

## “Will You Kiss the Leper Clean?”

Many years ago I entered the hospital room of an elderly lady who greeted me with the words, “you shouldn’t have gone to all that trouble for me. I’m so ashamed. I was always been a clean person.” It took me a moment to realize that she was embarrassed because I had to put on a mask, gown and gloves before entering her room. She had tested positive for an antibiotic resistant “superbug.” that she had picked up in the hospital through no fault of her own; but she believed that carrying these germs somehow made her less worthy of care. I think that was the moment when I really began to understand the significance of Jesus’ action in today’s gospel.

Illness is horrible on many levels: the pain; the uncertainty or fear; the confrontation with mortality; the weakness or exhaustion; the inability to do the things you used to do ... But the most devastating aspect of illness comes through a loss of connection whether that be a loss of connection with self, with others, with nature or with God. Human beings are remarkably resilient. We can bear the unbearable when we know we matter, when we know we are loved, when we know we are not alone. But without love and connection, without a way to connect or contribute, without a sense of self worth, even minor ailments can overwhelm us. The woman whose room I entered had lost her sense of self. Aging and illness had gradually isolated her from others and the hospital precautions sign pushed her to the breaking point. She believed that she could no longer hope to connect with others because of her “uncleanness.” She struggled to find meaning in her life because she saw herself as a “nuisance” rather than as a gift. She was dying from the inside out.

The leper in today’s Gospel had also lost himself because of his illness. As a leper he was no longer allowed to participate in or contribute to society. Instead he had to let others know that he was nothing but a dangerous obstacle in their path, some “thing” best avoided. When Jesus heals him, he sends him to the priest so that he may be reconnected to the community. It is not the physical cleansing that is the incredible gift, instead it is the restored sense of belonging. That is why the man cannot keep silent. He needs to tell his story because finally he has a story that others care about, a story that makes him truly alive.



Today is World Day of the Sick. It is a day when all of us are called to remember that the miracle that Jesus offered to the leper is one that we too can offer to those who are sick. We can walk with them through the illness, stay connected even when it is not easy and listen to the story even when it frightens us. Jesus’ healing miracles are the sign that a person is not defined by his or her illness. We are called to see beyond the illness to love and learn from the other even in the midst of illness.

Pam Driedger



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Moncton, NB



**Saint Lawrence O'Toole**  
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**Our Lady of Mercy**  
11 St. Andrews Street  
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### PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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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 4:00 p.m.  
 Effective January 6th to March 24th

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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  
 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

James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday

James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Friday

Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday


Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

"The Kingdom of God is near."



Repent and believe the good news!

Mark 1:15



IMPORTANT NOTICE  
TO ALL  
ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISHIONERS

Do you want to be a vital member of our parish?

Do you want to have some input to the organization of our parish?

Do you want to be part of increasing the vitality of our parish?

Consider putting your name forward to serve on the Local Pastoral Council. Applications are at the back of the church or see any member of the parish council to get more information.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP

extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards on Monday, February 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The elevator will be available for this gathering which is held in the Fr. Peter McKee room in St. Augustine's Church basement. For information, contact Debbie at 384-8431.





STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

for youth ages 14 to 18 will be held in Halifax July 6th to 8th, 2018. Early registration until February 28th. **REVEALED 1 John 4:9** is an opportunity for youth to share their faith with other youth at an energized retreat weekend. Contact the Diocese Youth Office at [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com) to register.

MASS INTENTIONS					
Sat	10	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Gerry McGrath	Wife Stella and Family
Sun	11	4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Fr. Georges LeBlanc	Jan Gould
		9:00 a.m.	SL'OT	Late Aurore Gagnon	Clarence and Julie Gagnon
Wed	14	11:00 a.m.	St. A	Ann. Late Yvonne Laverty-Boisseau	Her Children
		12:00 p.m.	SL'OT	Late Irene Hachey	Dale and Jean Ryan
Fri	16	7:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Allan Jonah	Patricia Jardine
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Helene Boudreau	Agnes & Family
Sat	17	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Bill Payne	Madge Lund and Family
		4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Colleen Szdo	Aunt Betty and Veronique
Sun	18	4:00 pm.	OLM	Late Irois Leroy Gallant	Charlotte, Shelley and Tracy
		9:00 a.m.	SL'OT	Late Reg King	Eileen, Phyllis, Wayne, Eddy, Joyce
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Phil Munroe	Vic and Olive

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

**Saint Augustine's:** Envelopes: **\$3,222.00** (174 env); Loose: **\$468.00**; Building Fund: **\$360.00** (23 env.); Ray of Hope **\$1,287.00** (46 env); Candles: **\$125.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$1,478.00** (33 env.).

**Saint Lawrence O'Toole:** Envelopes: **\$647.00** (32env.); Loose: **\$95.55**; Ray of Hope **\$100.00**; Initial Offering: **\$30.00**; (2 env.); Holy Land **\$20.00**, Candles **\$95.35**; Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy:** Envelopes: **\$772.00** (35 env.); Loose: **\$107.05**; Candles: **\$60.00**; Building Fund: **\$50.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).



Thank you for your continued generosity!

2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

for our parish unit are available for pick up following the weekend liturgies at all three churches. Receipts for St. Augustine's will also be available at the parish office throughout the week.





1998-2018

Celebrating 20 years of Goodie Sunday

Goodie Sunday was started at St. Lawrence O'Toole in 1998, organized by Jim Tremblay, who also chaired it for the next 10 years. It is still going strong with 28 women participating, some of whom were there from the beginning!

Thank you Jim, for a great idea that worked in getting our community to gather, share food and exchange greetings over the last 20 years.

Goodie Sunday will be held following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy at St. Lawrence O'Toole February 18th.

DISCOUNT CAR AND AUTO RENTALS

are open for business on the weekends. St. Augustine's parishioners are asked to not park on their property while attending mass.





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The **BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST** reading group for young adults will meet at Jean's Restaurant (1999 Mountain Road) on Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m. The reading selection is *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah. For more information, contact Trevor at the Youth Office.

Young Adults 19-39: The next **THEOLOGY ON TAP** will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm, at Tide & Boar Gastropub. Guest speaker will be Sr. Denise Lirette and the title of her talk will be ***Consumerism vs Nature, Have We Reached the Tipping Point?*** Please register by contacting Trevor on Facebook or directly at the Youth Office.

**NOT GETTING AN ANSWER, BUT WE'D BE MORE INFORMED ABOUT THE QUESTION**—Recent legislation around the question of medically assisted suicide invites us as Roman Catholic Christians to give serious consideration to what we believe about death and dying. The Church holds the underlying principle of Choose Life among all others; we recognize the question of medically assisted suicide is a multifaceted one with no easy answers. The English Diocesan Pastoral Council understands the importance of having dialogue about this. Therefore, over the next year or so, the Office of Faith Development will be offering a series of initiatives to enable these conversations.

During Lent you are invited to read Sr. Nuala Kenny's book: *Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care*. Sr. Nuala is a member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, medical doctor, ethicist and professor emeritus with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine. In her book, she talks about the challenge of being pastorally present to those who are "sick, dependent and dying, to those who may be considering medically assisted death, and to the bereaved whose loved ones have chosen it."

Having read the book, you are invited to join Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Leveque, two retired nurses, as they facilitate a discussion on it, on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Bernard's Church Hall. Claudia and Maurise readily admit they don't have all the answers, but they understand the importance of living in hope.

Later in the spring, we will explore the Church's beliefs and attitudes around death in a session facilitated by Dr. Andrew Wilson; in the fall, we will look at how our Canadian bishops have responded to this legislation in a session facilitated by Archbishop Valéry Vienneau; and in March 2019 Sr. Nuala will present a Mission on the topic.

These are complex issues, and as the title of the series suggests, may not offer any ready answers; but we need to do some personal reflection, and engage in dialogue with others about this so we can more fully delve into the complexity of suffering and death. How, even with the great pain and hardship of chronic, debilitating and terminal illness, can one still live in hope?

Copies of Sr. Nuala's book are available at the Vision Book Store at Place de la Cathédral, 224 St. George Street (**basement of the Cathedral – side entrance off the parking lot**), for \$17.00. Further details on our gatherings will be forthcoming ... for the present, drop by and pick up your copy of the book – it will give you something to reflect on during Lent.

## RITE OF ELECTION

This rite from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) both closes the period of formation of the catechumens, (adults and children of catechetical age who are preparing for baptism) and marks the beginning of the period of final more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation.

The Church makes an **election** based on the testimony of godparents and catechists and the reaffirmation of the catechumens' intention to take part in the sacraments of initiation, to admit those catechumens at the next major celebration in the sacraments of initiation. Since these will be celebrated during the Easter Vigil, the Rite of Election takes place on the first Sunday of Lent and the period of final preparation of the elect will take place during Lent.

The **RITE OF ELECTION** takes place with Dennis Owen next Saturday, February 17th during the 4:00 p.m. liturgy at St. Augustine's.



## February 11th

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11th, Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.



## QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Living Word Community Prayer Group**

### Thursdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Adoration, Silence, Prayers for Vocations**

### Monday, February 12th

1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Seniors and Retirees Gathering**

6:30 p.m.— St. Augustine's Basement: **1st Reconciliation Gathering**

### Wednesday, February 14th

#### **Ash Wednesday**

### Sunday, February 18th

9:15 a.m.— St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

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

12:15 p.m.— St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

### Tuesday, February 20th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

### Thursday, February 22nd

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church: **1st Reconciliation Rehearsal**

### Tuesday, February 27th

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

## QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT



St. Augustine's Faith Development families will gather in the church basement:

Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #11	Sunday, February 18th
Level 4-6	12:15 a.m.	Session #11	Sunday, February 18th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #11	Tuesday, February 20th
Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #12	Sunday March 11th
Level 4-6	12:15 a.m.	Session #12	Sunday March 11th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #12	Tuesday March 13th

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held Sunday, February 11th at 10:00a.m.

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** à St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de l'église dimanche, le 11 février à 10h00.

**A GATHERING FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF 1ST RECONCILIATION** will be held at St. Augustine's Monday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular **CONFIRMATION GATHERING** will be held at St. Augustine's on Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m.

**A REHEARSAL FOR 1st RECONCILIATION** will be held at St. Augustine's on Thursday February 22th at 6:30 p.m.

**1st RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated at St. Augustine's on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m.



**Valentine's Day**

Still time to order your something special for your special someone and help support the Speech Therapy Unit at Moncton City Hospital. **Gentlemen of Harmony Mens Quartet** will deliver a **SINGING VALENTINE**. Order yours by calling 871-9657

For information on a **TOUR OF IRELAND WITH FR. CHARLIE BRODERICK** in September. Contact Travel Consultant Liliana Trail at 386-8954. An information session will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary March 18th at 6:30 p.m.



### Wednesday February 14th

9:30 a.m.	St. Bernard's
12:00 noon	Holy Family
12:00 noon	St. Lawrence O'Toole
6:30 p.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary
7:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
7:00 p.m.	St. Jude's

The collection taken on Ash Wednesday is for the **Needs of the Church in the Holy Land**

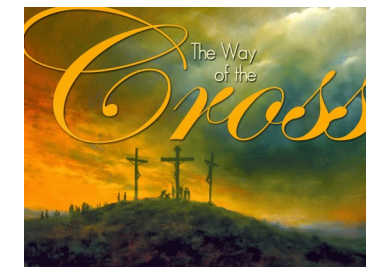
**CELEBRATION OF THE WORD DURING LENT**—Once again this year, at the request of the English Diocesan Pastoral Council, an opportunity will be provided to ensure that **all** our faith communities become more familiar with the ritual prayer, ***Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours***. This is the **official** ritual of our Canadian Church approved for use 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, which will be celebrated on: February 27th, at 7pm, at Holy Family parish, 52 Falkland Street. Following each of the liturgies, all those present, including the liturgical ministers, are invited to remain to discuss and ask questions about this ritual.

Throughout Lent Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine's each Tuesday at 12:00 noon.



St. Lawrence O'Toole will **RECITE THE ROSARY** before Sunday liturgies during Lent at 8:30 a.m.

Very often, Lent consist in denying oneself and/or abstaining from certain items, activities, and/or benefits/enjoyments. Optionally, a **LENTEN WALK WITH THE LORD** invites you to do one simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent—a calendar is at the church entrances to help you with your Lenten journey.



**THE WAY OF THE CROSS** will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. To make this prayer available to as many as possible, it will be celebrated in different churches according to the following schedule:

Friday, February 16th  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Friday, February 23rd  
**Saint Augustine's**

Friday, March 2nd  
**Saint Bernard's**

Friday, March 9th  
**Holy Family**

Friday, March 16th  
**Saint Augustine's**

Friday, March 23rd  
**Saint Bernard's**