

***The Lord is with you; for you have found favour with God.***

These two statements made to Mary by the angel Gabriel are, for me, two of the most powerful lines in all of Scripture. They speak two truths not only about Mary but about you and I. For years I would read this story and many others in Scripture like I was an interested spectator but not really involved in the story. I have come to realize that I am involved in the story because it's my story. Just as the Lord was with Mary 2000 years ago in the town of Nazareth, He is with me today. And just as Mary had found favour with God, I believe I have as well; at least that's my understanding of the message Mary's son came to deliver.

For over 10 years I did baptism preparation in the parish of St. Augustine's, and I would begin each session by reading Matthew's version of the baptism of Jesus. The reading finishes with Jesus coming up from the water and a voice from heaven saying, "this is my Son the beloved, with whom I am well pleased." I would then tell them that God is not only speaking about Jesus, but is speaking about their child as well, and indeed about them. I could tell by the reaction of most gathered that this was not something they had thought of before, but the more they did the more they liked the idea. I don't know if you are a person who considers yourself as someone who has found **favour** with God, or if you walk daily with the knowledge that the Lord **is** with you. If you are not, I can totally understand. Sometimes the situations we find ourselves in, and the fact that, often times, "when it rains, it pours", can leave us feeling overwhelmed and wondering *what in the world am I going to do?* At these times, God seems distant at best.

Today's gospel reminds us that being open to God's plan for us and answering God's call to service does not mean that life will be "peaches and cream" from here on in. When Mary said yes to the angel, she did so with the knowledge that being unwed and pregnant in her day was punishable by death. Not to mention the task of explaining everything to Joseph. I don't think Mary had any illusions of this being an easy walk, but what she did have was a deep understanding that she was a part of something, and connected to someone much bigger than her and her current situation. So are we.



*He shall  
be great  
and shall be  
called the  
Son of the  
Highest.*

*Luke 1:32*

This season of Advent has so much to teach us about the value of patience. When life is not going as we had hoped; when none of the plans we had made are working out and when the foundation we had laid is showing cracks, be patient and know that the Lord **is** with you and that you indeed **have** found favour with God. The patience we show in the Advents of our lives will always lead to the fulfillment of God's promise. Remember, the next time angels visit women in Luke's gospel, they are proclaiming the resurrection.

May the God of fulfilled promises fill you with joy and peace this Christmas and throughout the year.

Mark Mahoney

# *Welcome to ... Queen of All Saints Parish*

**December 24, 2017  
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

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**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

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**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](mailto: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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord</b> Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast: St. Stephen</b> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feast: St. John</b> 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feast: The Holy Innocents</b> 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity</b> 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity</b> 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Christmas—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22,25-27,34-35, 39-40



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



## HOLIDAY Office Hours



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

### St. Vincent De Paul Society Holiday Hours:

Monday December 25th—Closed  
Wednesday December 27—Closed  
Friday December 29—Open  
Monday January 1st—Closed  
**Regular Hours Resume Wednesday**  
January 3rd



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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	24	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. L O'T St. A St. A OLM St. L O'T	Late Edgar and Rita Cormier Late Ed Biddiscombe Ann. Late Pierre Tapsoba Late Ron Browne Reg and Florence King	Al & Shirley Baglole & Family Mercia and Family Daughter and Grandson Wife Genevieve Eileen, Phyllis, Wayne, Eddie and Joyce Madge Lund and Family Their Children Pro Life Moncton Alma and Family Paul and Anne Marie MacNeil Family Patricia Jardine and Family Anne Marie and Family Maureen
Mon	25	10:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Basil Lund	
Fri	29	11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Pierre & Yvonne Boisseau	
Sat	30	12:00 noon	St. A	Life at All Stages	
		4:00 p.m.	St. A	Ann. Late Clarence Gauvin	
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Bill Gould	
Sun	31	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Late Irene Hachey	
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Sister Patricia Callaghan	
		4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Josephine Picone	
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Deceased Members of O'Brien & Lemay Families	

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

**Saint Augustine's:** Envelopes: **\$3,830.00** (178 env.); Loose: **\$675.00**; Building Fund: **\$170.00** (8 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$180.00** (7 env.); Christmas Offering: **\$345.00** (11 env.); Donation: **\$75.00**; Christmas Flowers: **\$230.00**; St. Vincent de Paul: **\$50.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$960.00** (26 env.).

**Saint Lawrence O'Toole:** Envelopes: **\$1,260.00** (48 env.); Loose: **\$127.65**; Christmas Boxes: **\$70.00**; Needs of the Canadian Church **\$10.00**; (2 env.); Christmas Offering: **\$5.00**; Christmas Flowers: **\$50.00**; Donations: **\$405.00**; Development and Peace: **\$5.00** (4 env.); Pre-Authorized: **\$140.00** (3 env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy:** Envelopes: **\$1,094.00** (31 env.); Loose: **\$78.00**; Candles: **\$65.00**; Christmas Flowers: **\$180.00**; Vestiaire St. Joseph: **\$146.95**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!



**THANK YOU** to all the members of the Environment Committees and parishioners who came together to decorate our churches for the Christmas Season so beautifully.



**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2018**, the regular weekly Mass at **OUR LADY OF MERCY** will be at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon. This time for Mass will continue through the Winter Months ending on **Saturday, March 24th, 2018** immediately before **HOLY WEEK**. In case of inclement weather and closures please call Queen of All Saints Office 857-4223 for updated message.





The **Diocesan Center at 45 York Street and the Vision Bookstore** will be closed from December 26, 2017 to January 12, 2018 inclusively for the usual holidays, to prepare our departure from 45 York Street and for the installation in our new offices at the Place de la Cathédrale (on the ground floor of the Assumption Cathedral). The new offices will open on Monday, January 15, 2018. All telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause and we will be happy to welcome you in our new offices.

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHEDRAL** will be open for the usual parish French Christmas masses December 24th at 7:00 pm and December 25th at 10:00 am.

The **ADULT FAITH COMMISSION** will meet Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 at the Diocesan Offices on 45 York Street.

**PARISH CATECHETICAL COORDINATORS** will meet Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices at 45 York Street.

#### 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
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#### 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



*Wishing you happiness  
as you share God's gifts of  
peace, hope and love  
with others this Christmas.*



*The following memorial donations have  
been received for Christmas Flowers*

*In Memory of Members of the Lahanky Family from Children and Families  
In Memory of Alex and Mary MacLeod from Mike, Jared and Josh  
In Memory of Donna MacLeod from Mike, Jared and Josh  
In Memory of Robert and Marion McLellan from Karen MacLeod  
In Memory of Deborah McLellan-Bourque from Karen & Mathieu  
In Memory of Robert Poirier from Karen and Mathieu  
In Memory of Dale Turner and David Turner from Bernadette Turner  
In Memory of Stafford and Mary McEachern from Bert & Myrna  
In Memory of Kathleen and Laurier Savage from Brenda Ann and Barry  
Fitzsimmons  
In Memory of Laura and Roy Day and Helen Harper from Nancy,  
Spencer and Family  
In Memory of Serge and Stephane Landry from Normand and Anne Marie  
Landry  
In Loving Memory of Neil and Shannon McDonald from Irene, Erin and  
Heather  
In Memory of Edith, Gallagher, Pam Gallagher and Barbara Budd*



*In Memory of Eddie Cormier from Nora and Family  
In Memory of Elward and Collins Families from Maxine (Elward) Collins  
and Family  
In Memory of Ruby and Colette Deveau from Fred Deveau and Family  
In Memory of Deceased Members of Murphy Family from Albertine Myatt  
In Memory of Rev. Emery Doucet from Denis Myatt  
In Memory of Jim and Mary Leonard from Anne Robinson and Family  
In Memory of John and Duwain Pitre from Gloria Pitre  
In Memory of deceased members of d'Entremont and Stillman families from  
Vic, Olive and Lisa  
In Memory of Ray and Pearl McLellan from Carol McLellan Poitras  
In Memory of Parents Aurore and William McKay from Doris Brown  
In Memory of Basil Lund from Madge and Family  
In Memory of Agnes and Garth Allen; Annie and Donald MacLellan;  
Sister Rita MacLellan CSM from Sharon, Don, Jamie, Joselyn MacLellan  
In Memory of Deceased Family Members from Reg & Marcia Currie  
In Memory of Bernie Boyle from the Family  
In Memory of husband Vincent Cyr from Gloria Cyr  
In Memory of members of the Morgan and Weightman Families from the  
Family  
In Memory of Albert and Bertha McGrath from the McGrath Family  
In Memory of Angèle and Alphonse from Alfred and Marie-Céline  
In Memory of Arthur and Lea Boudreau from Florence Flewelling*

Parishioners wishing to contribute **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.

