

## ESSENTIAL DOUBT



What are you most certain of? Have you ever had a firmly-held belief shaken, or challenged? When I was 19 years old, I attended a faith development workshop where I was introduced to the idea that our creation stories from scripture should not be understood literally; they were instead used metaphorically by our early ancestors to describe how our universe and humanity came into existence. At one point in our workshop, the facilitator of the workshop posed the question to one participant: “*You do not actually believe we are all descended from the same two people, do you?*” I struggled to conceal my own shock, because yes, up to that point, I did believe that, and from the look on her face, so did the young woman receiving the question. As I looked around the table, I could see 15 other young men and women, jaws on the floor, every one of us just having had a fundamental component of our belief system challenged. At the time, I remember I did not like what I was feeling because I felt as though someone had pulled the rug from beneath my feet, and I no longer felt certain of anything. *Liars, those catechists. Had I always been this easy to fool?* Later, I realized that if someone had tried to explain to me in fifth grade catechism that our creation stories are metaphorical, I would have been confused beyond reparation. The good news which arose from this shocking Creation Story Incident started me on a path of questioning my faith when I saw contradictions that did not make sense to me, or that were inconsistent with my experience of the world.

I tell this story to:

- 1) illustrate the real discomfort I felt in connection with having my certainty challenged, and
- 2) show that in doubt can, for some people at least, yield spiritual fruit.

Doubt is an unwelcome word for some people of faith, particularly if you are 100% certain of everything you believe, but my experience has been different. My own spiritual struggles have deepened my faith in ways I would never have expected. In fact, it has been precisely doubt that has helped my faith to develop in the way it has. Some even suggest doubt is an essential part of faith, because the absence of doubt suggests not faith but *certainity*. According to English novelist Graham Greene, if you were to abolish doubt, you would not be left with faith, but with “heartless conviction,” and from there, a slippery slope to fundamentalism.

I have an ongoing circular conversation with an atheist friend who routinely tries to bait me into a theological debate about the existence of God. He says he does not believe in God, and does not understand how anyone could believe in something they cannot see, or something that is not proven by science. Because it is not my job to debate the existence of God, my usual response is to remind him that whether you believe in God or not, either position is still a belief.

It has been several years since the creation story incident, and during the years between then and now, I have become less worried by doubts when they arise. This is because I have learned that no one person has all the answers and also that, even amid doubt, it is possible to keep the faith. In today’s gospel, even though Thomas expressed doubt over Jesus’ resurrection, “After eight days... Thomas was with them.” He remained faithful amid his doubt.

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**April 23, 2017**  
**Second 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

<b>Priest-Moderator:</b>	Rev. Allison Carroll
<b>Assistant Priest:</b>	Rev. Laurence Quin–Morris rllaurence@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.

<b>Faith Development-Children:</b>	Eileen Caissie eileen.caissie@qasmoncton.com
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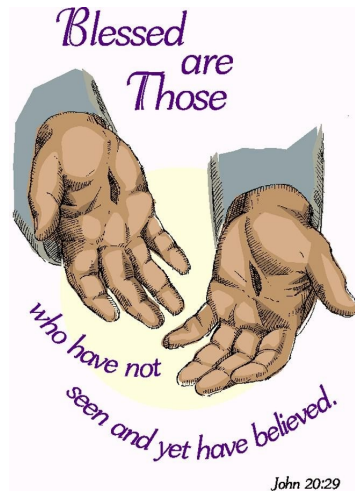
<b>St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery:</b>	Linda Evans 389-9300
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**Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen:** 857-4224  
**Meals served:** Monday to Friday 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**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>	Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast: St. Mark</b> 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial: St. Catherine of Siena</b> Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 2:14, 22-28; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35



John 20:29



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** is offering a **\$500.00 BURSARY** to a June 2016 High School graduate who is a parishioner of St. Augustine's and who will pursue post secondary studies. Applications will be accepted until May 28th. Please send copies of marks; acceptance letter; **parish involvement** and other pertinent information to St. Augustine's CWL Bursary Selection Committee in care of the parish office.

**NB RIGHT TO LIFE'S ANNUAL MARCH** will be held in Fredericton Tuesday, May 2nd. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call Sister Cecile Francois LeBlanc 857-9414 or email [cecilevie@hotmail.com](mailto:cecilevie@hotmail.com) – \$20.00 per person or \$20.00 for the whole family.

**YARD SALE sponsored by Moncton Right to Life** will be held Saturday, May 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 74 Poirier Drive. Donations greatly appreciated. For information contact Lise/David at 854-4209 or Sr. Cecile at 857-9414. Proceeds to NBRL Building Fund.



## MEET & GREET

At St. Augustine's Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th let's gather at the back of the church after Mass to socialize while enjoying a beverage and a treat. Look forward to seeing you there!



**WELCOME** to all **CANDIDATES, SPONSORS AND PARENTS** in attendance at St. Augustine's this Sunday. Following mass, the youth will be attending an afternoon retreat as they enter their final preparations to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next month.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	22	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Our Lady of Good Counsel Late Charlene O'Brien	St. Augustine's CWL Sister Maureen Lemay
Sun	23	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Late Rita Cormier Anniv. Late Eddie & Florence Pitre	Al & Shirley Baglole Sherry & Eddie
Fri	28	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Lorinda Casey	Yvon & Edna Tremblay
Sat	29	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Maria Gaudet Repose of Souls	Claudette & Don Flo LeBlanc
Sun	30	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Anniversary Late Robert Lowry Late Maria Pascal	Family The Tremblays

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS



**SAINT AUGUSTINE'S:**  
Envelopes: **\$190.00** (5 env);  
Loose: **\$1,688.00**; Easter  
Offering: **\$5,867.00** (267  
env.); Holy Thursday:  
**\$55.00** (4 env.); Good  
Friday: **\$2,370.00** (133  
env.); Good Friday Loose:  
**\$823.00**; Lenten Folders: **\$565.00** (25 env.);  
Easter Flowers: **\$30.00**; Pre-Authorized  
Payments: **\$1,282.29** (29 env.).

**SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE:** Envelopes:  
**\$955.00** (43 env); Easter Offering: **\$510.00**  
(29 env.); Loose: **\$148.20**; Lenten Folders:  
**\$104.00** (6 env.); Holy Thursday: **\$55.00** (8  
env.); Good Friday: **\$60.00** (8 env.); Pre-  
Authorized Payments: **\$28.00** (2 env.).

**OUR LADY OF MERCY:** Envelopes:  
**\$455.00** (29 env.); Loose: **\$277.25**; Easter  
Offering: **\$390.00**; Good Friday: **\$170.00**;  
Ash Wednesday: **\$5.00**; Share Lent:  
**\$20.00**; Candles: **\$67.10**.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**



**DEEPEST SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of **Celia Hachey**, whose funeral will be celebrated Monday at 2:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's. *May she rest forever in the loving embrace of the Lord!*



**QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP** extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards on Monday, April 24th 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.





# DANCE



\$20.00 per person  
Tickets available from  
any Council member,  
the Parish Office or  
after weekend liturgies.

HOSTED BY  
ST. AUGUSTINE'S LOCAL PASTORAL COUNCIL

Friday, May 5th  
7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.  
Moncton Lions Club, 55 Mark Avenue

*50/50 Draw*

*Cash Bar*

Music by  
**JOHNNY AND THE  
MOONDAWGS**



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS  
FAMILY FAITH DEVELOPMENT  
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**GROUP A**  
Sunday, April 23rd  
Sunday, May 7th

**GROUP B**  
Monday, April 24th  
Monday, May 8th

**GROUP C**  
Tuesday, April 25th  
Tuesday, May 9th

**A REHEARSAL FOR ALL CHILDREN  
AND PARENTS PREPARING FOR  
FIRST EUCHARIST** will be held at St.  
Augustine's this Wednesday, April  
26th at 6:30 p.m.

**REHEARSAL FOR ALL  
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND  
SPONSORS** will be held Thursday,  
May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St.  
Augustine's.

English Faith Development gatherings  
at St. Lawrence O'Toole will be held:  
Sunday, April 23rd  
Sunday, May 14th  
Sunday, May 28th

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** à St.  
Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles  
francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de  
l'église dimanche, le 23 avril.



**THANK YOU** is extended to  
**EVERYONE** who helped in any  
way, big or small, to make our  
Triduum so prayerful—from the  
environment committees who  
made our worship spaces so  
inviting; the music ministries who  
played and sang their hearts out  
beautifully from Thursday to  
Sunday, Confirmation Candidates  
who presented the Family Way of  
the Cross so respectfully; all who  
participated in Thursday's washing  
of feet—whether you washed or  
were washed!; coordinators and  
liturgical ministers, all of you who  
attended any of the services  
.....the list goes on. Your  
participation is greatly appreciated  
and **YOU** are what makes each of  
our churches vibrant communities.

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The next **BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST** for young adults 19 to 39 will be held on Saturday, May 27th, 10:00 a.m. at Codiac Cafe (666 St. George Blvd). The selection will be the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *All The Light You Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. For more information, contact Trevor.



**ADORATION**—St. Augustine's Church is open each Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for those who wish to visit. During this time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. At 2:00 p.m., the Rosary is prayed for vocations and for our priests.

The **LIVING WORD PRAYER GROUP** meet at St. Augustine's each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



**SCENT FREE**—Queen of All Saints encourages all users of our place of worship and meeting rooms to refrain from using scents. There are many parishioners who have great difficulty breathing with scents give off by colognes, sprayers, perfumes, etc. Your cooperation is a caring gesture towards others.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Saturday, May 6th

8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Flea Market Items as well new and good quality used clothing. All proceeds will help the needy of our community.

An **AUCTION** in support of parking lot repairs at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be held at the Dan Bohan Centre in Riverview on Sunday, April 30th. Doors open at 6:45; live auction and local talent beginning at 7:00pm; silent auction throughout the evening.

To celebrate life after transplant for recipients; to celebrate donors and donor families and to increase organ and tissue donation awareness in our community, **THE ANNUAL TRANSPLANT TROT** will be held on Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 a.m. at the Moncton Press Club. For information on this 5km and 10 km walk/run or to offer support by sponsoring a participant, check online at [www.runningroom.ca](http://www.runningroom.ca); click races; NB; April.



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**23RD ANNUAL PRAYER DAY** at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Indian Island will be held Friday, May 5th beginning 9:00 a.m. with prayers or adoration throughout the day. Fr. Mercier will preside at Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 7:00 p.m.

The **ATLANTIC MARIAN GATHERING** will be held at Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax June 2nd to 4th. For information on this spirit filled weekend check online at [www.mariangatheringhalifax.com](http://www.mariangatheringhalifax.com)



**Prayers for the Ill and Dying**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in **12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE** on Thursday, May 4th. You are invited to join with the St. Augustine's CWL at 6:30 p.m. in St. Augustine's to pray for palliative care by journeying with them on the "Way of the Cross." Scripture readings, interpretations and reflections will focus on palliative care and will give us a better understanding of how we care for the dying, and the importance of faith and hope in this process. The script to be followed was written by Sister of Charity, Nuala Kenny, medical doctor, ethicist and professor. Please join with us in this very meaningful exercise.

**ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ANNUAL BBQ** will be held Sunday, June 4th immediately following Mass. The theme this year will be In honor of Canada's 150th Birthday. Everyone from our Parish unit is invited and are encouraged to wear your Canadian colors of Red or White. Special activities are planned so please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Please keep the children of our parish unit preparing to celebrate the **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST** next weekend in your prayers.



Saturday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesleyan Celebration Centre **The MetroTones Pop Chorus** will host an evening of **MEMORIES, SALUTES, AND TRIBUTES** to our veterans. In proximity to D-Day, they are honoring Veterans at their 16<sup>th</sup> annual charity concert in support of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 06 and a High School Graduate Music Scholarship. The concert will include Vera Lynn war songs. Admission is \$10.00 plus non-perishable food items. Tickets available at all Jean Coutu's; Read's Newsstands (Mountain Road and Riverview); People's Park Tower; Sobeys Vaughan Harvey Blvd. or any chorus member. For information call 384-0225 or visit [metrotones.org](http://metrotones.org).