Pearl's daughter. Mary Lou's husband. Michael's wife. How many times and in how many ways do we define ourselves by who we are? And, like John the Baptist, in today's gospel, are there times and ways we define ourselves by who we are not? John made it clear that he was not the Christ, not Elijah, and not the Prophet. What he was is what we are called to be -- ones who testify to the light, ones who prepare the way of the Lord and ones who proclaim His message of truth to all. How do we, as ordinary people, do this? Through our words and actions we can be examples of the way of life Christ proposed. Mother Teresa once said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." This blends well into this 3rd Sunday of Advent. This 3rd Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice". This is the Sunday of Joy.

Joy can come upon us unexpectedly. It jumps out at us behind sunsets, peeks out in the smile of a stranger and takes hold in a child's laughter. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit biologist and philosopher, once wrote, "Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God." Advent is a time when we hope for little moments of joy and invite God to use us as instruments of joy to the world. We could take time today to recall things that have brought us joy and one thing we could do is to share joy with someone in the coming week.

Also, in today's gospel , it states that John was "sent from God" not as the light, but "he came to testify to the light". This reminds us that Jesus brings light to the world. And where there is light, there is joy and peace and assurance. Think of situations when things are dark -- in the middle of the night when we wake up and cannot get back to sleep due to anxiety/worries. Or it could be felt darkness, such as times when we are frightened and feel alone and hopeless. Then remember how it feels to have light, either physically experiencing light that breaks apart the darkness, or feeling comforted and joyful because our feelings of darkness have ended. We may not have every problem figured out, but we serve a God who loved this world enough to join us in it. During Advent we can pray that we may remember again God's gift of Jesus to the world and know the joy that gift brings to all people. Help us live in such a way that our words and actions help others know of the joy God gives.

Cathy Keirstead

Welcome to ... Queen of All Saints Parish

December 17, 2017
Third 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
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 7:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS LITURGIES INSIDE

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

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

Monday	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24
Tuesday	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday	Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Luke 1:26-38
Thursday	Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-45
Friday	1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Saturday	Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66
Sunday	**Fourth Sunday of Advent** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38 **Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord** Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	16	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Bernie Boyle	Stella and Family
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Ella Melanson	Husband Claude
Sun	17	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Late Malcolm and Gloria McKinney	Mike McKinney and Family
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Eugene Murphy	Gerald and Tillie Ramsay
Tues	19	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Marguerite Leger	Corinne Wetmore
Fri	22	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Winnie Layden	O'Conner Family
Sat	23	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Horace and Leanne Cail	Shirley Cail
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Tommy and Reg Rogers	Family
Sun	24	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Late Edgar and Rita Cormier	Al & Shirley Baglole & Family
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Ed Biddiscombe	Mercia and Family
		4:00 p.m.	St. A	Ann. Late Pierre Tapsoba	Daughter and Grandson
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Ron Browne	Wife Genevieve
		7:00 p.m.	St. L O'T	Reg and Florence King	Eileen, Phyllis, Wayne, Eddie and Joyce
Mon	25	10:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Bazil Lund	Madge Lund and Family
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Pierre & Yvonne Boisseau	Their Children

Still wondering what to give to your family and friends who have everything?

Donation cards are available at the parish office for the **RAY OF HOPE NEEDY KITCHEN INC.** and **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**. Proceeds go to the organization, the needy get fed and clothed, you get a card to give to the recipient notifying them that the donation has been made in their name, and you will also get a tax receipt for your charitable donation……it's a win-win situation!!!

GOODIE SUNDAY will be held at St. Lawrence O'Toole this Sunday, December 17th following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS—the $25.00 annual membership dues may be dropped in the weekend collection in an envelope clearly marked with your name and **CWL DUES**.

For those in need of a hot meal the **RAY OF HOPE KITCHEN** will be open Christmas Day and Boxing Day from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for St. Augustine's and St. Lawrence O'Toole parishioners are available for pick up at the church entrance. Please remember to include your name and donation amount on the envelopes to ensure proper credit. Please contact the parish office if a box has not been assigned to you and you wish to receive envelopes, or if there are any changes required to your information.

PLEASE NOTE

All contributions for income tax purposes for 2017 must be received by the parish office prior to the New Year.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **$3,271.00** (171 env); Loose: **$516.00**; Building Fund: **$400.00** (20 env.); Needy at Christmas: **$290.00** (9 env.); Christmas Offering: **$70.00** (2 env.); Donation: **$75.00**; Christmas Flowers: **$195.00**; Ray of Hope Kitchen: **$200.00**; Candles: **$105.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **$750.00** (18env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **$720.00** (31 env.); Loose: **$73.85**; Christmas Boxes: **$310.00** (2 env.); Christmas Offering: **$25.00** (1 env.); Pre-Authorized: **$50.00** (3 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **$587.00** (28 env.); Loose: **$107.40**; Candles: **$46.00**; Missals: **$30.00**; Cemetery: **$10.00**; Christmas Flowers: **$150.00**; Vestiaire St. Joseph: **$51.00**; Pre-Authorized:**$20.00** (1 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday December 25th - Closed
Wednesday December 27 - Closed

Friday December 29th - Open

Monday January 1st - Closed

REGULAR HOURS RESUME
Wednesday January 3rd

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.

The work at **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHEDRAL** is on schedule. We are pleased to announce that the cathedral will be open for the usual French Christmas masses: December 24th at 7:00 p.m. and December 25th at 10:00 a.m. Welcome to everyone. The various organizations under the management of "Station Acadie" will move during the coming months to their new offices on the ground floor. Station Acadie will announce later on the date of the official opening of the offices (Place de la Cathédrale).

From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development

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

ADVENT PHOTO CHALLENGE 2017—Join us as we continue on a photographic journey through Advent towards Christmas. You can post as many photos as you want, providing they follow the designated theme for the day/week. For more information, follow the youth office at **#YouthFaithMoncton** in Instagram and check out the daily challenges. People of all ages are encouraged to participate—not on Instagram? Snap pics anyway and share on Facebook or Twitter with the @youthfaithmoncton hashtag. For more information, contact Trevor at trevord.diocese@gmail.com, or PM the youth office on Instagram.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Dr. Fiona Black's session on **THE MYSTICS** will take place Saturday, February 3rd. Watch future bulletins for details.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Friday	December 22nd	Close at noon
Monday	December 25th	Closed
Tuesday	December 26th	Closed
Friday	December 29th	Closed at noon
Monday	January 1st	Closed
Tuesday	January 2nd	Closed

A **HUGE THANK YOU** is extended to one and all who donated to the Catholic Women's League **MITTEN TREE** this year. Due to your generosity, a total of 235 mittens and hats were distributed to six local schools and one daycare.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CWL MEMBERS— Please be advised that due to the close proximity of the New Years holiday, there will be no January meeting. As well, if you have not yet paid your 2018 fees, please do so as soon as possible so that the funds may be forwarded to the National Office.

A couple in the Kendra Street area are in need of a drive to masses at St. Augustine's. If you would like to help them out, please contact the parish office.

Please take note that **ADORATION** at St. Augustine's will be **CANCELLED** December 26th and January 2nd.

The Gentlemen of Harmony Barbershop Chorus, female a cappella ensemble Riversong, The Harrison Trimble High Vocal Ensemble, and award winning male quartets "Gale Force" and "Seventh Wave" will warm the cold winter night as they present **VOCAL MAGIC**, Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Riverview Arts Centre. Tickets are available now and would make a great Christmas gift for parents, grandparents or other music lovers on your list. Visit www.riverviewartscentre.ca or call 871-9657. $25.35 advance/$28.23 at the door, all taxes and fees included.

Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers

Once again this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin.

Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Amount donated $	**Envelope #** (if applicable)

PRAYING THE ROSARY—During Advent, the Rosary will be prayed at St. Lawrence O'Toole at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday prior to the regular weekend liturgy.

EVENING PRAYER will be celebrated at St. Bernard's this Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

MASS will be celebrated this Tuesday, December 19th at 12:00 noon at St. Augustine's.

Our Sacred Space Christian Meditation Community invites you to join them for a time of silence, being in the Presence of God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit who dwells within us Friday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Day Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Monday, December 18th St. Augustine's 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Associate Job Posting

The parish of St. Augustine's is seeking a **full time Pastoral Associate.** The successful candidate must be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church and meet the requirements of the "Diocesan Policy on the Prevention of Violence Toward Vulnerable Persons". The position will include some weekend and evening hours.

Salary will be based on experience in the field.

Position requirements:

- Must be a practicing Roman Catholic
- Be willing and available to participate in mandatory ongoing formation
- Possess strong leadership skills
- Experienced in program coordination
- Have strong written and oral communication skills and
- Working knowledge of computer software programs

Qualifications:

- Dependable
- Highly organized
- Able to work independently and within a team
- Possess post-secondary training in various job settings
- Bondable

Application deadline has been extended to December 20th, 2017. Please submit resume in confidence to epwallace9@gmail.com

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday, December 24th	9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	10:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday, December 31st	9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
Monday, January 1st	9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's

OTHER ENGLISH PARISHES

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Heart
5:00 p.m.	St. Bernard's family mass
5:30 p.m.	St. Vincent's
6:30 p.m.	St. Jude's
7:00 p.m.	Holy Family
8:00 p.m.	St. Bernard's
8:30 p.m.	Immaculate Heart
10:00 p.m.	St. Bernard's

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th

10:00 a.m.	Holy Ghost Riverside-Albert
11:00 a.m.	St. Bernard's
11:00 a.m.	St. Clement's