

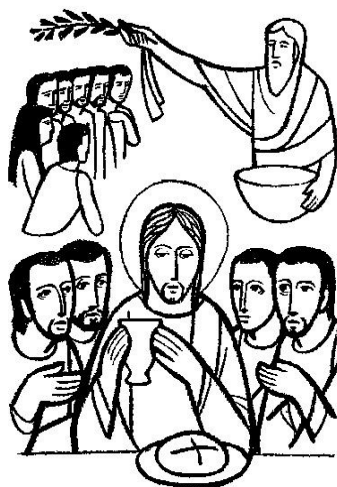
“Christ is the mediator of a new covenant.”

The way in which we celebrate the Eucharist today is steeped in a tradition that is described in today's first reading from Exodus, although you may not initially recognize it in the somewhat gruesome details of the story.

Moses builds an altar and gathers together the newly liberated Israelites. Representatives of the twelve tribes of Israel are invited to bring sacrifices for the burnt offering. Blood from these sacrificed animals is collected, some of which Moses sprinkles on the altar which represents God. Moses then reminds the people of all that God has done for them since the beginning of time and reads from the book of the covenant, the laws that God has given to them. The people listen closely and speak aloud their acceptance and commitment to God and his commandments. As a seal upon this new covenant between God and his people, Moses then takes the remaining blood and sprinkles it on the people. The people then celebrate in thanksgiving and share a meal of the burnt offerings to solidify their bond with God and each other.

The people of Moses' time may not have had our modern understanding of human anatomy, but they knew that when any living creature shed too much blood, its life would be lost. In Hebrew ritual and tradition, therefore, it was understood that the life of any being resided in its blood. Taking the blood of an animal was an act of finality and its “life-blood” was used to signify a bond of “life” between God (the altar) and God's chosen people.

All of this symbolism would have been understood by the Jewish disciples of Jesus as they celebrated the Passover meal. After all, the Passover meal was the celebration and renewal of that original covenant with Moses. They would have understood Jesus' reference to himself as the “sacrificed lamb” whose blood was to be the blood of a *new* covenant. This new covenant would cleanse humanity, as St. Paul writes to the Hebrews, “*from the transgressions under the first covenant,*” so that a fresh, new relationship between God and his people could begin.



Just as Jesus' disciples were celebrating the covenant of Moses at Passover, we too, celebrate and renew the covenant made at the last supper of Jesus before his sacrifice and death each time we share in a Eucharistic meal. When we give thanks and then share in the body and blood of Christ, we take into ourselves the “life-blood” of Christ, allowing it to renew and transform us into a deeper relationship with God. To use a modern expression, “we become what we eat!” so that we become the voice, the hands and the heart of Christ for the world. Like the people of Moses' time, we voice our consent to this new covenant when we say, “Amen!” (I believe) before we “*take and eat,*” and “*take and drink.*” Each Eucharistic meal that we share, strengthens our bond to God and to each other.

As one of our communion songs proclaim, “*Come join the feast! Take and believe! Become what you receive!*”

Mary Joshi



June 3, 2018
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Saint Augustine's
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, NB



Saint Lawrence O'Toole
2340 Route 115
Irishtown, NB



Our Lady of Mercy
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Pointe-du-Chêne, NB

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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.

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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
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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

Monday	2 Peter 1:1-7; Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday	Memorial: St. Boniface 2 Peter 3:12-15, 17,18; Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday	2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27
Thursday	2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34
Friday	Solemnity: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Hosea 11:1-4, 8,9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37
Saturday	Memorial: Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary Isaiah 61:9-11; Luke 2:41-51
Sunday	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 3:8-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35



Would you like to offer some of your time to the church but prefer to stay behind the scenes? Flowers and décor don't just magically appear at church! **ST. AUGUSTINE'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** would love to have extra hands to help out with changing the linens (altar cloths and banners) for liturgical seasons and various feast day celebrations. Time commitment varies but can be as simple as 10 minutes occasionally throughout the week or following Sunday mass! Please consider offering your time and talents to this important ministry. Contact the Parish Office for further information.



*From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development
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The Office of Faith Development will be closed from May 25th to August 27th

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 will be held June 25th to 29th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. VBS is open to children from any parish having finished Kindergarten up to sixth grade as of June 2018. The theme of this year's VBS is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. For information contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879.

SAVE THE DATE—*Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower 2018*, a day of formation for all catechists, takes place on Saturday, September 8th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	2	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Mary Elizabeth Layton	Daughter Gillian Layton
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late John Sullivan	Mike and Judy
Sun	3	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Late Audrey Bartlett	Don and Ann Beaumaster
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Yolande Godin	Frank Quinn
Fri	8	12:00noon	St.A	Late Eileen Weir	Ralph Trites
Sat	9	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Hazel and Charlie Fillatre	Family
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Dot and Ernie O'Brine	Daughter Maureen
Sun	10	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Anniversary Late Esther Gosselin	Bertha, Claudette, Louis Jr., Clarence
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Special Intention	St. Vincent de Paul Board/Volunteers

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS



Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$3,965.00** (191 env.); Loose: **\$622.00**; Building Fund: **\$180.00** (12 env.); Candles: **\$265.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$435.00** (14).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$635.00** (36 env.); Loose: **\$95.90**; Pope's Pastoral Works: **\$5.00**; Cemetery Upkeep: **\$20.00**; Garage Sale Fund Raiser: **\$108.40**; Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$935.00** (42 env.); Loose **\$96.10**; Candles: **\$65.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS
June 8th Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for Priests on this day. The day was begun by Saint John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of Priests. The World Day of Prayer for Priests coincides with the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SOUP TO GO

**FOLLOWING MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S
JUNE 9 AND JUNE 10**



\$5.00

IN SUPPORT OF THE RAY OF HOPE KITCHEN



Walk-ins and new donors are always needed at **MONCTON WHOLE BLOOD CLINIC** at 500 Mapleton Road. Go to blood.ca for more information and to book an appointment.

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