

Exploring Our Faith

“He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.”

There is an internet video clip that shows a large group of young adults lined up on a field to begin a running race. The winner of the race will be given one hundred dollars. The person who is organizing the race says that before the race begins he gives a series of instructions that apply only to some participants. “Take two steps forward if your parents are still married. Take two steps forward if you grew up in a family with a father figure. Take two steps forward if you never had to worry about where your next meal was coming from ... Before anyone actually starts to run, some of the competitors are more than half way to the finish line.

That video, like today’s reading from Isaiah, invites us to pay attention to the fact that too often we judge people only by the end result: who gets to the finish line first? We assume that the person with the best job or the most friends must be the more deserving person. We assume that the one with addictions or the one in jail must be less deserving. We tend to be in favor of laws and policies that support and promote the people we view as more deserving and punish those who we deem to be less deserving. We rarely ask: where did they start? How much did they have to overcome? How much have they suffered because of the sins of others?



Some time ago I met a man who committed a horrible crime in his youth. He does not try to make excuses for what he did. It was wrong, absolutely wrong! But it was an act that was not very different from things that he had seen around him as he was growing up. He used violence to get what he wanted because that was all he had ever experienced. Growing up, if someone wanted something from him, the request for that something came with yelling or with swearing, with a fist or with a boot. He was arrested, convicted and sent to jail. In jail he found faith. He came to believe that God understood all that he had suffered and that God loved him and

wanted to free him from the never ending cycle of suffering. Because of that faith, he began to change. Instead of trying to gain power over others he developed compassion for them. He began to value peace and compassion over violence and force. But many people do not want to see the man he is now, they focus on the fact that he deserves punishment for who he was. Maybe before I met him, I too would have been one of those people.

But since I met him, I hear the words of Isaiah in a new way, not just as a metaphor for a distant peace, but as a call to see each other through the eyes of God. Isaiah says that when God judges, the wolf shall live with the lamb. The gentleman that I met would be considered a wolf by many, someone who should never be allowed a life outside of prison, yet he is a man who brings hope and healing to everyone he meets because he is someone who has truly recognized that real power lies in love and not in violence or anger. He has become like a lamb who provides what is needed and causes no harm.

Pam Driedger



December 8th, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent



Saint Augustine's
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, NB
E1C 6H8



Saint Lawrence O'Toole
2340 Route 115
Irishtown, NB
E1H 2L6



Our Lady of Mercy
11 St. Andrews Street
Pointe-du-Chêne, NB
E4P 5E4

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Justice and Solidarity: Marilyn McCleary

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** Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
- Tuesday** Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
- Wednesday** Isaiah 40:25:31; Matthew 11:28-30
- Thursday** **Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Zechariah 2:10-13; Luke 1:39-47
- Friday** **Memorial: St. Lucy**
Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
- Saturday** **Memorial: St. John of the Cross**
Sirah 48:1-4; 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13
- Sunday** **Third Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



ST. AUGUSTINE'S LOCAL PASTORAL COUNCIL

Invites everyone to Cookies and Carols following Mass on December 15th in the church basement. There will be Christmas sweets, music, and a whole lot of Christmas spirit. All are invited to bring their own Christmas treats to share with the community. These can be dropped off at the rectory on Friday, December 13th or given to LPC members at the doors of the church before mass on the 15th.



St. Augustine's "TAGS FOR TOYS" trees are up and laden with tags for boys and girls of all ages. Parishioners may select a tag, purchase an age appropriate gift and bring it unwrapped to the boxes provided near the trees no later than

December 15th. Volunteers from the St. Vincent de Paul Society are coordinating this project in conjunction with the Salvation Army and will ensure the toys are distributed to children from our area in time for Christmas.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP

extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards Monday, December 9th 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.



Senior Adult Event

		Mass Intentions			
Sat	7	4:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Barbara Quigley Bill Gould	Chris and Mary Jan and Family
Sun	8	9:00a.m. 11:00a.m.	SLOT St. A	Dec. Members of Beaumaster Family Late Bazil Lund	Don and Ann Beaumaster Madge Lund and Family
Mon	9	9:30a.m.	SLOT	Late Sean Clarke	Jake and Annie Simon
Tue	10	7:00p.m.	St. A	Late Rose-Aline Savoie	Albertine and Denis Myatt
Wed	11	4:00p.m.	SLOT	Late Lorinda Casey	Jeanne and Don Wood
Thur	12	9:30a.m.	OLM	Helen Layden	Agnes Rodgers
Fri	13	12:00noon	St. A	Late Christina Wright	The Bourque Family
Sat	14	4:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Robertine O'Connor Deceased O'Brien Family Members	Bill and Maurina Murphy Maureen Lemay
Sun	15	9:00a.m. 11:00a.m.	SLOT St. A	Late May Northup Late Aline Collins	Arthur, Therese, Angel Karen Boyle

DECEMBER 12th 7:00 P.M. ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH BASEMENT

Calling all Youth grades 6 to 12 and young adults. Plan to attend a joyful and fun evening of music, food, Praise and Worship with Ken Sequeira and special guest **Christian Huntley** of the Moncton Wildcats who will be sharing their faith story



SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will have a Sock Tree set up to collect mittens and socks from December 1st to 15th. These will be distributed to needy children. Thank you.



St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot Holiday Hours.
December 25th, 27th - Closed
December 30th - Open
January 1st - Closed

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$3,714.00** (172 env); Loose: **\$702.00**; Christmas Offering; **\$60.00** (2 env); Needs of the Canadian Church; **\$5.00**; Ray of Hope Kitchen: **\$5.00**; Missals: **\$20.00**; Candles: **\$50.00**; Building Fund; **\$390.00** (22 env); Christmas Flowers; **\$115.00**; (6 env.); Needy at Christmas; **\$1,250.00** (40 env); Pre-Authorized: **\$1,525.00** (29 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$1,000.00** (43 env.); Loose: **\$90.75**; Missals: **\$65.00**; Christmas Boxes; **\$50.00**; Cemetery Upkeep: **\$10.00** Pre-Authorized: **\$3.00** (2 env.).


Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$742.00** (38 env.); Loose: **\$179.65**; Candles: **\$42.10**.

Thank you for your generosity!



A **HUGE THANK YOU** is extended to one and all who donated to the Catholic Women's League **MITTEN TREE** this year. Due to your generosity, a total of 192 mittens and hats were distributed to six local schools and one daycare.

Faith Development Families gather in St. Augustine's Church basement for sessions.

Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #7	Sunday, December 8th		Family of Faith
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #7	Sunday, November 8th		
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #7	Tuesday, December 10th		

FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will be held following Mass on December 8th

A GATHERING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND SPONSOR OR PARENT will be held on Monday, December 9th, at 6:30 pm at St. Augustine's in the basement.



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.***

Wondering what to give to your family and friends who have everything?

Donation cards are available at the parish office for the **RAY OF HOPE NEEDY KITCHEN INC.**; **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** and **QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT**. Proceeds go to the organization, the needy get fed and clothed, you get a card to give to the recipient notifying them that the donation has been made in their name, and you will also get a tax receipt for your charitable donation.....it's a win-win situation!!!

*Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends
with Christmas Flowers*

Once again this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin.

Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Amount donated \$	Envelope # (if applicable)

Tuesday, December 24th

St. Augustine's	4:00 PM
St. Lawrence O'Toole	6:30 PM
Our Lady of Mercy	9:00 PM
St. Augustine's	11:30 PM

Wednesday, December 25th

St. Augustine's	10:00 AM
St. Lawrence O'Toole	11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 31st

Our Lady of Mercy	4:00 PM
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Wednesday, January 1st

St. Lawrence O'Toole	9:00 AM
St. Augustine's	11:00 AM



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Monday, December 9th
St. Augustine's 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15th
St. Bernard's 1:30 p.m.



ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will recite the **Rosary** prior to Mass each Sunday of Advent, beginning at 8:30a.m.

PRIVATE CONFESSIONS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S During Advent on Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm

DURING ADVENT MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OUR LADY OF MERCY on Thursday at 9:30 am. Confessions after mass.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES DECEMBER 12TH**

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.



Tuesday December 24th - Closed at noon
 Wednesday December 25th - Closed
 Thursday December 26th - Closed
 Friday December 27th - Closed
 Tuesday December 31st - Closed at noon
 Wednesday January 1st - Closed

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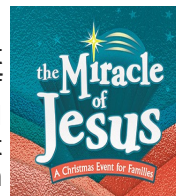
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ADVENT GOD SIGHTINGS ON INSTAGRAM

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.

ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY PARISH UNIT AND THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF YOUTH FAITH DEVELOPMENT will be offering a Christmas event for families on Friday, December 13th at 6:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary. "The Miracle of Jesus" will give families an experience of being transported back in time to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Register with Karen at 387-4918 or online at WWW.DIOMONCTON.CA - Pastoral Offices - Youth Faith Development



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES please note this preliminary announcement: you will all be gathering at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on **Sunday, January 12th, 2020** to meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this spring. Further details will follow in later bulletins.



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 be begin on Tuesday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m. Contact the parish office at 857-4223 if you are interested in more information.

THE METRO TONES POP CHORUS Annual Christmas Charity Concert will take place Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 7:30pm at the Moncton Wesleyan Celebration Centre. All net proceeds go to the Food Depot Alimentaire with assistance to the Karing Kitchen and the Ray of Hope Kitchen. Tickets are \$10.00 plus food items and are available at all five Jean Coutu; Read's Newsstand(Mountain Rd.); Peoples Park Tower; Sobeys (Vaughan Harvey Blvd.); or a chorus member. For more info: 852-9664.



Tuesdays 5:45p.m. – St. Augustine's:
Adoration and Rosary at 6:30p.m.

Fridays 11:00a.m.—St. Augustine's
Adoration and Rosary at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 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

Sundays 8:30 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole:
Recitation of the Rosary during Advent

Sunday, December 8th
9:15 am—St. Augustine's Basement: **Level 1-3 Faith Development**

12:15 pm—St. Augustine's Basement: **Level 4-6 Faith Development**

Monday, December 9th
6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement:
Confirmation Gathering for Candidate and Parent or Sponsor

Monday, December 9th
7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Advent Penitential Service**

Tuesday, December 10th
6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Level 4-6 Faith Development**

Thursday, December 12th
7:00p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Youth Gathering**

Sunday, December 15th
12:00—St. Augustine's Basement: **Cookies and Carols, Welcome All.**

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE families needing assistance for Christmas time can call Barb Cormier after 7:00 p.m. in the evenings to register for a **CHRISTMAS BOX**. Deadline to contact Barb at 342-0411 is Friday, December 15th.



Throughout Advent, St. Lawrence O'Toole will have a basket available to collect **PERSONAL USE ITEMS** for needy families—such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, disposable razors, shampoo, hand cream and other similar products suitable for use by men, women and children. The items will be taken to St Vincent de Paul for disbursement to those most in need. Thank you for your donation on behalf of those less fortunate.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is in great need of men's, women's and children's winter coats and boots. These can be dropped off during depot hours or left in the St. Vincent de Paul bin in the parking lot.



Please consider dropping off your extra grocery bags in the St. Vincent de Paul bin or at the depot. Thank you.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE parishioners, your parish council is looking for a secretary. This would include taking minutes at meetings (about every month except during the summer) ,sending them to the council members via email or a paper copy and attaching a copy of these minutes on the bulletin board in the church's entryway. A big **THANK YOU** to Jane Donovan, who, for personal reasons, resigned after being on council for 14 years. If interested and/or have questions please contact Rosemonde at 853-8448 (evenings)