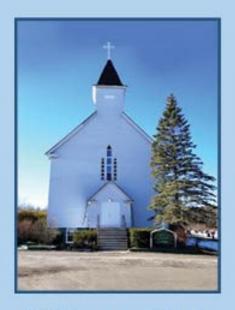
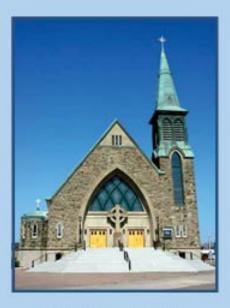
Queen of All Saints Parish



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Saint Augustine's Moncton



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Welcome to Queen of All Saints Parish March 13th, 2022, Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule—Heures des Messes

Monday 9:30 a.m. Saint Lawrence O'Toole Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Augustine's 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy Tuesday 7:00 p.m. St. Augustine's Wednesday 4:00 p.m. Saint Lawrence O'Toole (French) Sunday 9:00 a.m. Saint Lawrence O'Toole

Thursday 1:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy 11:00 a.m. St. Augustine's Friday 12:00 noon St. Augustine's 7:00 p.m. St. Augustine's

First Saturday of the month Mass is celebrated each month at St. Augustine's at 10:00am. Confessions available.

Weekday Confessions by appointment - Saint Lawrence O'Toole Mondays 10:00am to 12:00noon. St. Augustine's Wednesdays 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Please call the office at 857-4223 to schedule a time. During Lent Father Johnston is available to hear confessions at St. Augustine's on Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm first come and sign in as you arrive.



Solemnity of St Joseph Mass at St Augustine's March 19th

Come and celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph and pray for his intercession for peace for Ukraine and Russia. Doors will open at 9:00am with Rosary at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10:00am.



All Covid 19 restrictions in New Brunswick are being lifted as of March 14th. You no longer need to call and reserve to attend Mass, funerals etc. and no need for 6 ft. social distancing. Face masks will be optional.

Transfiguration

Daily Readings

Monday Daniel 9:3, 4-10; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

Friday Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday

Solemnity: Saint Joseph 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16;

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Luke 13:1-9



ST. AUGUSTINE'S LENTEN COIN FOLDERS

are available at the church entrance

Church Support—Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$3,583.20 (97env.); Loose: \$224.50; Ash Wednesday Envelopes: \$910.00;

Loose: **\$48.20**; New Year's Day: **\$60.00** (2 env.);

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Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: \$627.65 (19 env.); Loose: \$30.00; Ash Wednesday: S\$180.00;

Share Lent: **\$237.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$100.00** (5 env.)

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$835.00; Loose: \$95.30; Candles: \$44.65; Roof Repair: \$40.00;

Ash Wednesday; \$345.00.

MASS Intentions Sat 12 4:00pm St.A Charles Cail and Stewart Family Late Roderick and Yvonne Stewart 7:00pm OLM Late Tina Brun Gloria Fougere 9:00am Julie and Clarence Gagnon Laurel Cliff Sun 13 SLOT 11:00am St. A Late Maureen DesRoches Ivan and Julie DesRoches 7:00pm St.A Late Bernadette Mary Olive Hughes Family Mon 14 9:30am SLOT Late Yvette LeBlanc Phyllis Dowell and Family Tues 15 7:00pm St. A Rosella Statezni Clarence and Maria Richard Wed 16 4:00pm SLOT Rosella Statezni Guy Chamberlain Thurs 17 1:00pm OLM Special Intention Flo LeBlanc Fri 18 12:00noon St. A **Special Intention** Nancy Middleton Sat 4:00pm St. A Deceased Members of Murphy Family Bill and Marina Murphy 19 7:00pm OLM Mike Shields Maureen Lemay In Memory of Edmond Caissie Monique LeBlanc and Jocelyn Burk 20 9:00am SLOT Sun Late Mary D'Souza Family 11:00am St. A Late Sheela Johnson Shelma Tony 7:00pm St.A



We pray for the sick including:

Michael Dickson

We also pray for those who have died including:

Marilyn Boudreau

and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Adoration and Way of the Cross St. Augustine's March 18th

We will gather to pray the Way of the Cross in loving Adoration of our Lord. Doors open at 6:15pm with the Way of the Cross beginning at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome!





DISMISSAL

All adults preparing for reception into the Catholic Church will be dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. This Dismissal continues at each 7:00pm Sunday liturgy until the Triduum, and at the Easter Vigil, those who are ready, will join their parish community at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time. To continue to be nourished by God's Word, during this period the Elect depart from Mass with an RCIA Team Member or Catechist to discuss the Readings for that Sunday, and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as "Reflection on The Word."

What is holding you back from experiencing the fullness of a true loving relationship with God?

Throughout Lent a box will be at the entrance to St Augustine's for your prayer petitions. Bring your petitions with you and place in the sealed box. This box and contents will be burnt in the Easter Vigil fire, symbolizing our entering into the Easter season with a clean heart.





SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will RECITE THE ROSARY before

Sunday liturgy during Lent at 8:30 a.m.

Prayers for our Seminarians

Please keep in prayer our two seminarians, Frank Quinn and Juan Carlos Jacinto. May God continue to bless them on their journey, nurture them with his steadfast love and strengthen them as they respond to their call to share the Gospel.

<u>Lenten Walk with the Lord – 40 Acts of Kindness</u>: "Lenten Walk with the Lord" invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. The calendar is available at the front of the Church to help you keep track of your kindnesses along with some simple instructions to help guide you. For example, kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home.



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S FAITH DEVELOPMENT MEET IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT

Pre-registered required for our faith development program in order to attend sessions. Families can only attend the session they have been assigned to. We will not be allowed to add families to other sessions.



We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to start time in order to check in and be seated. Please note the doors will be locked once the session has been underway for 10 minutes and entry will not be permitted after that time. Please use the door at the top of the stairs in the parking lot, proceeding downstairs to the basement.

Session 12 Level 4-6 Monday, March 14th 6:30pm

Session 12 Level 1-3 Sunday, March 13th 12:00noon Sesson 14 Level 1-3 Sunday, April 3rd 12:00noon **Session 14** Level 4-6 Monday, April 11th 6:30pm

Session 13 Level 1-3 Sunday, March 27th 12:00noon Session 15 Level 1-3 Sunday, April 24th 12:00noon Session 13 Level 4-6 Monday, March 28th 6:30pm

Session 15 Level 4-6 Monday, April 25th 6:30pm

CONFIRMATION: The next gathering will take place Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30pm in the basement of St. Augustine's.

RECONCILIATION: Session #2 for reconciliation preparation will take place Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30pm in the basement of St. Augustine's. Pre-registration is required.

Pray for Ukraine

God of infinite mercy and goodness, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for Peace. You offer us your peace continually (Jn.14:27) and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed, "for they shall be called children of God" (Mt.5:9). May your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace, and to be merciful as vou are merciful.

We pray to you for the people of the Ukraine who are experiencing conflicts and deaths. Bless the leaders with wisdom, vision and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division.

To you we entrust all families and pray that they may never yield to discouragement and despair, but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time.

May you continue to inspire all of us to oneness of heart and mind, to work generously for the common good, to respect the dignity of every person and the fundamental rights which have their origin in the image and likeness of God impressed upon every human being.

Grant eternal rest to the dead and quick recovery to the wounded, we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen!

Queen of All Saints responds to the needs of Ukraine and it's people.

Over the past several days, virtually everyone has borne witness to the horrific invasion of Ukraine by the Russian military. The scale of human misery and destruction of the Cities, Towns and Villages of the country are unparalleled in the lifetime of most of us.

To that end, with the strong endorsement of our Moderator, Father Angus Johnston, at every Mass at St. Augustine's, St. Lawrence O'Toole and Our Lady of Mercy, over the next two weekends (March 19th and 26th) a special collection will be taken for the Ukraine. Extensive research will be conducted to find an Agency that does not apply an administration fee on funds being directed to credible social agencies in the Ukraine.

If you would like a tax receipt for your donation kindly indicate in your special collection envelope. Marked Envelopes will be available at all Masses in the Pastoral Unit next Saturday and Sunday and the following weekend. Your anticipated generosity will be most appreciated.



Exploring our Faith

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord." Ps 27:14

It was difficult to focus on my work this week, as my attention was constantly being drawn to the horrific images of war that were once again inundating every news outlet. I was grateful that my mother had not lived to see this latest assault in Europe. Even in her final years with Alzheimer's, she retained disturbing memories of Hitler's tanks and soldiers invading her town and their use of violence and starvation to control the people of her country, the Netherlands.

Canada is now home to *many* people from around the world who have had to flee their homelands because of the violent and inhumane aggression of power-hungry leaders; leaders who seem to hold little



value for human life or dignity. How do the victims of such horror and fear find the strength to look forward to a future of hope? How do we, who are removed from the physical dangers of war, ground ourselves in faith so that we can help those victims *not* lose hope?

It took much prayerful reading and re-reading of today's scriptures to find any solace or message of "good news." But a message did emerge; one that said that although life will bring periods of despair and darkness, with patience, prayer and faith the light and hope promised to us by God *will* come.

In the first reading, Abram descends into a "deep and terrifying darkness" before he awakens into a new and life-giving covenant with God.

In the second reading, St. Paul warns that for those whose lives are based on selfish gain, "their end is destruction...their glory is in their shame." Those who live by the teachings of Christ, however, will have their "humiliation" transformed into "glory." We are encouraged to "stand firm."

In the gospel, Jesus takes Peter, John and James up the mountain to pray. The disciples witness a gloriously transfigured Jesus. They are given a glimpse of the new life and glory of their own life in Christ; an experience that will embolden and sustain them through the darks days ahead that await them in Jerusalem.

All the readings reminded me of words spoken by Gandhi, who was often inspired by the teachings and words of Jesus. After encountering violent set-backs to his attempts at change through non-violence, he said: "When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seemed invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it, always."

Throughout Lent, we are invited to pray, fast and to give of ourselves. As war continues to rage in the Ukraine, Syria and other parts of the world, perhaps we can focus our Lenten efforts on victims throughout the world whose lives are threatened and diminished by violence, need and fear.

Mary Joshi



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<u>UPCOMING MEETINGS:</u> Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30pm. Meetings will take place at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

<u>VBS EXPRESS 2022</u> Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School (for children having finished kindergarten up to the end of 6th grade), which will again be held virtually on Zoom from June 6th-9th from 6:00pm – 7:30 pm. This year's theme is *MONUMENTAL: Celebrating God's Greatness*. There are a limited number of spaces available, so register early by contacting Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879. A \$20 registration fee will be required, but will be refunded at the end of the program.

<u>Faith Experiments Express</u> Our next FEE will be on Monday, March 21st at 6:00 PM. Faith Experiments Express is a program designed for children in kindergarten up to 6th grade and teaches lessons in faith and scripture through science experiments your children will do at home. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879 for more information or to register.

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Resigning- After 28 years of service and recent events, it is with a heavy heart that I have announced my resignation effective and ending the week of March 19th. The people of the parish and the friendships that have come from working at Our Lady of Mercy have been a true blessing that will forever hold a special place in my heart and prayers and I thank you all for that. God Bless, Linda

Our Lady of Mercy: Thank you to those who attended World Day of Prayer and for your generosity. \$500 was raised and will be donated to their community work.





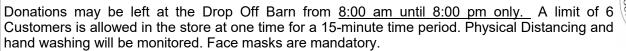
Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change

Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds. In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods.

In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panel. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion. Watch the video at devp.org/lent/act.

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE Development and Peace is taking online donations to help the thousands of people affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. You can make a donation on our website (www.devp.org), by calling 1 888 664-3387 or by sending us a cheque by mail (425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7) made out to Development and Peace and marked "**Ukraine Emergency**". Thank you for your generosity in showing your affection for the women, men and children injured or forced to flee their homes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DEPOT Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30am—1:15pm







Mondays @ The Movies Our next film discussion will take place on Monday, March 21st at 10:30 AM on Zoom. The film we will be discussing is the (1994) film *The Shawshank Redemption*, starring Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879 to register. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

Summer Job with Ray of Hope Kitchen

The Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen has a Kitchen Assistant position available this summer. Duration: from 8 to 16 weeks with start date: no earlier than April 25th, ending no later than Sept 2nd. (35 hours per week) \$12.75/hr.



The Cloud of Unknowing study group meets on <u>Thursday evenings</u>, at Saint Lawrence O'Toole from 6:00pm to 7:00pm with adoration from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for in person/zoom **AND** on <u>Fridays</u> at St. Augustine's in church basement from 11:00am to 12:00noon for in person/zoom with Mass and adoration from 12:00noon to 1:00pm. To register for zoom please contact Charlie via email at charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com. **All who attend in person are required to show proof of double vaccination.**Fr. Angus Johnston

<u>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</u> Wednesday mornings after 9:00 o'clock mass throughout Lent we will have exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the day chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary until 11 a.m. **All are welcome.**

Conscience and Sin A Recipe for Life and Understanding An Introduction to Catholic Moral Teaching

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. (Paul letter to the Romans 7:14-20)

We have all been there. We want to do the right thing. We are not sure what the right or perfect answer is. If we do know what is right, maybe we don't have the skills or resources to do it. We are called to do good, and want to. What keeps us from doing the right thing? Sin. What keeps us striving to do the right thing? Conscience.

The Second Vatican Council describes conscience as "In the depths of his conscience, man detects a law which he does not impose upon himself, but which holds him to obedience. Always

summoning him to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience when necessary speaks to his heart: do this, shun that. For man has in his heart a law written by God; to obey it is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged.(9) Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths" (Gaudium et Spes #16)

So is our conscience just there, or does it need to be formed? It needs to be formed and it takes a lifetime. "Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according

Oh my God,

I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.

Amen.

to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings." (CCC #1783)

We can err in our judgment. We can deliberately act against our conscience. We can refuse to take the time and trouble to find out what is true and good. We have lots of things in this world trying to influence us away from a well formed conscience. Humility should always be calling us back to scripture and the teachings of the Church. Humility will always remind us of a lack of conversion and charity. "A good and pure conscience is enlightened by true faith, for charity proceeds at the same time "from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith." (CCC 1794)

Our conscience is there to help us decide right and wrong. There can be some gray areas that call us to make a judgment call, but what makes something genuinely sinful? St. Thomas Aquinas explains sin as a disorder. We should be moving to the ultimate goal of being totally united to God. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to love our brothers and sisters. To cut ourselves off from God and from others is a radical distortion of who we are and where we are going. It is not just cutting ourselves off from God and others that is so bad; it is choosing a substitute that we believe will fulfill us and make us happy. This is very disordered thinking which St. Thomas would never approve of.

I introduce this part of our study on sin, borrowing heavily from "The Essential Moral Handbook: A Guide to Catholic Living by Fathers Kevin O'Neil and Peter Black as they express some very important aspects of morality. It recognizes the decisions that we make to sin. To choose disorder over love. Freedom is found in loving God and our neighbor. Sin robs us of that freedom.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines sin in similar terms:

Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as "an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law." 121

Sin is an offense against God: "Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight." Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it. Like the first sin, it is disobedience, a revolt against God through the will to become "like gods," knowing and determining good and evil. Sin is thus "love of oneself even to contempt of God." In this proud self- exaltation, sin is diametrically opposed to the obedience of Jesus, which achieves our salvation.

To have a fully and properly formed conscience is of paramount importance in protecting us from sin. It calls us to a constant awareness of the temptations that the evil one, the Devil, will attack us with. We can only form our conscience properly through prayer, charity, study of scripture and Church teachings. We must humbly submit to God's will and grow in that love.

Next week we will explore Scripture and Catholic Tradition

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