

Joseph - Our Model of Love

Seeing as we are in Year A of our three year cycle of readings, most of our gospel proclamations will come from Matthew. As Matthew is one of the two gospels with infancy narratives (the other being Luke), we hear today of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. Unlike Luke, Matthew gives us no details of how Mary accepted the mission proposed to her by the angel to become pregnant via the Holy Spirit and to give birth to our Saviour. No, Matthew just tells us, in a rather "matter of fact" manner; **"When Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit"**. While Luke spends almost all of his telling of the birth of Jesus focusing on Mary, Matthew decides to tell us more about Joseph.

We are told that Joseph was a **"righteous man"** who clearly had a deep love for Mary as he was **"unwilling to expose her to public disgrace"**. I took some time to find out what kind of "public disgrace" Joseph was so determined to save Mary from and why would it matter to

him? Remember, at this point in the story Joseph had not as of yet been visited by the angel, so as far as he knew, his fiancé was pregnant and not by him.



The law, in first century Palestine, allowed Joseph to have Mary stoned (Deuteronomy 22: 20-21) and actually obliged him to annul the marriage so as to not sully the line of David with impurity. Yet, Joseph opted for mercy. He looked at the situation at hand and decided that Mary would have a tough enough journey ahead of her without him making it worse. What a lesson for all of us who live in a world obsessed with making sure people get what's coming to them.

What is unique about Joseph is that his first thoughts are of mercy and love, as opposed to retribution and condemnation. He loved Mary enough to know that there was much more to her than the situation she was currently in. This is not unlike the love God has for us. God sees us in our entirety, the good and the not so good. God sees past the ego in us that may not let us admit when we have wronged someone; God sees past the pride in us that may not allow us to humble ourselves and accept much needed help; and God sees past the hurt and the wounds that keep us from embracing the unconditional love that is offered us in the Incarnation.

Perhaps, that is the challenge of this wonderful season we are about to enter. Set aside the black and white letter of the law and instead choose mercy and forgiveness. At this time of year we spend a good deal of our time talking about Mary and the wonderful example she set for us as the first disciple, and rightfully so. But let's not dismiss the lessons we can learn from Joseph. Be merciful when it doesn't make sense; always protect the other's dignity and love without judgment. That will bring peace on earth and good will to all God's people.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

St. Augustine's:	Tuesday—7:00 p.m. Friday—12:00 noon Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence O'Toole:	Monday—9:30 a.m.; Wednesday 4:00 p.m.(French) Sunday —9:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Mercy:	Saturday 7:00 p.m.

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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
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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

Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66

Tuesday

Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord
Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-16

Wednesday

Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord
Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday

Feast: St. Stephen
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Friday

Feast: St. John
1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8

Saturday


Feast: The Holy Innocents
1 John 1.5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Sunday

Feast: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23


She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21, NRSV



				 <i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sat	21	4:00p.m.	St. A	L. Mary & Fred Swift and Matilda Fahey	Lindsay & Eileen Fahey
Sun	22	7:00p.m.	OLM	John & Eileen Sullivan	Mike and Judy
		9:00a.m.	SLOT	Late Danny Donnelly	Claudia and Family
Mon	23	11:00a.m.	St. A	Late Francis Charles Gillis	Wife Dr. Maria Gillis
		9:30a.m.	SLOT	Late Edgar and Rita Cormier	Al and Shirley Baglole
Tue	24	4:00p.m.	St. A	Late Barbara Quigley	Robert and July Bourque
		6:30p.m.	SLOT	Late Florence and Reg King	Eileen Phyllis Wayne Eddie Joyce
		9:00p.m.	OLM	For Parishioners	Francoise Poirier
		11:30p.m.	St. A	Late Norma Carter	Ken and Lynne Trentowsky
Wed	25	10:00a.m.	St. A	Late Paul Eugene Boudreau	Reg and Marcia Currie
		11:00a.m.	SLOT	Late Florence Flewelling	Herve Gagnon
Fri	27	12:00noon	St. A	Late Amanda Arsenault	Family
Sat	28	4:00p.m.	St. A	Late Josephine and Calvin Picone	Anne Marie and Family
		7:00p.m.	OLM	Ron Browne	Wife Genevieve
Sun	29	9:00a.m.	SLOT	Clarence Gagnon	Laurel Cliff
		11:00a.m.	St. A	Ann. L. Clarence Gauvin	Alma and Family



Please take note that
ADORATION at St. Augustine's
will be **CANCELLED** December
24th and December 31st.



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.



Holiday Office Hours
December 24th Closed at noon
December 25th Closed
December 26th Closed
December 27th Closed
December 31st Closed at noon
January 1st - Closed

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS
Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$3,803.25** (181 env); Loose: **\$652.00**; Ray of Hope Kitchen: **\$56.00** (3 env); Candles: **\$80.00**; Building Fund: **\$190.00** (10 env); International Outreach: **\$140.00**; (2 env.); Christmas Flowers: **\$260.00**; Christmas Offering: **\$290.00**; Needy at Christmas: **\$480.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$1,280.00** (18 env.).
Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$895.00** (38 env.); Loose: **\$105.25**; Christmas Boxes: **\$410.00**; Christmas Offering: **\$25.00**; Cemetery Upkeep: **\$200.00**; Donation: **\$250.00**; Craft Sale: **\$367.05**; Heating: **\$50.00**; Faith Development: **\$30.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2 env.).
Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$1,500.00** (30 env.); Loose: **\$141.95**; Candles: **\$40.00**.
Thank you for your generosity!

Have the **WEEKLY BULLETIN**
DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR
INBOX? Simply send your email
address to
parish.office@gasmoncton.com



Schedule of Christmas and New Year's Masses

Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th

St. Augustine's	4:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
IHMC	4:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. 10:00pm
St. Jude's	6:30 p.m.	
St. Lawrence O'Toole	6:30 p.m.	
Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	
Our Lady of Mercy	9:00 p.m.	

Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25th

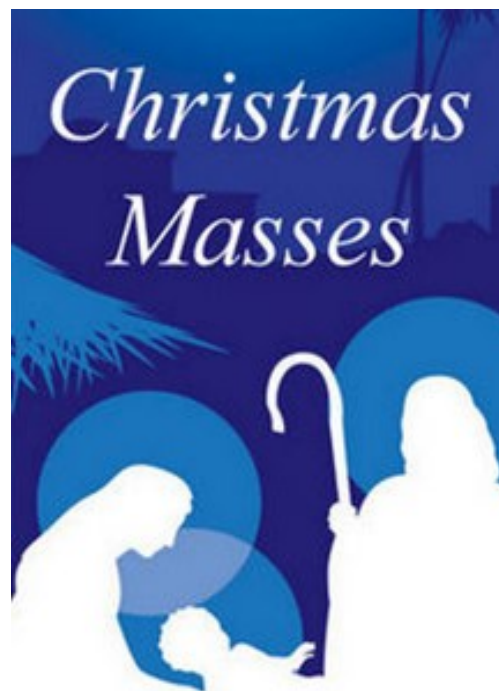
Holy Ghost	10:00 a.m.
St. Augustine's	10:00 a.m.
St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence O'Toole	11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy	4:00 p.m.
St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Wednesday January 1st

St. Lawrence O'Toole	9:00 a.m.
IHMC	10:30 a.m.
St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.
St. Augustine's	11:00 a.m.



thank you

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY extends a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all parishioners who donated toys to another successful Toy Campaign. The Salvation Army was able to distribute the gifts to a number of local children to help make their Christmas a very merry one!

2020 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 2019 must be received by the parish office prior to the New Year.**



If you, or someone you know, is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a member of our Catholic faith community, then **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** may be for you! However you come, our parish community welcomes you! You may already have a strong relationship with God, or you may be seeking such a relationship. You may have had some connection with the Catholic Church or other faith traditions, or you may be seeking a new relationship. RCIA invites you to begin a journey of faith with a group of Catholics who are members of this parish community, and with other men/women who are exploring whether the Catholic faith is right for them. The people of Queen of All Saints offer you support in your search for a deeper relationship with God. A new week day session will begin on Tuesday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m. Contact the parish office at 857-4223 if you are interested in more information.

From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development 45 York Street

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ADVENT GOD SIGHTINGS ON INSTAGRAM

Where do you find hope, peace, joy, and love in 2019? Join us this Advent (Beginning December 1st) as we keep watch for God sightings. Snap a pic while you wait and share it on Instagram with the hashtags #adventgodsightings and #youthfaithmoncton.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 6:30. Archbishop Valéry Vienneau will be joining us for this meeting.

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at 6:00.

Youth Faith Commission - Monday, January 13th at 6:30 pm, rescheduled from the November meeting. All meetings take place at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES from various parishes of the English Deanery will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing for Confirmation at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 12th, 2020. **Candidates need to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.** for registration. The afternoon will conclude between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.



St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot Holiday Hours.

December 25th, 27th Closed
December 30th - Open
January 1st - Closed

Parishioners wishing to contribute towards **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.





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

In Memory of Vincent Cyr from Gloria Cyr
In Memory of Mary and Stafford McEachern from Bert and Myrna
In Memory of Edmond Cormier from Wife Nora and Family
In Memory of the Elward and Collins Families from Maxine (Elward) Collins
In Memory of Parents from Bill and Marina Murphy
In Memory of Paul, Sarah and Mike Felix from Joe Felix
In Memory of Douglas Farren from children Steven and Andrew Farren
In Memory of Basil Lund from Madge Lund and Family
In Memory of Bernie Boyle from Family
In Memory of Evelyn Caissie from Family
In Memory of Patricia and Bill Weightman from Rosemarie and Mick Weightman
In Memory of Margaret and Alfred Morgan from Rosemarie and Mick Weightman
In Memory of Neil and Shannon McDonald from Irene, Erin, Heather and Family
In Memory of Gerald Cameron from Elizabeth and Family
A donation from St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League



In Memory of Jeff Dube from Mary-Ann and Don Dube
In Memory of Ted and Bernadette Moynagh from daughter Judy Crossman
In Memory of Agnes & Garth Allen and Annie & Donald MacLellan from Sharon, Don, Jaime and Joselyn MacLellan
In Memory of Don and Anne LaHanky and deceased family members from their children and families
In Memory of Rene LeBlanc and Brenda McDonald from Lee LeBlanc and Family
In Memory of Kathleen and Laurier Savage from Brenda Ann and Fred Fitzsimmons
In Memory of Robert (Bob) Campbell from Marie Campbell
In Memory of Alex and Mary MacLeod from Michael
In Memory of Laura and Roy Day and Helen Harper from Nancy Middleton and Family
In Memory of Normand Dean Comeau from Ida and Family
In Memory of Robert (Bob) Boucher from Mary Boucher and Family
In Memory of Eva and Cecil Wilson from Wilson Family
In Memory of Serge and Stephane Landry from parents Normand & Anne Marie Landry
In Memory of John and Doreen LeBlanc from daughter Anne Marie Landry
In Memory of Camille Arsenault from Wife Lina Arsenault
In Memory of Joan Blakney from daughter Linda Blakney

