## The Many Stages of Mission

If we were to combine this week's readings with the Passion reading we heard on Good Friday, we could probably make a miniseries called "The Many Faces of Peter". I think that's one of the reasons I love Peter so much is that he is so relatable to me. Always with the best of intentions, but sometimes falling a little short of the mark. Yet, no matter how many times he fell, like his best friend and saviour, he always got back up and continued the mission.

The gospel reading we have this week has special meaning for me as it was the one our family selected to be read at my father's funeral. The reason this gospel seemed so appropriate was the kind of life my father had lived. My father was a very independent person for most of his life, setting his own course, and going "wherever he wished". Yet, at the end of his life, he was living with dementia and relying more than he ever would have wanted on others to look after him. If asked earlier in life, I feel confident in saying he would have said that this is a place "he would not wish to go". When journeying with someone who used to be the standard of dignity and integrity that you would strive to achieve, it can be hard to find meaning in why God would call him to finish his mission on earth not recognizing loved ones or being able to do for himself the most basic of tasks.

Like most of us, including my father, the shape of Peter's mission changed a lot over his lifetime. He began his adult life as a hard working man trying to provide for his family. Then came his encounter with Jesus, and things took a dramatic turn. This impetuous, uneducated fisherman was now on a course that would lead to him becoming a leader of the early church and bold enough to go toe to toe with the high priest as we see in our first reading today. Yet, even that changed, and he would finish his mission a prisoner and martyred for his faith. Once again, it can be hard to understand why God would call him to finish in such a manner.

We read and hear a lot today about people who want to control how their life will end. That they don't want to be a burden to others, and want to "die with dignity", I believe is the term. I am not here to judge anyone's personal journey or choices, but I can share my own experience. While the way my father spent the last months of his life would not have been as he would have designed it, I know for sure he had a faith in God (like Peter) that would have allowed him to journey where God was calling him, trusting that God would create light out of darkness. Sometimes it takes time and distance to fully see the light, but rest assured there is always light.



The light that I have come to see, now seven years removed from his death, is that there is a dignity to life in all its stages. Just as no one would look at an infant baby who is unable to care for themselves, and see a burden, we should have the same heartfelt compassion for someone who is at the end of their journey. The love we share at these stages in life is truly unconditional, as the recipient can do nothing to earn it. So I ask you, is there anything more dignified than being the reason people can give and receive unconditional love? This was probably Dad's greatest achievement in living out his mission.

Mark Mahoney



May 5, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter



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: Rev. Allison Carroll

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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

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

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

Memorial: St. François De Laval Monday 2 Timothy 4:1-5; John 10:11-16

Tuesday Acts 7:51, 8:1; John 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42; John 6:53,60-69

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9; 14-17, John 10:27-30 Sunday

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S **LEAGUE** will hold their monthly meeting on



Tuesday May 7th. Please note the 6:30 p.m. start time with the Prayer service "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" in the Father Peter McKee Room. All ladies welcome. Please use the elevator entrance.

For more information please contact Patsy Murray at 388-9620.

#### QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP

extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games

or cards on Monday, May 13th 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. information, contact Norma at 384-0605.



THE REXTON CATHOLIC CHURCH'S Annual Spring Turkey Supper will be on Sunday, May 5th from 4:00 p.m. To 6:00 p.m. at the Catholic Hall on 12 School Street. Cost is \$13 for adults & take outs and \$6 for children under 10. Everyone Welcome!

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat	4	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Rod Vincet	Lorraine Vincent
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Gilles Bourque	Majella & Rudy Gautreau
Sun	5	9:00 a.m.	SLO	Late Irene Baron	Clarence, Julie Gagnon & Laurel
		11:00am	St. A	Late Leo Furlong	Patricia Jardine
Fri	10	12:00noon	St. A	Late Ron Fitzgerald	Maruice Doiron
Sat	11	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Rita Hynes	Daughter Pat Fraser & Family
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Tom Clements	Muriel and Marion
Sun	12	9:00a.m.	SLO	Ann. Late Rheal Dupuis	Mom Odette and Marc
		11:00a.m.	St. A	Late Eileen Weir	St. Augustine's CWL

## A WARM WELCOME is extended to all CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



THEIR **SPONSORS** attendance at Saturdays liturgy as they receive a blessing from the community and enter into the final preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 28th.

Please keep the children of our parish unit preparing to celebrate the **SACRAMENT OF** FIRST EUCHARIST on May 12th in your prayers.



ST.LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S next LPC meeting will be held Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS St. Vincent de Paul will hold its annual Spring Yard Sale

Saturday June 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. New and used clothing, shoes, toys, books, household items and flea market finds. All proceeds will help the needy of our community.



#### LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$5,404.00 (177 env); Loose: **\$723.00**; Share Lent: **\$10.00** (1 env): Good Friday/Chaplains: \$10.00 (1 env): Easter Offering: \$308.00 (17 env): Needs of the Canadian Church: \$5.00; Building Fund: \$265.00 (16 env.): Donations for Flowers: \$30.00; United Way: \$45.00; Candles: \$215.00; Pre-Authorized: \$420.00 (18 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: \$568.00 (31 env.): Loose: \$124.60; Easter Offering: \$60.00 (5 env); Good Friday/Chaplains: \$283.00 (16 env): Lenten Folders: \$20.00 (1 env): Candles: \$268.55; Pre-Authorized: \$50.00 (3 env).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$660.00 (27 env); Loose: \$72.25; Candles: \$35.00: Easter: **\$125.00**; Share Lent: **\$50.00**; Good Friday/ Chaplains: **\$50.00** 

> Thank you for your generosity!

ST. AUGUSTINE'S FINANCE COUNCIL

Please note There will be a second collection on May 11th and May 12th. This is to help recover funds from the 2018 deficit.

Thank you.



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