

## Exploring OUR FAITH



### FREEDOM IN FORGIVENESS

Whenever Scripture speaks of forgiveness I am brought back to the events of a warm June evening in Moncton three years ago, when the city was faced with something a small city of this size would never expect to encounter. As I write this, these feelings are re-enforced because of news I received on a warm September evening just days ago, which is, in my mind, intrinsically connected to those events of three years ago.

Forgiveness is a fundamental principle and core teaching of our Christian faith. And it is profoundly difficult. Yet forgiveness and reconciliation is so important to our relationship with God that it is one of the sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church.

Sometimes, for me at least, I even need to forgive God, and while that notion was something I would never have considered when I was younger, it is one I now believe God is big enough to handle. Even though I know that God is not responsible for actions that hurt us – that sickness, death, mental illness, global issues, environmental disasters are not punishments from God but a result of the human condition, when there is no one else to blame, I tend to turn my anger to God and ask “why?”

When others hurt us, or those we love, it is difficult to respond in loving and forgiving ways. However, the reading from Sirach is clear: ‘Does anyone harbor anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord?’ The Lord’s Prayer also says it quite succinctly: ‘forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us’ – if we don’t forgive, how can we seek forgiveness?

Last year, during a session on reconciliation and forgiveness with our children in catechism we talked about this concept, and shared certain points with the children and their parents which might be helpful for us all to remember: forgiveness does not have to be immediate; forgiveness does not excuse another person’s behavior; forgiveness does not require forgetting the offense or feeling kindly; forgiveness is not for wimps – it is a sacred and holy activity. Think of Rev. Dale Lang, of Taber, AB who, in 1999 forgave his son’s killer; think of Nelson Mandela, who when leaving prison said: “as I walked out the door to the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn’t leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I’d still be in prison.”

Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling. It is about the individual who has been hurt letting go and freeing themselves from the pain. It is not necessarily about the other person. And that last piece is, for me, a critical one: forgiveness is as much about me as it is about the one who has hurt me. “Holding on to anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die,” I read somewhere once. Forgiveness does not excuse wrong doing or require us to forget what happened; forgiveness is about our own hearts and health. Hopefully it is a step toward reconciliation, but regardless it is a step toward healing.

Peter asks Jesus, “how often do I forgive ... as many as seven times?” “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.” Now, again, I need to remember those words.

Ellen Bennett  
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**September 17, 2017**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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

<b>Priest-Moderator:</b>	Rev. Allison Carroll
<b>Assistant Priests part time:</b>	Rev. Laurence Quin–Morris frlaurence@qasmoncton.com
	Rev. Jean Bernard (JB) Mallais jbm+@qasmoncton.com
<b>Liturgy:</b>	Carole Penney
<b>Justice and Solidarity:</b>	Marilyn McCleary

#### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

<b>St. Augustine's:</b>	Friday—12:00 noon Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.
<b>St. Lawrence O'Toole:</b>	Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00
<b>Our Lady of Mercy:</b>	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  
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 Hours:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

## Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	1 Timothy 2.17 ; Luke 7:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Timothy 3.1-13 ; Luke 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Timothy 3.14-16 ; Luke 7:310-35
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feast : St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</b> Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13 ; Matthew 9:9-13
<b>Friday</b>	1 Timothy 6.2-12 ; Luke 8:1-3
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial : St. Paul of Pietrelcina</b> 1 Timothy 6.13-16 ; Luke 8:4-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Philippians 1:20-24-27; Isaiah 55.6-9 ; Matthew 20:1-16



St. Lawrence O'Toole Church will hold their **LOCAL PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m.

**COME TASTE AND SEE**—The Living Word Community Prayer Group is offering a **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** each Wednesday from September 20th to November 8th. Sessions will be held in St. Augustine's Church basement at 7:00 p.m. This Seminar provides a way to learn more about living in the Spirit; Jesus will give you a new and fuller relationship with Himself; the gift of the Spirit fills our whole life and changes us so that we begin to know and experience God's love. A \$10.00 fee is asked to cover cost of the material. For information, contact Mary at 855-8330 or Cail at 858-8575.



The **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** who would be willing to volunteer on Fridays from 8:30 until 1:30. This work requires some heavy lifting, dealing with Clients and handling cash. For more information contact Jim Fenwick at 857-2088 or Patsy Murray at 388-9620.



**Fundraiser**

Please support St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League with their latest fund raising endeavor—tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 for a chance at winning various gift cards for 19 various locations with a combined valued of \$400.00!!! Tickets available from any CWL member or QAS parish office.

As the evenings begin to cool down, **MITTEN KNITTING TIME** has arrived. St. Augustine's Mitten Tree will once again be spreading its branches in November in anticipation of being adorned with mittens, mittens and more mittens! Members of the Catholic Women's League will deliver the mitts to local schools in early December. Please pick up those needles and help keep the children's hands warm this winter.



St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League will hold **ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To rent a table for \$20.00, please contact Karen Foster at karenfos5@hotmail.com or 384-4951 to reserve your spot.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	16	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Late George & Margaret Harper Late Ernest O'Brien	Family Sister Maureen Lemay
Sun	17	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Anniversary Late Helen Lowry Late Donald McAllister	Family Mary McAllister
Fri	22	12:00 noon	St. A	Marina Bartole	Thérèse and Family
Sat	23	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	In Loving Memory of Norman Comeau Late Elizabeth Clements	Ida and Family Luke & Diane Dumont
Sun	24	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	L. Elliott William Flanagan Ann L. William Murphy	Beulah and Leo Richard Bill and Marina and Families

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

**Saint Augustine's:** Envelopes: **\$3,368.00** (177 env); Loose: **\$647.00**; Building Fund: **\$170.00** (9 env.); Needs of Canadian Church: **\$20.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$550.00** (15 env.).

**Saint Lawrence O'Toole:** Envelopes: **\$680.00** (29 env.); Loose: **\$103.60**; Needy of the Parish: **\$20.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2 env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy:** Envelopes: **\$890.00** (43 env.); Loose: **\$20600**; Candles: **\$47.00**; Building Maintenance: **\$5.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

**A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**, led by Fr. Laurence Quin-Morris will be held February 7th to 15th 2018. Cost is \$4,875.00 Canadian for double occupancy; \$5,885.00 single; \$4,845.00 Canadian triple. Deposit of \$500.00 required by November 3rd with balance due December 9th. Price includes Round Trip from Moncton, Air Taxes and Fees and Surcharges of \$750.00 per person (subject to increase until paid in full) and Hotel Transfers. For information contact Kathy Caron [kcaron@harveystravel-cwt.com](mailto:kcaron@harveystravel-cwt.com) or 857-3200 at Carlson Wagonlit Harvey's Travel.



JUST OLDER YOUTH

**QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP** extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards on Monday, September 18th 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.

The Rexton Catholic Church's **ANNUAL FALL TURKEY SUPPER** will be held Sunday, September 24th from 4-6pm at the Rexton Catholic Church Hall on 10 School Street. Cost is \$13.00 for adults and take outs and \$6.00 for children under 10. Everyone Welcome!

During the morning liturgy at St. Augustine's, it has become the custom for the children to bring a **FOOD OFFERING** forward during the collection, and this practice continues at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. Donations are forwarded to the local area food banks. When donating **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**, kindly consider canned and boxed items in order to avoid glass breakage.



Would you like to have the **BULLETIN DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX IN FULL COLOR**? Simply send your email address to: [parish.office@qasmoncton.com](mailto:parish.office@qasmoncton.com)





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**BECOMING GOD'S CHILD: Baptism, Faith and Community**—The importance of formation for those accompanying and preparing parents for the baptism of their children has been clearly stated in the *Pastoral Recommendations for the Baptism of Children* developed by the Archdiocese of Moncton in 2015. New members of parish baptism preparation teams are being offered the opportunity to participate in this formation on Friday and Saturday, September 22nd and 23rd from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Friday) and 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Saturday) at Holy Family Church Hall. If you are a member of your parish's baptismal preparation team who has not yet participated in this formation, or if baptism is something that interests you and you would like to see what we are about with this sacrament, please contact Ellen by Thursday, September 21st, to register. Lunch will be provided.

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