Witnessing to a matter of interest

The Gospel we hear proclaimed today, and the first reading taken from the Acts of the Apostles are like the conclusion of Part 1 and the beginning of Part II of Luke's story. We know that Luke wrote both the Gospel attributed to him and the Acts of the Apostles. Throughout the liturgical year, the only time we hear from Acts in our Sunday liturgy is during the Easter season when it replaces the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) as the first reading. It is the fledgling Church which takes centre stage after the Resurrection. We journey with these disciples as they struggle to deepen their understanding of the task with which they have been charged, told in Matthew's Gospel as: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Here in Acts, Luke is remembering for us those days following Christ's resurrection when he appeared to those closest to him. The reading ends with the men "gazing up toward heaven," understandable given the circumstances. Yet as they are staring "two men in white robes" show up. Are these the same two who appeared to the women outside the tomb when they went to anoint Jesus' body following his crucifixion? We aren't told. But the men in white appear almost to chastise the apostles to get about their business: "Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" A lot has happened in the days leading up to and following Jesus' death and resurrection. One can accept that these fishermen may be feeling a little overwhelmed.



Jesus has told them they are to be his "witnesses" – a word used in both the first reading and the Gospel. What does a witness do? According to Wikipedia "A witness is someone who has, who claims to have, or is thought, by someone with authority to compel testimony, to have knowledge relevant to an event or other matter of interest." The resurrection of Jesus could be noted as a 'matter of interest.'

In the Gospel Jesus tells the apostles they are witnesses to his suffering, resurrection, and proclamation of repentance and forgiveness. In Acts, they are told they will be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth," and the power they needed to do that witnessing will be given to them. The stories we have heard from Acts over these weeks since Easter Sunday give us details about how the apostles attempt to be the witnesses whom Jesus has told them they are.

Now , 2000 years since Jesus left them this responsibility, their message has spread throughout the world. By any standard they have done well in providing 'testimony' of this 'matter of interest.' As their descendents in faith, we too are charged with the same task. How do we witness to the message? According to St. Francis of Assisi we must preach the Gospel always ... using words only when necessary. Clearly, our actions need to reflect our belief in what Luke wrote so long ago. This belief comes through our own experiences of this truth, often hard to articulate, but evidenced to us all the same.

Ellen Bennett Diocesan Office of Faith Development



June 2, 2019
The Ascension of the Lord



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:
Assistant Priest part time:
Rev. Allison Carroll
Rev. Jean Bernard (JB) Mallais
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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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

St. Augustine's Local Pastoral Council: staugustine.lpc@gmail.com

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

Regular Depot Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Daily Readings

Monday Memorial: St. Charles Lwanga Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11

Wednesday Memorial: St. Boniface
Acts 20:28-38: John 17:11-19

Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Fríday Acts 24:27, 25:13-21; John 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Sunday Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13: John 20:19-23



uke 24:51

THEY'RE BACK!



will be available <u>Saturday June 8th</u> and <u>Sunday June 9th</u> at the main entrance of the church after the masses.

Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Cooked Ham, Cheddar Cheese and Cookies \$5.00

In support of the Ray of Hope Kitchen, as always your support is greatly appreciated.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP extends an invitation to Seniors



and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards on Monday, June 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The elevator will be available for this gathering which is held in McKee room in St.

the Fr. Peter McKee room in St. Augustine's Church basement. For information, contact Debbie at 384-8431.



RAY OF HOPE SOUP KITCHEN: A summer job is available for a student starting June 26th for 8 weeks, 37.5

hours per week, Monday to Friday. Duties include setting up computer files for donor lists, creating reports and mailouts. Some technical support will be provided. Microsoft Office skills are essential. Please email your resume to rayofhopekitchen@gmail.com for more details and to apply.

Sat	1	4:00 p.m.	St. A	
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	
Sun	2	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	
Fri	7	12:00noon	St. A	
Sat	8	4:00 p.m.	St. A	
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	

SLOT

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Sun

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Late Virgie Melanson
Late Julie Belliveau
Late Harris Sullivan
Late Raymonde McGraw
Late Joseph and Ada Gagnon
Late Donald Fitzsimmons
Late Ernie and Dot O'Brien
Sheryl Despres
Late Ethel Walsh

MASS INTENTIONS

Bill and Karen Jarvis
Francis, Kelly and Brandon
Danny and Nicole Sullivan
Robert McGraw
David and Valerie Connors
Mom and Dad
Maureen Lemay
Julie & Clarence Gagnon
Patricia Jardine





MEMORIAL SERVICE – A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday June 10th 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for the families of persons who died at the Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital Center during the months of

February, March and April 2019. This service will take place in the amphitheater of the hospital (from main entrance, please go to second floor). Contact information: Janice Cormier at 383-9882 or Louise Boissonnault at 862-4571.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$3,602.00** (157 env); Loose: **\$659.00**; Deficit Collection: **\$300.00** (1 env); Pope's Pastoral Work: **\$640.00** (28 env); Building Fund: **\$45.00** (4 env): Ray of Hope: **\$50.00**; Candles: **\$187.00**: Pre-Authorized: **\$300.00** (14 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: \$737.00 (35env.): Loose: \$227.70; Pope's Pastoral Work; \$75.00 (5 env); Easter Offering: \$20.00; Good Friday/Chaplains: \$20.00; Cemetery Upkeep: \$20.00; Donation: \$80.00; Pre-Authorized: \$30.00 (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$1,135.00 (44 env.);Loose: \$138.40; Candles: \$61.00; Papal Charities: \$184.00

Thank you for your generosity!



ST.LAWRENCE
O'TOOLE'S next LPC
meeting will be held
Tuesday, June 11th at
10:00 a.m.

LOBSTER OR CHICKEN SUPPER: Sunday June 9th 3:30 to 6:00 at the Richibouctou-Village Golden Age Club. (4039 rte 505). Cost: complete supper 2 lobsters: 22\$, Chicken: 14\$. Take- out available. No reservation needed. For info: Rose-Marie (523-6156) or Simone (523-6161). All profits will go the Richibouctou-Village parish. Welcome to all!



Tuesdays Please note time change: 1:00 p.m.– St. Augustine's: Adoration and Rosary

<u>Wednesdays</u>

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

Saturday, June 8th

8:00am to 1:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul Yard Sale

Sunday, June 9th

10:00 am—Saint Lawrence O'Toole: **Annual Barbecue**

Monday, June 10th

1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Senior's Group in Church Basement

Tuesday, June 11th

10:00 am - Saint Lawrence O'Toole: LPC Meeting

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY JUNE 2

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Registration is now open for VBS 2019, which will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Riverview every morning from June 24th to 28th. The theme for this year is ROAR: Life is Wild, God is Good. All children who are 3 years of age by June 24th up to the end of Grade 6 are encouraged to register. For the first time, we are pleased to offer a preschool tract for those children who have not vet entered kindergarten. You can register on the diocesan website at www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices Youth Faith \rightarrow Vacation Development School. There is no cost to register your child for the program. For more information contact Karen at 387-4198.



Ordination Celebration

Fr. Luc Poirier who will be a newly ordained priest, will be celebrating his first Traditional Latin Mass in Moncton June 9th 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Assumption

Cathedral. After Mass, a luncheon will be served at Saint Augustine Church basement at 340 Dominion Street Moncton. Everyone is welcomed! On Tuesday, May 28th, Archbishop Valery Vienneau conferred the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** on the following youth:

St. Augustine's

Brooklynn Baldwin
Evan Beach
Chandler Breau
Monika Brudkowski
Samantha Cabreira
Zachary Doiron
Jeremy Hodd



Iaiah Hubley
Mackenzie Kearns
Xavier Leblanc
Isabelle Leger
Lily Proudfoot
Matthew Ross
Lucas Woods

Saint Lawrence O'Toole

MaKayla Allain Jeremie Doucet

Emma LeBlanc

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The Office of Faith Development will close May 24, 2019, and reopen August 26, 2019.

THE RECEPTION OFFICE for the Diocese will be open <u>Tuesdays and Thursdays</u> from 9:00 to 1:00 starting June 4th. Regular hours will begin September 3rd.



<u>SAVE THE DATE:</u> Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower 2019, a day of formation for all catechists, takes place on <u>Saturday, September 14th</u>, from 8:45 to 2:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview. This day will be of special interest to all catechists in the diocese, especially those involved in coaching parents, RCIA, baptismal preparation, marriage preparation. Details concerning registration and sessions offered will appear in your bulletins in late

August or may be found on-line at that time at http://www.diomoncton.ca/en/.

Recently the following children were welcomed into our Christian Family through the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

St. Augustine's

Leah Lucy Austin daughter of Jeffrey and Kelly

Brooklyn Jade Davison daughter of Matthew and Tania

Mia Marie Gallant Dupuis daughter of Romeo and Natalie

Jack Joseph Gallant Dupuis son of Romeo and Natalie

Matthew Head son of Jason and Jennifer

Our Lady of Mercy

Summer Nathalie Diane Gallant daughter of Kris and Alysha

Jayden Ugonna Maduekwe son of Sampson and Obiageli

Olivia Marie Meunier daughter of Rvan and Celine

Rowan Diana Mitri daughter of Christopher and Cheryl

Hannah Claire Mitton daughter of Trevor and Kristen

Isla Margaret Murphy daughter of Andrew and Emily

Saint Lawrence O'Toole

Alila Marie Susan Carroll-Illingworth daughter of Travis and Constence

May the example of their parents, Godparents and all of us lead these children to a greater love of God.



PENTECOST VIGIL: The feast of Pentecost was the birth of our Christian faith and of our Church. On Saturday, June 8th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, something that was experienced by the Apostles and is carried on to this day. Music, prayers and guest speaker, Gerard MacDonald from PEI, Executive Director of the Atlantic Service Committee of the Charismatic Renewal, will highlight our evening. welcome! For more information, please contact Roberta Brine at 386-5175.

Show by Your Life: A Call to Holiness Performer, composer and workshop presenter, Lori True, will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview, NB on Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th, 2019! There will be: Workshop for Cantors on Friday afternoon, October 4th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Concert for all on Friday evening, October 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Admission is \$20.00 cash only, at the door). Retreat/Workshop for Music Ministers and Liturgy Committee Members all day Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch provided) (Admission is \$35:00, pre-paid at registration). Please 'Save-the-Date' and plan to come and see Lori as she celebrates her gifts with us. We know that the weekend will be faith-filled and beautifully



prayerful. Registration is required, so go to www.setmoncton.com for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **Indoor Yard Sale**

113 Norwood Ave.

Saturday, June 8th 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

New and used clothing, purses, shoes, books, toys, Flea Market itmes, something for everyone.



All proceeds go towards helping the needy in our community