

Exploring Our Faith

This week, in the second reading from the Letter of Saint James, we are told to be "patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near."

"Being patient" is something we all have experienced. Patience is a hard discipline. It is not just "waiting" until something happens over which we have no control : the arrival of Santa for a young child at this time of year , the end of the snowstorm , the return of a friend , the last of the treatments for cancer , the resolution of a conflict. Henri Nouwen phrased the concept clearly when he wrote " Patience asks us to live the moment to the fullest , to be completely present to the moment , to taste the here and now , to be where we are. Let's be patient and trust that the treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand."

It is not easy to be patient or to accept it. It is a virtue - actually one I remember receiving when I was confirmed - one of the "gifts of the Holy Spirit". I have benefited from this "gift" of patience over the years as a mother and as a teacher. Someone once said " You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have , for instance." The football coach Lou Holtz said " Patience isn't just a virtue; it's a necessity." We all need to practise being patient throughout our ordinary daily living and in times of stress. Being patient requires

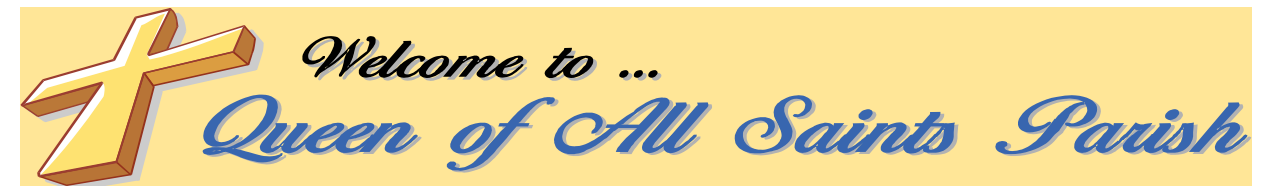


"time". In modern society we are constantly reminded of " instant gratification" which can lead to "impatience". There is a Chinese proverb that states "One moment of patience may ward off great disaster. One moment of impatience may ruin a whole life." This statement is thought-provoking and makes me realize that life is precious ; there's no rewind or fast forward.... just patience and faith.

Joyce Meyer wrote " Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting. A trusting attitude and a patient attitude go hand in hand. When you learn to trust God, it releases joy in your life. And when you trust God, you're able to be more patient."

Sometimes "being patient" is very difficult. Our pains, losses and disappointments can test our belief, our trust, our patience. It's okay to get angry with God. He can take it. however good or bad a situation is, it will change so we must try to " strengthen our hearts". Bruce Lee, actor/ martial arts professional, said : Patience is not passive. On the contrary, it is concentrated strength. "Let us ask for the strength to be patient and , as James in the reading said: "Be patient, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near."

Cathy Keirstead



December 15th, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent



Saint Augustine's
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, NB
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Saint Lawrence O'Toole
2340 Route 115
Irishtown, NB
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Our Lady of Mercy
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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

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17; Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday

Jeremiah 23:5-9; Matthew 1:18-24

Thursday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Luke 1:5-25

Friday

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-45

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

"Are you the one who is to come,
or are we to wait for another?"
Matthew 11:3, NRSV

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)

				Mass Intentions	
Fri	13	12:00noon	St. A	Late Christina Wright	The Bourque Family
Sat	14	4:00p.m.	St. A	Late Robertine O'Connor	Bill and Marina Murphy
		7:00p.m.	OLM	Deceased O'Brien Family Members	Maureen Lemay
Sun	15	9:00a.m.	SLOT	Late May Northup	Arthur, Therese, Angel
		11:00a.m.	St. A	Late Aline Collins	Karen Boyle
Mon	16	9:30a.m.	SLOT	Late Zoel, Mary Lorraine Girouard	Laurie, Annette, Aurea
Tue	17	7:00p.m.	St. A	Late Andy Shaun Murphy	Rick Curtis
Wed	18	4:00p.m.	SLOT	Late Charles Northrup	Norman and Gloria Goguen
Thur	19	9:30a.m.	OLM	Dot Doiron	Francoise Poirier
Fri	20	12:00noon	St. A	Andrea Bona	Family
Sat	21	4:00p.m.	St. A	L. Mary & Fred Swift and Matilda Fahey	Lindsay & Eileen Fahey
		7:00p.m.	OLM	John & Eileen Sullivan	Mike and Judy
Sun	22	9:00a.m.	SLOT	Late Danny Donnelly	Claudia and Family
		11:00a.m.	St. A	Late Francis Charles Gillis	Wife Dr. Maria Gillis

St. Vincent de Paul
Clothing Depot Holiday
Hours.

December 25th, 27th
Closed

December 30th - Open

January 1st - Closed

ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Music practice for all who would like to join the music ministers Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m. mass will be held Sunday, December 15th and December 22nd at 10:00a.m. Come join us !

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

December 24th Closed at noon

December 25th Closed

December 26th Closed

December 27th Closed

December 31st Closed at noon

January 1st - Closed

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's:

Envelopes: **\$4,344.00** (189 env); Loose: **\$629.00**; Ray of Hope Kitchen: **\$24.00** (2 env); Candles: **\$90.00**; Building Fund; **\$240.00** (16 env); Christmas Flowers; **\$260.00**; (13 env.); Needy at Christmas; **\$675.00** (30 env); Pre-Authorized: **\$760.00** (28 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole:

Envelopes: **\$1,071.35** (42 env.); Loose: **\$141.20**; Christmas Boxes; **\$100.00** (2 env); Christmas Offering: **\$50.00** (2 env); Christmas Flowers: **\$20.00**; Candles: **\$236.45**; Missals: **\$28.50** Pre-Authorized: **\$120.00** (4 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy:

Envelopes: **\$797.00** (38 env.); Loose: **\$141.35**; Candles: **\$75.00**; Heating; **\$250.00**.

Thank you for your generosity!

Have the **WEEKLY BULLETIN**
DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX? Simply send your email address to
parish.office@qasmoncton.com

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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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 6:30. Archbishop Valéry Vienneau will be joining us for this meeting.

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at 6:00.

Youth Faith Commission - Monday, January 13th at 6:30 pm, rescheduled from the November meeting. All meetings take place at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES from various parishes of the English Deanery will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing for Confirmation at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 12th, 2020. **Candidates need to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.** for registration. The afternoon will conclude between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

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)

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

Sunday, December 15th
10:00a.m. – St. Augustine's: Music Practice in main Church

Sunday, December 22nd
10:00a.m. – St. Augustine's: Music Practice in main Church



WEEKEND OF GRACE FOR WOMEN

The 14th weekend of Grace for Women Conference with keynote speaker Barbara Heil will be held April 24th to 26th, 2020 at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, NS. Attendance through pre-registration only. Early bird registration of \$179.00 before December 31st 2019. Visit www.weekendofgrace.com for more information.



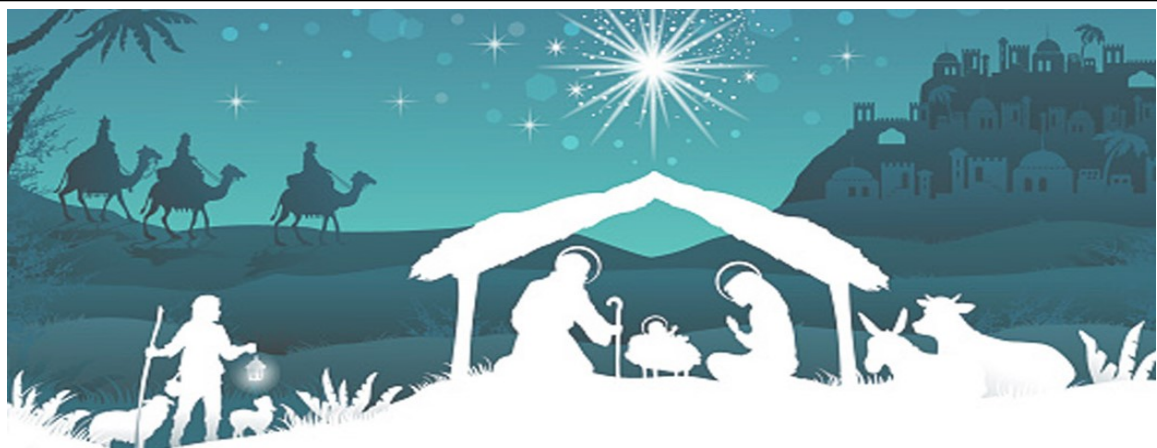
If you, or someone you know, is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a member of our Catholic faith community, then **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** may be for you! However you come, our parish community welcomes you! You may already have a strong relationship with God, 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.

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.

VISION BOOK STORE SALE:

Come visit us at Place de la Cathédrale, 224, St-George St. from December 17th to 20th and take advantage of a special sale where most books and CD's (in stock) will be reduced by 20%. Some Christmas items are also on sale at 50%. Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 am to Noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Info. 857-9531, ext. 1238.





Schedule of Christmas and New Year's Masses

Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th

St. Augustine's	4:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	
IHMC	4:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	
St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
St. Jude's	6:30 p.m.		
St. Lawrence O'Toole	6:30 p.m.		
Holy Family	7:00 p.m.		
Our Lady of Mercy	9:00 p.m.		

Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25th

Holy Ghost	10:00 a.m.
St. Augustine's	10:00 a.m.
St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence O'Toole	11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy	4:00 p.m.
St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Wednesday January 1st

St. Lawrence O'Toole	9:00 a.m.
IHMC	10:30 a.m.
St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.
St. Augustine's	11:00 a.m.

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

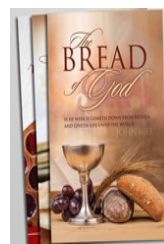
Donation cards are available at the parish office for the **RAY OF HOPE NEEDY KITCHEN INC.**; **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** and **QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT**. Proceeds go to the organization, the needy get fed and clothed, you get a card to give to the recipient notifying them 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!!!



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

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

Effective January 18th and 19th, 2020 weekend, we will introduce a new bulletin format. All three churches in Queen of All Saints Parish Unit will be included in this bulletin; only two of the three churches are in the current bulletin. The bulletin will



include advertising. We will share advertising with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish unit (main church is Immaculate Heart of Mary in Riverview), which has two years using this format. Anyone interested in placing advertising for their business in the bulletin can contact Shani Court at 506-875-1962 church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com

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.**



ST. AUGUSTINE'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

will be decorating the Church for the Christmas Season immediately following mass next



Sunday, December 22nd. Parishioners are more than welcome to come along and lend a helping hand.

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.