2017 to January 12, 2018 inclusively for the usual holidays, to prepare our departure from 45 York Street and for the installation in our new offices at the Place de la Cathédrale (on the ground floor of the Assumption Cathedral). The new offices will open on Monday, January 15, 2018. All telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause and we will be happy to welcome you in our new offices.

The **ADULT FAITH COMMISSION** will meet Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 at the Diocesan Offices on 45 York Street.

**PARISH CATECHETICAL COORDINATORS** will meet Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices at 45 York Street.

**TRANSFORMED THROUGH EUCHARIST**—If you are parents of children who are preparing to receive Communion for the first time from any parish in the English sector, we ask that you attend this session on Thursday, January 25th from 6:30-8:00/8:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church Hall. We will offer an overview of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and talk about how, through the Eucharist, the bread and wine and the assembly are transformed again into the Body of Christ. Please contact Ellen or your parish catechetical coordinator to register.

#### 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 #8	Sunday, January 7th
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #8	Sunday, January 7th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #8	Tuesday, January 9th
Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #9	Sunday, January 21st
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #9	Sunday, January 21st
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #9	Tuesday, January 23rd

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held Sunday, January 14th and 28th at 10:00a.m.

A **GATHERING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** will be held in St. Augustine's Basement on Monday, January 22nd 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 21 janvier à 10h00.



## CHICKEN FRICOT

Saturday January 13th and Sunday January 14th.

### WHERE

St. Augustine's main entrance following the masses

### HOW MUCH

Same low price \$5.00 each, same high quality product

**Proceeds to the Ray of Hope Kitchen**

**Your support is Greatly Appreciated**



We would like to THANK YOU most sincerely for the good wishes, prayers, Christmas cards and generous gifts. We are truly appreciative of your kindness. To all who serve in a ministry or on committees, a huge THANK YOU for all your additional efforts towards our Christmas celebrations, in whichever ministry you are involved.

Fr. Laurence and Fr. JB