

“See, I have come to do your will, O God.”

No matter how often Scripture tells us that “God’s ways” are not the ways of humanity, many of us still see our relationship with God in terms of our human social values. Each of today’s three readings remind us how God often acts in unexpected ways.

**“You, O Bethlehem... one of the little clans of Judea,
from you shall come forth one who is to rule in Israel.”**

I’d like to think that I don’t have “geographical” biases, but I read recently how some advertisers have actors speak in a generic British accent because people unconsciously associate it with “high quality?” I thought of all the accents I hear within our media, and was ashamed to realize how many I associated with certain personality traits. We may think it strange that the people of Jesus’ time believed nothing of value could ever come from a two-bit town like Bethlehem, yet if Jesus were to be born into our world today, would we be any more open to the idea that God might choose a teenaged Somali or Syrian girl from an overcrowded refugee camp to be his mother?

“[God] has neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings...”

From our youth, we have been instilled with a value system that is based on merit and reward. We may chuckle when young children work hard to “be good” in the weeks leading up to Christmas to avoid being put on Santa’s “naughty” list, but we sometimes treat our faith in a similar way. We make promises to God to be better, pray and go to Mass more often and give up worldly comforts for a period of time, in the hope that God will look more favourably upon our request for help. Our second reading tells us that God doesn’t require “offerings and sacrifices” of us, but would be more pleased with a willingness to do his will; to work at becoming more compassionate and merciful people *all* the time.

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb.”

How often have we been convinced to believe in a product’s worth because a “famous” person endorsed it – even when they have no related qualifications? Haven’t we all, at some point, judged people’s abilities, trustworthiness or integrity based on their age, physical appearance, skin-tone or economic success? Only God would have chosen a teenaged “nobody” or an elderly woman with a mute husband to be the instruments through which God’s greatest gift to humanity was delivered!



When Elizabeth heard the greeting of
Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.
Luke 1:41, ESV

Each of today’s readings remind us that God doesn’t think or act like we might, but often chooses the most unlikely or insignificant people to deliver his message. Advent is less about keeping the commercial enticements of the season at arm’s length as it to “Wake Up!” to God’s presence in the world and the people around us – especially those society often forgets or deems unworthy. Advent asks us to “Prepare!” our hearts and minds to be more receptive to God’s call to do his will and to “Make Room!” in our priorities to deliver God’s compassion and mercy to those who need it most. Mary and Elizabeth model what it means to be ready for the coming of the Christ. Their entire lives were a “Yes!” to God’s will, even when they had no idea where it would lead them.

Mary Joshi



**December 23rd, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**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@qasmoncton.com Rev. Jean Bernard (JB) Mallais jbm@qasmoncton.com
Pastoral Associate:	Charlie Farrell charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.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 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parish Office: 340 Dominion Street, Moncton, NB E1C 6H8
Telephone: 857-4223 **Fax:** 857-0020
Email: parish.office@qasmoncton.com **Website:** www.qasmoncton.com
Facebook: Queen of All Saints Parish Grouping
St. Augustine’s Local Pastoral Council: staugustine.lpc@gmail.com

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	Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-16
Tuesday	Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
Wednesday	Feast: St. Stephen Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
Thursday	Feast: St. John 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8
Friday	Feast: The Holy Innocents 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Saturday	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Sunday	Christmas—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52



MASS INTENTIONS					
Sat	22	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Bazil Lund	Madge and Family
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Ron Browne	Wife Genevieve
Sun	23	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Late Reg and Florence King	Eileen, Phyllis, Wayne, Eddy, Joyce
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Norman Joseph Arsenault	The Babin Family
Mon	24	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Neil and Shannon McDonald	Irene and Family
		7:00 p.m.	SLOT	Late Danny Donnelly	Claudia and Family
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Marie Léa	Odette and Family
		9:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Hollis Hicks	Bob and Alice Esson
Tue	25	11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Genoveffa (Jenny) DeBiasi	Family
Fri	28	12:00noon	St. A	Late Paul and Mae Ross	Pennie and Family
Sat	29	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Clarence Gauvin	Alma and Family
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Deceased Family Members	Flo LeBlanc
Sun	30	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Special Intentions	Clarence and Julie
		11:00 a.m.	St.A	Late Sarah McDuff	Family

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS	
Saint Augustine's:	Envelopes: \$4,409.15 (190 env); Loose: \$832.00 ; Needy at Christmas: \$240.00 (10 env); Candles: \$140.00 ; Donation: \$2,800.00 ; Christmas Flowers: \$520.00 ; QAS International Outlook Project: \$75.00 ; Pre-Authorized: \$495.00 (15 env.).
Saint Lawrence O'Toole:	Envelopes: \$1,130.00 (45 env.); Loose: \$137.20 ; Christmas Offering: \$25.00 ; Christmas Boxes: \$100.00 (4 env.); Heating: \$20.00 ; Donations: \$195.00 (3 env.); Pre-Authorized: \$30.00 (2 env.).
Our Lady of Mercy:	Envelopes: \$1,050.00 (43 env.); Loose: \$95.05 ; Candles: \$68.00 ; Christmas Flowers: \$215.00 ; Christmas Offering: \$650.00 ; Vestiare St. Joseph: \$50.00 .
Thank you for your generosity!	

Please take note that **ADORATION** at St. Augustine's will be **CANCELLED** December 25th and January 1st.

PLEASE NOTE
All contributions for income tax purposes for 2018 must be received by the parish office prior to the New Year.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY are in need of **GROCERY BAGS**. These may be dropped off during the depot hours or left in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the parking lot.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot will be closed from December 24th to January 1st. The depot will reopen January 2nd.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the children and families of the level of 4-6 Faith Development groups for their donations of shampoo, other toiletries and Tim Horton's Gift Cards. But most of all for the darling Christmas Cards hand made with warm & loving messages inside. Our Clients loved them. The gift cards were given to the *YMCA Reconnect Group* to hand to the homeless people that their outreach workers approach in the street.

Serge Dufour
Manager



Christmas Eve, Monday December 24th			
St. Augustine's	4:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	
IHMC	4:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	
St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
St. Jude's	6:30 p.m.		
St. Lawrence O'Toole	7:00 p.m.		
Holy Family	7:00 p.m.		
Our Lady of Mercy	7:00 p.m.		
Christmas Day, Tuesday December 25th			
Holy Ghost	10:00 a.m.		
St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.		
St. Augustine's	11:00 a.m.		
New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st			
St. Augustine's	4:00 p.m.		
Our Lady of Mercy	4:00 p.m.		
Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.		
St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.		
New Year's Day, Tuesday January 1st			
St. Lawrence O'Toole	9:00 a.m.		
St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.		
St. Augustine's	11:00 a.m.		
IHMC	11:00 a.m.		

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY extends a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all parishioners who donated toys to another successful Toy Campaign. The Salvation Army was able to distribute the gifts to a number of local children to help make their Christmas a very merry one!



Monday December 24th - Closed at noon
 Tuesday December 25th - Closed
 Wednesday December 26th - Closed
 Monday December 31st - Closed at noon
 Tuesday January 1st - Closed

PLEASE NOTE that mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary is cancelled Wednesday, December 26th.

Parishioners wishing to contribute towards **FLOWERS THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** in memory of loved ones may still do so by placing a donation in an envelope with your name and the name of the loved ones you wish to have remembered.



*From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development
 45 York Street*



Trevor 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com
 Ellen 857-9952 ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com
 Deb liturgymoncton@gmail.com

ADVENT GOD SIGHTINGS— Be mindful of the Advent themes of Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love by sharing your Advent God Sightings on Instagram! How do you participate? Follow @YouthFaithMoncton on Instagram. Take a photo (as many as you want) that represent to you these Advent themes and post them. Be sure to tag #youthfaithmoncton as well as #adventgodsightings so we can see them. Think creatively outside the box, something that speaks to you as we journey together through Advent towards Christmas.

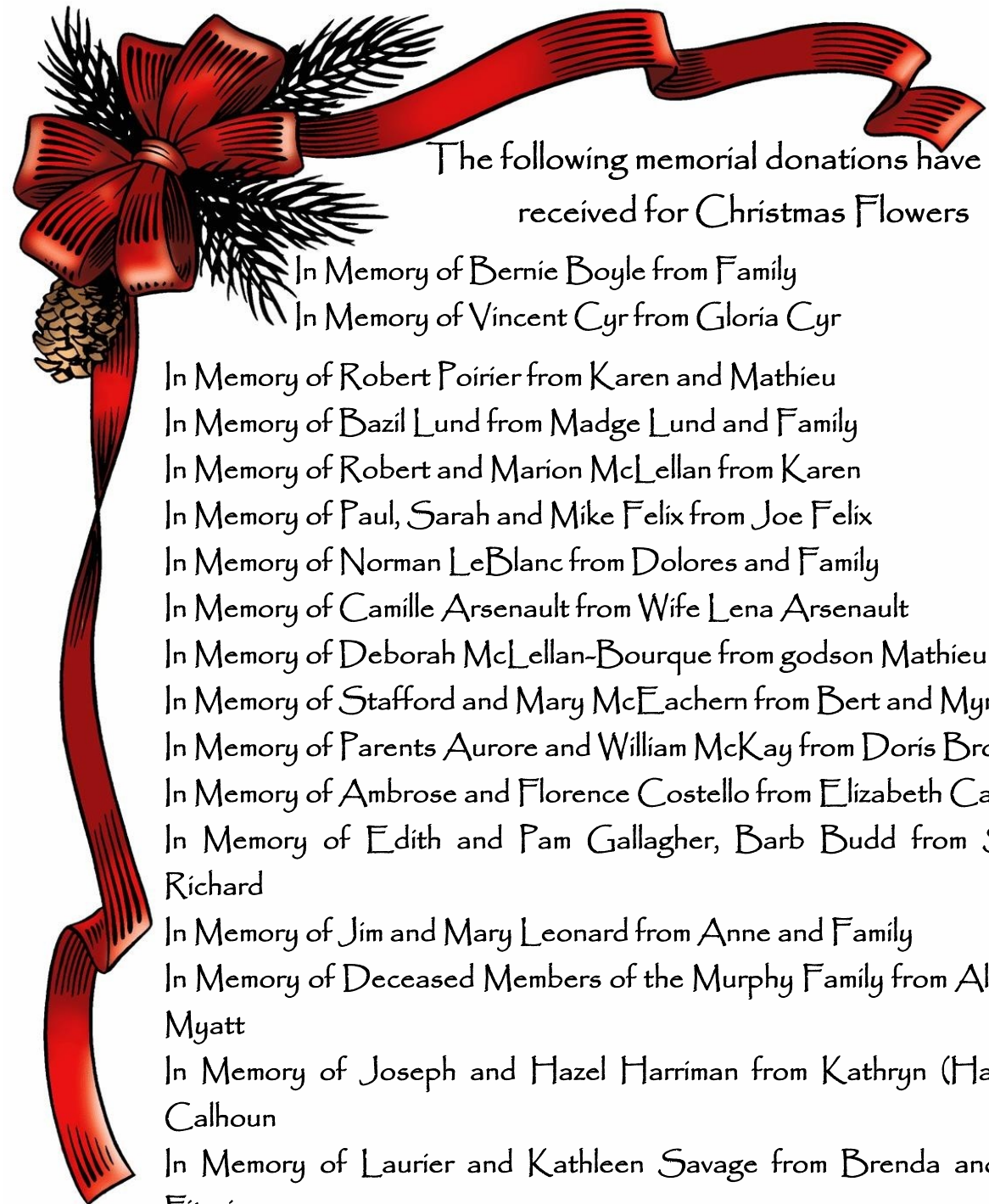
Sacrament Preparation Resource Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

Transformed Through Eucharist

What happens during the Eucharist? How important is Eucharist to you? Why are you preparing your child to make their First Communion?

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 10th from 6:30-8:00/8:30 pm at Holy Family Church Hall, Falkland Street, Moncton. 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. And also please note that this session is open to any who are interested in attending.

Technology is great when it works! If you have been trying to reach the English diocesan offices via phone you may have noticed that we have not been getting back to you! That is because we have had some phone issues, with a new system which was put in place a couple of weeks back. All seems to be in working order now, but if we haven't returned your call, it's because we didn't get your message, so please call again. Also, please note that the contact information for Ellen, Trevor and Deb now includes a new phone number as well as the original ones, so if you do encounter difficulties in trying to reach us, please try the 857-9531 number and use the extension noted to contact the individual you need.



The following memorial donations have been
received for Christmas Flowers

In Memory of Bernie Boyle from Family
In Memory of Vincent Cyr from Gloria Cyr
In Memory of Robert Poirier from Karen and Mathieu
In Memory of Basil Lund from Madge Lund and Family
In Memory of Robert and Marion McLellan from Karen
In Memory of Paul, Sarah and Mike Felix from Joe Felix
In Memory of Norman LeBlanc from Dolores and Family
In Memory of Camille Arsenault from Wife Lena Arsenault
In Memory of Deborah McLellan-Bourque from godson Mathieu
In Memory of Stafford and Mary McEachern from Bert and Myrna
In Memory of Parents Aurore and William McKay from Doris Brown
In Memory of Ambrose and Florence Costello from Elizabeth Cameron
In Memory of Edith and Pam Gallagher, Barb Budd from Shirley Richard
In Memory of Jim and Mary Leonard from Anne and Family
In Memory of Deceased Members of the Murphy Family from Albertine Myatt
In Memory of Joseph and Hazel Harriman from Kathryn (Harriman) Calhoun
In Memory of Laurier and Kathleen Savage from Brenda and Fred Fitzsimmons
In Memory of Ann Stewart from the Manley Family

In Memory of Donna MacLeod and Alex and Mary MacLeod from Michael, Jared and Josh
In Memory of Jim and Mary Keevins from Tom and Michelle Keevins and Family
In Memory of Deceased Members of Elward and Collins Families from Maxine (Elward) Collins and Family
In Memory of Fr. Emery Doucet from Denis Myatt
In Memory of Norman and Dean Comeau from Ida and Family
In Memory of Deceased Council Members from St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League
In Memory of Deceased Family Members from Patricia Jardine
In Memory of Joe and Jeff Longphee from the Longphee Family
In Memory of Albert and Bertha McGrath from McGrath Family
In Memory of Deceased Members of Gould Family
In Memory of Gertrude d'Entremont and Esther Amirault from Vic, Olive and Family
In Memory of Edmond Cormier from Wife Nora and Family
In Memory of Serge and Stephane Landry from parents Normand and Anne Marie
In Memory of Laura and Roy Day, Helen and Linda Harper from Nancy Middleton
In Memory of Parents from Bill and Marina Murphy
In Memory of Don and Anne Lahanky from Children and Families
In Memory of Neil and Shannon McDonald from Irene, Erin, Heather and families

