Exploring In the second reading we hear St. Paul say to the Corinthians, if I proclaim the Gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!

FAITH

During these past few days there has been much discussion about the government's regulations regarding the hiring of summer students and the impact this has on people's consciences. Many can be unsure of how they should decide on such issues and invariably we hear, "follow your conscience! Do what your conscience tells you to do." This is perfectly true as far as it goes, but it is to be understood as "do as a **properly formed** conscience tells you." That can be a little different and it raises the question, what is conscience and what must a Catholic Christian do to properly form one's conscience?

As Catholics, we turn first to the Church's teachings. On the matter of conscience, in the Vatican Council's The Church in the Modern World, we read, deep within their consciences men and women discover a law which they have not laid upon themselves and which they must obey. .... For they have in their hearts a law inscribed by God. Their dignity rests in observing this law, and by it they will be judged. We are all familiar with this sense of what we are called to be and to do, to observe the right and avoid the wrong according to God's Law, but sometimes things get complicated and we need further direction. We need help to be as certain as possible that we have a properly formed conscience and avoid having a poorly formed conscience.

A properly formed conscience is one that respects and follows reason and God's law. How do we know God's law? The <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> tells us that in the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path; we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.(CCC 1785) Scripture and the Cross are our basic reference points. Scripture requires study and the Cross requires persistent strength.

Also, we are to trust that the Holy Spirit does indeed guide us to know and do the right. Prayer is essential for this; it keeps us focused and on the right path.

We are to seek the example and advice of others. When doing so we must seek out those people who will lead us in the truth, not someone who will tell us what we want to hear or who will give us poor, even wrong, direction. This is a sure way to a falsely formed conscience.

We are to seek the authoritative, i.e. true, teaching of the Church. In this regard, in my opinion, every family should have a copy of the <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> as a ready reference guide, but we are to respect and obey the Church's teachings. It is all too easy to say, "oh, that's just what the Church says"; there must be other, more appealing answers. This is to reject God's will and to intentionally indulge ourselves.

Since our conscience is our guide, we must ensure that it is well formed, kept well informed, and then followed. In this way we can be like St. Paul, purposeful and choosing rightly.

P.S. For further study see the CCC 1776-1802 because it is complicated and we must be well informed

Fr. Charlie Broderick



February4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Augustine's 340 Dominion Street Moncton, NB



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Our Lady of Mercy 11 St. Andrews Street Pointe-du-Chêne, NB

#### **PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

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#### 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 4:00 p.m.

Effective January 6th to March 24th

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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
Clothing Depot Regular Hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

# Daily Readings

Monday Memorial: St. Agatha 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday Memorial: St. Paul Miki and Companions 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday** 1 Kings 11:4-13, Mark 7:24-30

*Friday* 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19

Saturday Memorial: St. Scholastica

1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 11:1, Mark 1:40-45



**2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** are now available for pick up following the weekend liturgies at St. Augustine's and St. Lawrence O'Toole.



#### QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP

extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards on Monday, February 12th 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.



A basket has been placed at St. Augustine's main entrance for your **PALMS** from last year.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISHIONERS

- ⇒ Do you want to be a vital member of our parish?
- ⇒ Do you want to have some input to the organization of our parish?
- ⇒ Do you want to be part of increasing the vitality of our parish?

Consider putting your name forward to serve on the Local Pastoral Council. Applications are at the back of the church or see any member of the parish council to get more information.



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat	3	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Reg Rodgers	
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Federico Tugo Srgjr	
Sun	4	9:00 a.m.	St.L	Late Mary Chisholm	
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Don Lahanky	
Fri	9	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Pat Regan	
Sat	10	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Ann. Late Gerry McGrath	
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Fr. Georges LeBlanc	
Sun	11	9:00 a.m.	St. L	Late Aurore Gagnon	
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Ann. Late Yvonne Laverty-Boisseau	
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Bill and Marina Murphy
Patrocinia Tugo
Don and Ann Beaumaster
Jane Murphy
Lund Family
Wife Stella and Family
Jan Gould
Clarence and Julie Gagnon
Her Children





#### LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$3,561.00 (181 env); Loose: \$476.00; Building Fund: \$290.00 (16 env.); Christmas Offering: \$55.00 (2 env); New Year \$40.00 (1 env.); Holy Land \$50.00; Candles: \$165.00; Pre-Authorized Payments: \$335.00 (14 env.).

**Saint Lawrence O'Toole**: Envelopes: **\$794.00** (44 env.); Loose: **\$90.90**; New Years Day **\$10.00**; Initial Offering: **\$5.00**; Faith Development **\$170.00**; (4 env.); Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$455.00 (29 env.); Loose: \$99.00; Candles: \$107.00; Missals: \$5.00; Building Fund: \$250.00; Pre-Authorized: \$20.00 (1 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!



#### DEEPEST SYMPATHY

ith is extended to Margot Tuck on the death of pathy her husband and to Alice Tuck and family

on the death of her son Robert Leonard Tuck QC, whose funeral will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. May he rest forever in the loving embrace of the Lord!

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will meet next <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February</u>

6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Peter McKee Room. All ladies interested are welcome. Please use the elevator entrance. For information please contact Patsy Murray at 388-9620.



The Parish Office Meeting Room has had an overhaul this past week with the old rug gone and new flooring installed. **THANK YOU** to all who were involved in the planning and execution of this project—it looks great!

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



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The **BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST** reading group for young adults will meet at Jean's Restaurant (1999 Mountain Road) on <u>Saturday, February 24th</u> at 10:00 a.m. The reading selection is *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah. For more information, contact Trevor at the Youth Office.

**CELEBRATION OF THE WORD DURING LENT**—Once again this year, at the request of the English Diocesan Pastoral Council, an opportunity will be provided to ensure that **all** our faith communities become more familiar with the ritual prayer, **Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours**. This is the **official** ritual of our Canadian Church approved for use when no priest is available to preside at Sunday Mass. Members of all the English parishes (and especially liturgical ministers) are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to gather together to pray this liturgy, which will be celebrated on: **February 27<sup>th</sup>**, **at 7pm**, **at Holy Family parish**, **52 Falkland St., Moncton**. Following each of the liturgies, all those present, including the liturgical ministers, are invited to remain to discuss and ask questions about this ritual.

**NOT GETTING AN ANSWER, BUT WE'D BE MORE INFORMED ABOUT THE QUESTION—**Recent legislation around the question of medically assisted suicide invites us as Roman Catholic Christians to give serious consideration to what we believe about death and dying. The Church holds the underlying principle of Choose Life among all others; we recognize the question of medically assisted suicide is a multifaceted one with no easy answers. The English Diocesan Pastoral Council understands the importance of having dialogue about this. Therefore, over the next year or so, the Office of Faith Development will be offering a series of initiatives to enable these conversations.

During Lent you are invited to read Sr. Nuala Kenny's book: Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care. Sr. Nuala is a member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, medical doctor, ethicist and professor emeritus with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine. In her book, she talks about the challenge of being pastorally present to those who are "sick, dependent and dying, to those who may be considering medically assisted death, and to the bereaved whose loved ones have chosen it."

Having read the book, you are invited to join Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Leveque, two retired nurses, as they facilitate a discussion on it, on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Bernard's Church Hall. Claudia and Maurise readily admit they don't have all the answers, but they understand the importance of living in hope.

Later in the spring, we will explore the Church's beliefs and attitudes around death in a session facilitated by Dr. Andrew Wilson; in the fall, we will look at how our Canadian bishops have responded to this legislation in a session facilitated by Archbishop Valéry Vienneau; and in March 2019 Sr. Nuala will present a Mission on the topic.

These are complex issues, and as the title of the series suggests, may not offer any ready answers; but we need to do some personal reflection, and engage in dialogue with others about this so we can more fully delve into the complexity of suffering and death. How, even with the great pain and hardship of chronic, debilitating and terminal illness, can one still live in hope?

Copies of Sr. Nuala's book are available at the Vision Book Store at Place de la Cathédral, 224 St. George St., Moncton for \$17. Further details on our gatherings will be forthcoming ... for the present, drop by and pick up your copy of the book – it will give you something to reflect on during Lent.



#### **DISMISSAL**

All adults preparing to be baptized into the Catholic Church and those candidates preparing for reception into the Catholic Church will now be dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. This Dismissal continues at each liturgy until the Triduum, and at the Easter Vigil, those who are ready, will join their parish community at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time.

The Parish is not sending them out because they are somehow "unworthy" to stay for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Though they cannot yet come to the Table of the Eucharist, Mother Church still has an obligation to feed those who have entered a relationship with her through the Rite of Acceptance.

God's Word is their only food during this period. Instead the participants depart from the Mass with an RCIA Team Member or Catechist to discuss the Mass readings for that Sunday, and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as "Reflection on The Word."

At St. Augustine's, you will see **Dennis Owen** dismissed during the Saturday 4:00 p.m. liturgies—please remember to keep him in your prayers.



#### **QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH**

Tuesdays

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

Thursdavs

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

Sunday, February 4th

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

12:15 a.m.—St. Augustine's: Faith Development

Tuesday, February 6th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Faith Development

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Peter McKee Room: **St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League** 

Monday, February 12th

1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: Seniors and Retirees Gathering

6:30 p.m.– St. Augustine's Basement: **1st Reconciliation Gathering** 

Wednesday, February 14th
Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 18th

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

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

12:15 p.m.– St. Augustine's: **Faith Development** 

Tuesday, February 20th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Faith Development

## 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 #10	Sunday, February 4th
Level 4-6	12:15 a.m.	Session #10	Sunday, February 4th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #10	Tuesday, February 6th
Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #11	Sunday, February 18th
Level 4-6	12:15 a.m.	Session #11	Sunday, February 18th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #11	Tuesday, February 20th

A **CONFIRMATION RETREAT FOR ALL CANDIDATES, SPONSORS OR PARENTS** will be held in St. Augustine's Church basement next Saturday, February 10th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held <u>Sunday, February</u> 11th at 10:00a.m.

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** â St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de l'église <u>dimanche</u>, le 11 fevrier à 10h00.

A GATHERING FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF 1ST RECONCILIATION will be held at St. Augustine's Monday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular **CONFIRMATION GATHERING** will be held at St. Augustine's on Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Help support the Speech Therapy Unit at the Moncton Hospital by treating your loved one to a Singing Valentine! The **Gentlemen of Harmony Men's Quartet** will surprise them with two songs, a rose from MacArthurs Flowers, a small gift of chocolates and a \$10.00 Gift Certificate from Vito's Restaurant....all for just \$45.00. Call 871-9657 for your booking and simply let them know where and when to show up. Spaces available for February 13 and 14.





St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League will host its annual **SHAMROCK CARD PARTY** on <u>Wednesday, March 7th</u> at noon in St. Bernard's Church Hall. Lunch will be served. Tickets are \$10.00—Reserve your tickets or tables now by calling Louise Ongo at 859-7306,

Donna Ermen at 856-5918 or Norma Gibson at 855-8236. Storm Date is Monday, March 12th.



# **Chicken Fricot**

Saturday, February 10th Sunday, February 11th

Pick up as you leave St. Augustine's

Cost is \$5.00 each in support of the Ray of Hope Kitchen.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Phil Mulligan will lead a PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND October 15th to 24th of this year. Trip will include stops at our Lord's birthplace in Bethlehem and well as five days in the holy city of Jerusalem where Christ's passion and resurrection occurred. While in Jerusalem, there will be a visit to the Mount of Olives, the walled city of Old Jerusalem, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Holocaust Museum, to mention a few. Outside of Jerusalem, the journey continues in Galilee where Jesus performed most of his miracles and did most of his preaching concerning the Kingdom of God. While there, tour will visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, Caesarea, Haifa, and Megiddo, as well as Capernaum and the place where the multiplication of the fish and loaves took place. The last part of the journey includes a "float" in the Dead Sea and an exploration of Qumran and Masada. An information session will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Sunday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. For more information. please call Travel Consultant, Liliana Trail at 386-8954 or Fr. Phil Mulligan at 386-6737.

## 1998-2018 Celebrating 20 years of Goodie Sunday

Goodie Sunday was started at St. Lawrence O'Toole in 1998, organized by Jim Tremblay, who also chaired it for the next 10 years. It is still going strong with 28 women participating, some of whom were there from the beginning!

Thank you Jim, for a great idea that worked in getting our community to gather, share food and exchange greetings over the last 20 years.

The next Goodie Sunday will be held following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy at St. Lawrence O'Toole on February 18th.

