

A New Beginning

When the Babylonians gathered the intellectual, spiritual and political leaders from various areas of Israel and settled them in Babylon there was an unexpected result. Those descendants of the 12 sons of Jacob, thrown together by tragedy, shared with one another the various strands of the traditions, laws and histories since their ancestors left Egypt. The result of their collaboration is our Bible.

Biblical scholars call one of them "the Priestly Writer" and credit him for the great Creation Hymn "In The Beginning..." Much later Athanasius wrote "God so ordered creation that although he cannot be seen by nature yet he may be known from his works." (Contra Gentes, 35, 40) For us to understand the best science of those days we can hold a snow globe in our hands: inside the "firmament" holding the waters above from the waters below lies the flat earth on which we live. Western Science, begun about 6,000 years ago, continues to honour the Creator by discovering more and more about creation, both above through the telescope and within ourselves through the microscope.

During the exile in Babylon an end to the exile and a return to Zion was sought. Over time that longing was generalized into a longing for an end to any of the suffering endured during life, a life given to us at the price of death. That glorious ending would come from the Messiah.



The four gospels present Jesus from different points of view, and in them he is called by many different titles. What they and all of the epistles and all the Christian churches for 2,000 years agree on is this: they are all about "the Christ" the Anointed One who is to come at the end. This unanimity can be interpreted to mean that Jesus was and is most identified by his message about the end of time which was, in sum, "This Day."

When Jesus went to the heart of his own tradition he saw it as a whole--its beginning and its end. His message was not "The end is near"; it was "The end is now." Many thought it meant the end of the world, causing confusion as they waited in vain. But as the end of time it made sense then and makes sense now. All of history culminates in the present moment. We can only live right now.

Today, the First Sunday of Advent is a new beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Last Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrated the Victorious Messiah, who in that gospel reading by Luke was sarcastically labelled "King" by Pilate. An end implies a new beginning. Today we begin to prepare for the coming of the Christ with the comforting faith that he has already come. "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Agnes Beirne



December 1st, 2019
First Sunday of Advent



Saint Augustine's
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, NB
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Saint Lawrence O'Toole
2340 Route 115
Irishtown, NB
E1H 2L6



Our Lady of Mercy
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Pointe-du-Chêne, NB
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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
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
Regular Depot Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Daily Readings

Monday Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11, 13
Tuesday **Memorial: St. Francis Xavier**
 Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-21
Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday **Memorial: St. Ambrose**
 Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8
Sunday **Second Sunday of Advent**
 Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12



ST. AUGUSTINE'S LOCAL PASTORAL COUNCIL invites you 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.

The Christmas tradition of "TAGS FOR TOYS" at St. Augustine's has begun. Trees laden with tags for boys and girls of all ages are 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 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.



AN INVITATION TO ALL CWL MEMBERS



Our Annual Christmas Gathering will be held at Vinh's Wok, 26 Plaza Blvd at 6 o'clock on Tuesday December 3rd. There is no "Snow Date" for this event. Please note Membership fees can be paid at gathering.



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.

Mass Intentions

Sat	30	4:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Mary Elizabeth Layton Deceased Family Members	Daughter Gillian Layton Flo LeBlanc
Sun	1	9:00a.m. 11:00a.m.	SLOT St. A	Deceased Members of Bertin Family Late Norma Carter	Don and Ann Beaumaster Dolores LeBlanc and Family
Mon	2	9:30a.m.	SLOT	Late Amanda LeBlanc	Roland LeBlanc and Family
Tue	3	7:00p.m.	St. A	Late Marie Beaulieu	Richard and Barbara Curry
Wed	4	4:00p.m.	SLOT	Late Laurise Maillet	Leo Paul and Patsy Maillet Family
Fri	6	12:00noon	St. A	Late Gerard Biddiscombe	Chris and Mary
Sat	7	4:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Barbara Quigley Bill Gould	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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$4,519.25** (198 env.); Loose: **\$799.75**; World Mission Sunday: **\$5.00**; Ray of Hope Kitchen: **\$7.00**; Missals: **\$35.00**; Candles: **\$100.00**; All Souls: **\$5.00**; Needy at Christmas: **\$75.00**; Syrian Family: **\$60.00** (2 env.); Donation: **\$70.00**; Building Fund: **\$218.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$435.00** (16 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$795.50** (41 env.); Loose: **\$695.85**; Heating: **\$45.00** (2 env.); Christmas Boxes: **\$120.00**; (6 env.); Cemetery Upkeep: **\$20.00**; Donation for Christmas Boxes: **\$210.00**; Missals; **\$70.00** Pre-Authorized: **\$50.00** (3 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$740.00** (33 env.); Loose: **\$139.40**; Candles: **\$57.00**; Flowers: **\$51.00**; Heating; **\$20.00**

Thank you for your generosity!



OUR NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE will be held Saturday, December 7th and December 14th at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine's in the church basement. Please register by calling the office at 857-4223

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!



**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, Prayer and Worship with Ken Sequeira and special guest **Christian Huntley** of the Moncton Wildcats who will be sharing their faith story.

GOODIE SUNDAY

Will be held at St. Lawrence O'Toole following mass on Sunday, December 8th. **All are welcome.**



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.

Monday, 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	
Tuesday, December 25th		
St. Lawrence O'Toole	11:00 AM	
Monday, December 31st		
Our Lady of Mercy	4:00 PM	
Tuesday, January 1st		
St. Lawrence O'Toole	9:00 AM	
St. Augustine's	11:00 AM	



St. Lawrence O'Toole will recite the **Rosary** prior to Mass each Sunday of Advent, beginning at 8:30a.m.

During Advent Fr. Johnston will be available for Confessions at St. Augustine's on Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Thursday, December 5th Monday, December 9th
 Holy Family 6:30 p.m. St. Augustine's 7:00p.m.

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



WEDDING BANNES
TREVOR CONNORS
&
JESSICA LEBLANC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
 1:00 P.M. ST. AUGUSTINE'S

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

Level 1-3 9:15 a.m. Session #7 Sunday, December 8th
 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.

An Advent Project – Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass"

"Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life."



<https://mass.wordonfire.org>

If you wish to become more familiar with The Mass and what it means for us, join us on Friday evenings beginning in Advent, December 6th, and continuing through January. We will meet at Holy Family on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Each week will consist of home study using a workbook (provided), the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Friday evenings will consist of a video presentation by Bishop Barron (about 25 minutes each) and a group discussion. **Nine (9) seats only; first nine to register. Call 386-6178.**

<i>Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers</i>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.</p>	
In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Amount donated \$	Envelope # (if applicable)



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

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**

Sunday, December 8th
 10:00am—Saint Lawrence O’Toole: **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**



Last weekend **Arlo Ricci Israel**, son of Ritchie and Allaine was welcomed into our Christian Family through the **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

May the example of his parents, Godparents and all of us lead him to a greater love of God.

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**.



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)

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.



From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development 45 York Street

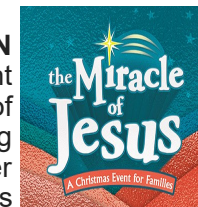
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SACRAMENT RESOURCE SELECTION COMMITTEE: will meet on **Thursday, December 5th**, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

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



IRISHTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

will be held **Saturday, December 7th** 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No entrance fee - A variety of products and crafts. For information call Don at 382-9340.

SAINT LAWRENCE O’TOOLE will be having a table at the Irishtown Christmas Craft Sale **December 7th**. We are looking for donations of homemade fudge. Your fudge can be dropped off at the rectory on December 6th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Thank you.

CHURCH UNPLUGGED AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: **Sunday, December 8th** after mass at IHM there will be screening *The Muppet’s Christmas Carol* for families. **Registration is necessary in order to determine quantity of refreshments necessary.** Register with Karen at 387-4198 or online at www.diomoncton.ca - Pastoral Offices Youth Faith Development



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.

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; Sobey’s (Vaughan Harvey Blvd.); or a chorus member. For more info: 852-9664.

