

Exploring Our Faith – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Get them when they are down.

Every year on this First Sunday of Lent, we hear of Christ being tempted with food, honour and pride by ‘the tempter’ after spending 40 days and nights fasting in the desert. In Year A, the present liturgical year, the Gospel offers Matthew’s version of this event in the life of Jesus and, in the first reading from Genesis, the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Anyone who has ever dieted knows what a temptation food is. Jesus has been fasting for 40 days! I daresay it is almost impossible for us to even comprehend a 40 day fast.

In his homily for this Sunday three years ago, Pope Francis calls to our attention that, unlike Eve, Jesus does not engage in conversation with Satan. He is “aware that there can be no dialogue with Satan, for he is cunning.” Instead, Jesus “takes refuge in the Word of God, and responds with the power of this Word.” That, Pope Francis suggests, is to be our defence against temptation: don’t argue with Satan, turn to the Word of God.

In the Lord’s Prayer, we pray: ‘give us this day our daily bread.’ THIS day. Not this year; this month; this week. Simply THIS day. In our excessive North American culture that is difficult for us to grasp – we are a culture of two fridges, four televisions, three cars... Instead of THIS day, let’s look after the whole year, heck, our entire lives. Let the prayer read: ‘give us *forever*, our daily bread.’ We know the bread referred to in the Lord’s Prayer, and the bread offered to Jesus by the tempter, is not only the bread that nourishes our bodies, but also the bread which feeds our souls. Jesus says THIS day we go to God for what we need THIS day, and each day we return to God for what we need. And we will receive what we need for only THIS day, because that is all we need right now. The temptation is to grab what we need for every day. Why I wonder?

Maybe the answer lies in what the other temptations are about: honour and pride. I well understand the temptation of pride, of keeping up appearances, of being concerned with what people think. We want to measure up, even exceed expectations. We want to feel important, valued. We want to feel special, and we strive to do that which we think makes us special, or seen as special. Yet what makes us special has nothing to do with what we do or don’t do; what we have or don’t have. We *are* special ... because we are made in the image and likeness of the One who created us. The temptation, is not to believe that. Yet, if we can accept the special creation we are to the God who created us, regardless of what we may be experiencing in any given moment of our lives, we begin to see all that is extraordinary in the ordinary living of these lives.

Maybe then, it will be easier to respond to the tempter as Jesus did: “Away with you Satan!” And the angels will come and wait on us also.

Ellen Bennet  
Diocesan Office of Faith Development

*You ARE  
EXTRAORDINARY.  
Yes, you ARE!*



**March 5, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent**



**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
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<b>Liturgy:</b>	Carole Penney
<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 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.

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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

<b>Monday</b>	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9



## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE CATHEDRAL

Work on the second phase of the repairs to the Cathedral's interior will begin on Monday March 6th.

As a security measure, the Cathedral will be **CLOSED** to the public as of that date.

In order to accommodate the Christian communities of the Cathedral and that of Christ the King Church, Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Christ the King Church, 300 Dominion Street, at 10:00 a.m. beginning on March 12th.

Similarly, the usual Wednesday Mass will be celebrated in the Christ the King Church at 9:00 a.m.



**40 CANS FOR LENT**—St. Augustine's Knights of Columbus Council 7940 are holding a creative food drive project within the parish. Families are asked to put aside 1 item of non-perishable food per day, and on the weekend, place these items alongside the cross made of canned food located at the back of the church. The goal is to collect 2,000 to 2,500 pounds of food during Lent. The collected items will be distributed by the Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen.

**STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017** will be held July 7th to 9th at Dalhousie University in Halifax for *Youth ages 14 and up*. This year's theme is Elevate....Jesus said "I make all things new"; He calls us on the journey to be higher and raises us beyond things of this world. A \$50.00 deposit is required. [www.steubenville.ca](http://www.steubenville.ca)



The ladies of the **ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will hold their monthly meeting in St. Augustine's Church basement on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	04	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Jackie deVarennes Late Bill Gould	Friends Wife Jan
Sun	05	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Late Laurie Belliveau Late Rita Bohan	Wife Emerise Melissa Semilla
Fri	10	12:00 noon	St. A	Anniv. Late Ada Young & Francis Myatt	Albertine & Denis
Sat	11	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Anniv. Late Arnold & Doreen Mellon Late George Robins	Family Wife Pauline
Sun	12	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Late Helene Babineau Anniversary Late Roderick Stewart	Lisette & Gerald Grant Charles Cail & Stewart Families

## OFFERINGS FOR LAST WEEK



**Saint Augustine's:** Envelopes: **\$3,599.00** (188 env.); Loose: **\$466.00**; Building Fund: **\$121.00** (6 env.); Ray of Hope: **\$45.00** (2 env.); Holy Land: **\$105.00** (9 env.); Candles: **\$108.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$332.00** (13 env.).

**Saint Lawrence O'Toole:** Envelopes: **\$840.00** (42 env.); Loose: **\$79.05**; Initial Offering: **\$25.00**; Holy Land: **\$25.00** (3 env.); Pre-Authorized: **\$28.00** (2 env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy:** Envelopes: **\$733.00** (43 env.); Loose: **\$90.80**; Candles: **\$39.00**; Ash Wednesday: **\$246.00**; Initial Envelope: **\$15.00**; New Years: **\$5.00**.

*Thank you for your generosity !*

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of **Joan McAnany**, whose funeral was celebrated at St. Augustine's on Saturday; to Henry LeBlanc and family on the death of his wife **Kay LeBlanc**; to Cail Bastarache and family on the death of his mother **Laura Bastarache**; and to Nora Cormier and family on the death of her husband **Edmond "Eddie" Cormier**. *May they rest forever in the loving embrace of the Lord!*

*With Sympathy*

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.

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A number of people have expressed an interest in a **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE!**

Marian Pilgrimages have offered me the dates of October 10th to 18th, 2017. \$2,859 is an estimated cost based on 20 pilgrims travelling. This price includes:

- Return transatlantic flights from Toronto to Sarajevo via Istanbul.
- Transfers to and from Medjugorje by Coach.
- 7 nights in a Marian Pilgrimage Hotel with breakfast and dinner included. An English speaking guide and visits to all places of local interest.
- All taxes and surcharges

At this stage, I need to have some idea of those who may be interested. Please let me have your name, address and phone number.

*Fr. Laurence*



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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 and Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church. Following each liturgy all those present 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.

**"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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Rediscovering our relationship with God and creation in light of the Pope's Encyclical, Laudato Si' and the Universe Story** – Sessions with Sr. Denise Lirette, fj will continue Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church Hall, throughout Lent. If you would like to join the discussion as a late-comer, please contact Trevor to register.



#### GROUP A—level 1 to 6

<u>Sunday, March 12th</u>	Session 12
<u>Sunday, March 26th</u>	Session 13
<u>Tuesday, April 2nd</u>	Session 14

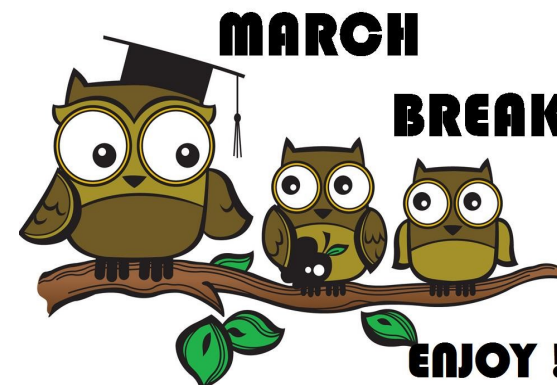
#### GROUP B—level 1 to 6

<u>Monday, March 13th</u>	Session 12
<u>Monday, March 27th</u>	Session 13
<u>Monday, April 3rd</u>	Session 14

#### GROUP C—level 4 to 6 only

<u>Tuesday, March 14th</u>	Session 12
<u>Tuesday, March 28th</u>	Session 13
<u>Tuesday, April 11th</u>	Session 14

**THE REHEARSAL FOR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be held at St. Augustine's at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16th.



### QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

#### THROUGHOUT LENT

##### Tuesdays

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

##### Thursdays

6:30 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Way of the Cross, Adoration and Prayers for Vocations**

##### Tuesday, March 7th

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church Basement: **St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League**

##### Sunday, March 12th

9:15 a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Family Session Group A**

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

10:15 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Family Faith Session**

##### Monday, March 13th

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

##### Tuesday, March 14th

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

##### Thursday, March 16th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church: **First Reconciliation Rehearsal**

##### Sunday, March 19th

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

6:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church Basement: **Confirmation Gathering**

##### Tuesday, March 21st

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

##### Sunday, March 26th

9:15 a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Family Session**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE:** New "Keeper of the Keys" for St Lawrence O'Toole Church is Rosemonde Gilmore. She is the only person who can sign out any keys for the Church and if you no longer require your key, kindly return it to her.



These keys are numbered and assigned by person, so do not pass along your key to someone else, it is your responsibility to turn it in and be taken off the master list.

A **THANK YOU** is extended to **Claude Richard** for handling this responsibility for the Church for many years. Your service to St. Lawrence O'Toole is so very much appreciated!



During the season of Lent, it is important to remember that the Church asks us to do several things different from the rest of the liturgical year as we celebrate this season and look forward to the joy of Easter. For example, we do not sing the Alleluia or the Gloria during Lent. As a further way of denoting this season, St. Augustine's is planning to have a **SILENT ENTRANCE PROCESSION** followed by a sung Penitential Rite, i.e. Lord have mercy. As we journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death.

The **WAY OF THE CROSS** will be celebrated each Friday during 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.

The **WAY OF THE CROSS AND ADORATION** is held at St. Lawrence O'Toole Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

The **ROSARY** will be prayed prior to Sunday Liturgy throughout Lent at 8:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

"Our Sacred Space" practicing the discipline of silence and stillness in the presence of God, is held at 7:30 pm, on Friday evenings of Lent in the Day Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**MASS** will be celebrated Tuesdays during Lent at St. Bernard's at 12:00 noon.



Fast from judging others; *feast on the Christ dwelling in them.*

Fast from emphasis on differences; *feast on the unity of life.*

Fast from apparent darkness; *feast on the reality of light.*

Fast from thoughts of illness; *feast on the healing power of God.*

Fast from words that pollute; *feast on phrases that purify.*

Fast from discontent; *feast on gratitude.*

Fast from anger; *feast on patience.*

Fast from pessimism; *feast on optimism.*

Fast from worry; *feast on divine order.*

Fast from complaining; *feast on appreciation.*

Fast from negatives; *feast on affirmatives.*

Fast from unrelenting pressures; *feast on unceasing prayer.*

Fast from hostility; *feast on non-resistance.*

Fast from bitterness; *feast on forgiveness.*

Fast from self-concern; *feast on compassion for others.*

Fast from personal anxiety; *feast on eternal truth.*

Fast from discouragements; *feast on hope.*

Fast from facts that depress; *feast on verities that uplift.*

Fast from lethargy; *feast on enthusiasm.*

Fast from thoughts that weaken; *feast on promises that inspire.*

Fast from shadows of sorrow; *feast on the sunlight of serenity.*

Fast from idle gossip; *feast on purposeful silence.*

Fast from problems that overwhelm; *feast on prayer that undergirds.*