

Light to the Nations

“This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine ...”

The new decade has not started well. While January 1st dawned filled with hope and promise as all New Year’s seem to, much has happened in the few short weeks since to bring hope crashing down. Australia continues to burn; three days into the year, an Iranian general is killed on orders from an American president, leading to the death of 176 innocent people; Puerto Rico is rocked by an earth quake causing untold damage and disruption of essential services; and the Philippines is dealing with a rumbling volcano which could erupt at any time, having the potential to trigger a tsunami. These are but a few tragic events that the world is facing during the first month of a new decade.

On the political scene, the Government of Canada prepares to broaden access to Medical Assistance in Dying, presenting further challenging decisions for us. And in our personal lives, the Bennett’s and many others who knew and loved him, are mourning the sudden death of a dear friend. The light does not seem to be extending far enough to reach us.

Light is a funny thing. Each night, as I go to bed, I open the drapes of my bedroom window, so that the light of dawn will wake me. There are some mornings when that happens far sooner than I actually want to get up, but the alternative is that my room will be too dark for my body to know that it is time to rise.



In today’s reading from Isaiah we hear, ‘I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’ While this refers to the “divinely mandated mission of Servant Israel” (Dennis Hamm, SJ) it is a theme echoed by our Church, as we too are called to share that light – that salvation – to the world. We crave the light. A friend noted she was grateful that the Town of Riverview seems to be leaving their blue lit trees lit up – we miss the explosion of colour along the waterfront that has graced our little town since November. While darkness holds a certain beauty, creating a particular ambiance, it is the flame of a candle, a fireplace or a well-placed light that completes that ambiance.

How, in all this chaos and pain, are we to live that light – be that light? Well again, the news shows me: firefighters heading to Australia even during the Christmas season to help combat spreading wildfires; an outpouring of love and support for families and friends of the Canadian victims of the missile downed plane; and a little human interest story shown on CBC’s National News this week about a family of 8 rescued by their cousin, and adopted by their aunt and uncle in Montreal after losing their parents in the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti 10 years ago, and what life looks like for them now. The headline read, “They would be proud of us.” Light flickers small sometimes and may be difficult to see. Yet nonetheless, it exists.

Ellen Bennett
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January 19th, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary time



Saint Augustine's
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, NB
E1C 6H8



Saint Lawrence O'Toole
2340 Route 115
Irishtown, NB
E1H 2L6



Our Lady of Mercy
11 St. Andrews Street
Pointe-du-Chêne, NB
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PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest-Moderator: Rev. Angus Johnston
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Pastoral Associate: Charlie Farrell
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Liturgy: Claire Hachey
Justice and Solidarity: Marilyn McCleary

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

St. Augustine's:	Tuesday—7:00 p.m. Friday—12:00 noon Saturday—4:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence O'Toole:	Monday—9:30a.m. Wednesday 4:00p.m. (French) Sunday—9:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Mercy:	Thursday—9:30 a.m.; Saturday 7:00 p.m.

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Website: www.qasmoncton.com

Facebook: Queen of All Saints Parish Grouping

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

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

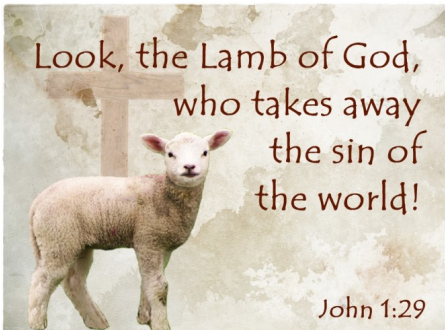
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 857-2088

Regular Depot Hours

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

Daily Readings

Monday 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday **Memorial: St. Agnes**
1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6
Thursday 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
Friday **Memorial: St. Francis de Sales**
1 Samuel 24:2-21; Mark 3:13-19
Saturday **Feast: The Conversion of St. Paul**
Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
Sunday **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4:12-23



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Will meet in St. Augustine's basement on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Father Peter McKee room. Please use the elevator entrance. For information please contact Patsy Murray at 388-9620.

VISION BOOK STORE: Come visit us at Place de la Cathédrale, 224, St-George St. Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 am to Noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Info. 857-9531, ext. 1238.



Would you like to have the **WEEKLY BULLETIN DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX?** Simply send your email address to parish.office@gasmoncton.com



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE will begin with a meet and greet evening Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. The course will be offered Friday, March 27th 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 28th 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register please contact the office at 857-4223



ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH will meet regularly on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. All youth grades 6 to 12 and young adults are welcome.



Mass Intentions

Sat	18	4:00p.m.	St. A	Late Beatrice Hamilton	Helen Coholan
		7:00p.m.	OLM	Marie Léa LeBlanc	Odette and Family
Sun	19	9:00a.m.	SLOT	Delina Girouard	Laurel Cliff
		11:00a.m.	St. A	Late Ronnie MacIssac	Anne MacLellan and Rudy
Mon	20	9:30a.m.	SLOT	Doug Corey	Parishioner
Tue	21	7:00p.m.	St. A	Jean Claude Tanguay	Family
Wed	22	4:00p.m.	SLOT	Late Laurise Maillet	Normand & Pauline Gagnon
Thur	23	9:30a.m.	OLM	Edward Robichaud	Charlotte, Shelly and Tracy
Fri	24	12:00noon	St. A	Late Christina Wright	The Bourque Family
Sat	25	4:00p.m.	St. A	Late Keith Philander	Maurice Doiron
		7:00p.m.	OLM	Bill Gould	Frank and Gloria Savard
Sun	26	9:00a.m.	SLOT	Late Jacques Babin	Matthew & Chantele Caissie
		11:00a.m.	St. A	Late Connell Whitehead	Connie Willden

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$2,635.00** (119 env); Loose: **\$365.00**; Building Fund: **\$90.00** (9 env); Christmas Offering: **\$30.00**; Needy at Christmas: **\$20.00**; New Year: **\$60.00**; (4 env); Candles: **\$90.00**; Ray of Hope: **\$55.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$1,010.00** (16 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$295.00** (17 env.); Loose: **\$90.10**; Initial Offering: **\$5.00**; Cemetery Upkeep: **\$900.00** (2env); Pre-Authorized: **\$120.00** (4 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$600.00** (31 env.); Loose: **\$52.25**; Candles: **\$32.75**; Christmas: **\$25.00**; Building Fund: **\$250.00**

Thank you for your generosity!



HEARTFELT SYMPHY Is extended to Joel Gepiga and family on the death of his mother **Bernardita Gepiga**

May she rest forever in the loving embrace of God



ST. AUGUSTINE'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is looking for a Volunteer to unload their "Drop Off Barn" on Monday and Wednesday evenings and transfer the contents to the Basement of 113 Norwood Ave. Some heavy lifting is required. For information contact the Manager, Serge Dufour at 857-2088 and leave a message.

During the morning liturgy at St. Augustine's, it has become the custom for the children (and adults!) to bring a **FOOD OFFERING** forward during the collection, and this practice continues at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. Donations are forwarded to the local area food banks. When donating **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**, kindly consider canned and boxed items in order to avoid glass breakage.



Food Collection

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

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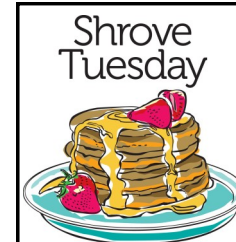
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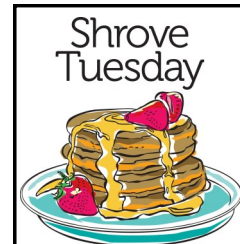
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