Our Gifts for God's Glory

The first reading of the capable wife from Proverbs proclaimed this morning is one that is sometimes used at funerals for wives and mothers. Initially, there seems little connection between it and the Gospel, where a bond is usually evident. However, I will never again hear that reading, without thinking of a very dear friend who died in September; because of who she was, the links are clearly visible. My friend epitomized the capable wife, and friend, and Christian who profoundly lived her faith through the actions of her life. Far from burying her 'talents,' instead she used the gifts she was given to extend a helping hand to all those in need. She lived as a 'child of the light' as Paul reminds the Thessalonians they are.

The excerpt from Matthew's Gospel we hear is taken from Jesus' last significant speech before his death and resurrection and immediately precedes "The Judgement of the Nations" which we will hear next week. Jesus knows he is soon leaving his disciples; he is trying to ensure they understand his teachings. Today's Gospel has become associated with stewardship and our baptismal responsibility of sharing our gifts, so much so, that the Greek word 'talanton', a monetary term, has come to mean 'God-given ability.'

Everyone has talents – gifts we are born with and develop throughout our lives; gifts given to us by the God who created us, to share with others. We do not have the choice to use these gifts or not; it is demanded of us by the same God who gave them to us. The American spiritual teacher Marianne Williamson describes it this way: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves: Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

'Make manifest the glory of God.' I believe that is what this Gospel passage is about. Matthew is telling us we are not to hide or bury our gifts to protect and save them. Our talents are treasures meant to be lived and shared; through our sharing of them, they will grow ... and more importantly, so will we. To hide behind our fears and worries is to limit who we are meant to be, who God created us to be.

My friend never sought the limelight. She simply lived as a child of God who knew she was loved and valued and had much to give the world. When we live with that knowledge we accept it is not about us, it is about God. Cathy understood that.

Ellen Bennett Diocesan Office of Faith Development





November 19th 2017 **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

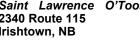


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Saint Lawrence O'Toole 2340 Route 115 Irishtown, NB





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PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Liturgy: Claire Hachev Justice and Solidarity: Marilyn McCleary

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

St. Augustine's: Friday—12:00 noon

Assistant Priests part time:

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.

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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@gasmoncton.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

Monday 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64; Luke18:35-43

Memorial: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday

2 Maccabees 6:18-31: Luke 19:1-10

Memorial: St. Cecilia

Thursday 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

Memorial: St. Andrew Düng-Lac Friday

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

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Sunday Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46



The SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM be celebrated at St. Augustine's Sunday, November 26th at 1:30p.m.; and at Our Lady of Mercy on Sunday November 26th at 12:00 noon. Parishioners are welcome, and encouraged to attend these communal celebrations.

The **MITTEN TREE** has started sprouting in the church gathering space and will continue to grow until Advent, when Catholic Women's League members will distribute the mitts to local school children.



COMMUNION WHEN IN THE HOSPITAL—Due to the "Privacy Act", parishioners are reminded that if they wish to receive Eucharist, it is necessary to state that "they wish to receive", either while being admitted or by informing nursing staff.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS (St. Michaels) SCOUTING is making and selling unbaked homemade APPLE PIES. They are \$8.00 each with all proceeds to support Scouting adventures for QAS St. Michaels Beavers,

Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. Contact Garth at 388-3979 to place your order—pay for pies at time of pick up at 10:00 on Saturday, November 25th at Mount Royal Church, 106 Mount Roval Blvd.



PRAYING THE ROSARY—During Advent, the Rosarv will be praved at St. Lawrence O'Toole at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday prior to the regular weekend liturgy.



THE LOUISBOURG CHOIR will hold a concert at the Mount Royal United Church, 106, Mount Royal

Bld., Thursday, November 30th, at 7:30 pm. Tickets on sale at the door: \$25.00; Free for students. For further details www.concertnb.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	18	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Debbie McGrath-Roussel
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	In Thanksgiving
Sun	19	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Late Charles Northup
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Edward Donavon
Mon	20	7:00 p.m.	St. A	Mass of Remembrance
Fri	24	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Cam Melanson
Sat	25	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Doris Boudreau
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Eileen and John Sullivan
Sun	26	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Anniversary Late Irene Baron
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Jesus and Elisa Asares

Stella McGrath & Family Parishioner Norman & Gloria Goguen Georgina and Family

Albert and Mary Evers Bob and Rita LeBlanc Mike and Judy Family Lourdes

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$4,578.00 (189 env); Loose: \$594.00; Building Fund: \$225.00 (11 env.); Candles: \$160.00; Ray of Hope Kitchen: \$115.00 (2 env.); Music Ministry Memorial: \$20.00; Pre-Authorized Payments: \$640.00 (19 env.).



Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: \$990.00 (45 env.); Loose: \$120.90; Heating: \$145.00 (8 env.); Pre-Authorized: \$30.00 (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$897.00 (36 env.); Loose: \$72.00; Candles: \$27.00; Heating: \$250.00; Development and Peace: \$5.00: Pre-Authorized: \$20.00 (1 env.).

> Thank you for your continued generosity!

ALL ST. AUGUSTINE'S. OUR LADY OF MERCY AND ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE PARISHIONERS may take advantage of the PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT

SYSTEM for weekly church contributions. Payments may be stopped or changed at any time. Please call the parish office if you are interested.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Albertine and Denis Mvatt on the death of his brother Vincent Myatt; and to the Family of Florence LeBlanc Moulton Sarnia Ontario. May they rest forever in the loving embrace of the Lord!

Saint Lawrence O'Toole's SOCK TREE is in the entrance of the church and we are looking for warm socks for all ages. Please help decorate and hang them on the tree. A basket is also available for mittens and hats. All articles will be distributed to the needy.



Christmas Dinner

Holy Family Senior's Club will hold a Christmas dinner and dance on December 7th, at the Dan Bohan Center, 5 Fatima Dr. Riverview. Doors will open at 5:00p.m. with a start time of 6:00 p.m. Members will cost \$20.00 and non members \$25.00.

St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League is reminding members that it is time once again to pay our annual membership dues. You may pay at the monthly meeting or simply put the \$25.00 in an envelope clearly marked CWL DUES. Don't forget to include your name!

From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development

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The **BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST** selection for young adults 19-39 will be *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave. It is a dual narrative about a Nigerian asylum-seeker and a British 🕏 magazine editor. The novel examines the treatment of refugees by the asylum system, as well as issues of British colonialism, globalization, political violence and personal accountability. We will meet to discuss the book on Saturday, November 25th at 10:00 a.m., at Cora's Restaurant, Mapleton Road.



GOSPEL OF MARK: the Puzzling Story of Jesus

Join Dr. Andrew Wilson Saturday, November 25th at Holy Family Church Hall from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm as he provides a glimpse of the Jesus presented in Mark's Gospel. He will explore such questions as: Why do the disciples in Mark's Gospel constantly miss the point? Is a 'Markan Sandwich' a first century luncheon? Given that on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins her New Year, and for the next liturgical year we will primarily hear the Gospel of Mark, this session will offer insights into that Gospel. Cost of the session is \$12.00. Dr. Wilson's entertaining style and depth of knowledge has made him a popular presenter for the Office of Faith Development. Pre-registration is necessary by November 22, and may be done by contacting Ellen. Lunch will be provided.

Humanity of Jesus This is a preliminary announcement regarding a session with Sr. Denise Lirette, f.j. taking place on Tuesday, December 12th at Holy Family. Watch next week's bulletin for more details!

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT

St. Augustine's Faith Development families will gather in the church basement:

Level 1 -3	9:15 a.m.	Session #6 Session #7	Sunday, November 26th Sunday, December 10th
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Sunday, November 19th a TOUR OF THE CHURCH for children preparing for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation will be held at St. Augustine's at 12:15 p.m.

La SESSION DE FAMILLE à St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au soussol de l'église dimanche, le 3 decembre à 10h00.

English FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will be held next Sunday, November 26th at 10:00a.m.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH



Tuesdays

1:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Adoration and Rosary

Thursdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: Adoration. Silence, Prayers for Vocations

Sunday, November 19th

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: Goodie Sunday

12:15p.m. St. Augustine's: 1st Eucharist and Reconciliation Church tour.

Monday. November 20th

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 26th

9:15a.m.—St. Augustine's: Faith Development

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MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

This Monday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m., we will gather at St. Augustine's Church to pray for our loved ones who have died in the past twelve months. Everyone is invited to attend this liturgy and the reception that will be held in the church basement following the mass.



In an effort to assist the working poor and the homeless. THE METROTONES POP CHORUS present their annual Christmas charity concert on Friday, December 15th, 7:30 p.m. at the Moncton Wesleyan Centre. Proceeds to the The Food Depot Alimentaire with assistance to The Karing



Kitchen and The Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen Inc. Tickets \$10.00 (plus non-perishable food items) available at all Jean Coutus; Read's Newsstands; Peoples Park Tower; Sobeys Vaughan Harvey Blvd.; Hospice Shoppe or a chorus member. MAS For information call 384-0225 or www.metrotones.org

The Christmas tradition of "Tags for Toys" at St. Augustine's will begin next weekend! Trees laden with tags for boys and girls of all ages will be placed at the main entrance of the church. 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 17th. 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.



Pastoral Associate Job Posting

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Salary will be based on experience in the field.

Position requirements:

- Must be a practicing Roman Catholic
- Be willing & available to participate in mandatory ongoing formation
- Possess strong leadership skills
- Experienced in program coordination
- Have strong written and oral communication skills and
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