

The readings today mark the first Sunday of Lent. Every lent is a new beginning ; sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half. We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh , a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggles to resist the temptations we face in our lives. We know from other Lents that it's hard to keep going , and it's for a long time.

The focus of Lent is not on what we have to give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus. Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world , needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants His kingdom to come. Lent is our time to say "yes" to a partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin. It is a time for reconsidering our priorities both as Christians and human beings. A time to re-affirm our conviction of the equal dignity of every single human person. Pope Francis has suggested 10 ways to observe Lent. He offers that we:

1. **GET RID OF THE LAZY ADDICTION TO EVIL**—Lent is a powerful season , a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve , leave behind old habits , to change for the better.
2. **DO SOMETHING THAT HURTS**—We would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. At first it'll hurt to give up our favourite TV time, but if it's used to sit and talk to a spouse or play a game with your child, it is worth it.
3. **DON'T REMAIN INDIFFERENT**—Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation. We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor , not realizing a need to help others as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own. We cannot remain indifferent.
4. **PRAY: MAKE OUR HEARTS LIKE YOURS**—During Lent let us all ask the Lord to "make our hearts like yours" in order to receive a heart which is firm and merciful , attentive and generous , a heart not closed to others.
5. **TAKE PART IN THE SACRAMENTS**—When we hear the Word of God and receive the sacraments , especially the Eucharist , we become what we receive: the Body of Christ.
6. **PRAYER**—In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts we are called to take time to pray , a more intense prayer , more able to take on the needs of the brethren and for the many situations of poverty and suffering.
7. **FASTING**—Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others , if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him.
8. **ALMSGIVING**—Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely , which leads to freedom from obsession of possessing , from the fear of losing what we have , from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others.
9. **HELP THE POOR**—In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face ; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts should also be directed to ending violations of human dignity , discrimination and abuse in the world , for these are so often the cause of destitution.
10. **EVANGELIZE**—We can "evangelize" by sharing precious time with the lonely , by consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness.

Probably we won't be able to take huge steps forward in all the areas suggested by our Pope. Instead we can each pick a couple that stand out to each of us and try to find practical ways to grow in our love of God and of our neighbour during this time of Lent and therefore always.

Cathy Kierstead

Welcome to ... Queen of All Saints Parish

**February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent**



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

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| Priest-Moderator: | Rev. Allison Carroll |
| Assistant Priests part time: | Rev. Laurence Quin-Morris frlaurence@qasmoncton.com Rev. Jean Bernard (JB) Mallais jbm+@qasmoncton.com |
| Liturgy: | Claire Hachey |
| Justice and Solidarity: | Marilyn McCleary |

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

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| 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 |

Parish Office: 340 Dominion Street, Moncton, NB E1C 6H8

Telephone: 857-4223 **Fax:** 857-0020

Email: parish.office@qasmoncton.com **Website:** www.qasmoncton.com

Facebook: Queen of All Saints Parish Grouping

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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| Faith Development-Children: | Eileen Caissie eileen.caissie@qasmoncton.com |
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| St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery: | 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 Regular Hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

| Daily Readings | |
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| Monday | Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday | Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 |
| Thursday | Feast: Chair of St. Peter 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 |
| Friday | Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 |
| Saturday | Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 |
| Sunday | Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-35, 37, Mark 9:2-10 |



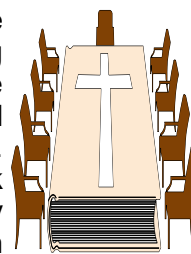
STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC YOUTH CONFERENCE for youth ages 14 to 18 will be held in Halifax July 6th to 8th, 2018. Early registration until February 28th. **REVEALED 1 John 4:9** is an opportunity for youth to share their faith with other youth at an energized retreat weekend. Contact the Diocese Youth Office at trevord.diocese@gmail.com to register.

For information on a **TOUR OF IRELAND WITH FR. CHARLIE BRODERICK** in September. Contact Travel Consultant Liliana Trail at 386-8954. An information session will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary March 18th at 6:30 p.m.

 **DISCOUNT CAR AND AUTO RENTALS** are open for business on the weekends. St. Augustine's parishioners are asked to not park on their property while attending mass.

To save on postage costs, **2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** for St. Augustine's are available for pick at the parish office throughout the week.

Do you want to be part of increasing the vitality of the parish? Consider putting your name forward to serve on St. Augustine's Local Pastoral Council. Applications are at the back of the church or see any member of the parish council to get more information.



St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League will host their **ANNUAL SHAMROCK CARD PARTY** on Wednesday, March 7th at noon in the Church Hall. Lunch will be served. To reserve tickets (\$10.00) or a table call Louise Ongo at 859-7306, Donna Ermen at 856-5918 or Norma Gibson at 855-8236. *Storm Date will be Monday, March 12th.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR FAMILY DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH.

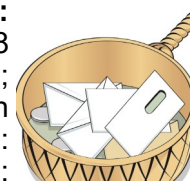
| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | | |
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| Sat | 17 | 4:00 p.m. | St. A | Late Colleen Szado | Aunt Betty and Veronique |
| Sun | 18 | 4:00 pm. | OLM | Late Irois Leroy Gallant | Charlotte, Shelley and Tracy |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | SLO'T | Late Reg King | Eileen, Phyllis, Wayne, Eddy, Joyce |
| Tues | 20 | 11:00 a.m. | St. A | Late Phil Munroe | Vic and Olive |
| Fri | 23 | 12:00 noon | St. A | Late Richard Melanson | Cy and Pat Edmonds |
| Sat | 24 | 12:00 noon | St. A | Late Simon Meunier | Jeannie Gaudet |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | St. A | Ann. Late Hamford Hachey | Family |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | OLM | Late Reg Rodgers | Genevieve Browne |
| Sun | 25 | 9:00 a.m. | SLO'T | Late Helen F. Fenwick | Living Word Community Prayer Group |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | St. A | Late Fr. Peter McKee | Ella Andrea Martin |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$4,034.00** (165 env); Loose: **\$447.00**; Building Fund: **\$116.00** (10 env.); Ray of Hope **\$1,065.00** (22 env); Ash Wednesday-Holy Land: **\$80.00** (7 env.); Candles: **\$105.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$620.00** (16 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$575.00** (31 env.); Loose: **\$59.70**; Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$710.00** (38 env.); Loose: **\$96.00**; Candles: **\$119.00**; Ash Wednesday-Holy Land: **\$25.00**; Initial Offering: **\$13.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).



Thank you for your continued generosity!



All current or new **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY** are invited to a training session with Fr. Laurence being held next Saturday, February 24th at 3:00 p.m.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Raymonde Chapman on the sudden death of her son **Ken Chapman**, whose funeral was celebrated at St. Augustine's on Tuesday; to Pennie Fawcett and family on the death of her husband **Brian Fawcett**; to Irene Hansen and family on death of her mother **Leona Arsenault**; and to the family of **Anne Stewart**. *May they rest forever in the loving embrace of God.*

There is a great need for **MASS COORDINATORS** at St. Augustine's. If you would occasionally like to offer 1/2 hour of your time at the liturgy that you normally attend then please contact the office at 857-4223. Coordinators help ensure that the mass runs smoothly by checking that all ministers are in attendance for that particular mass. Training will be provided.



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



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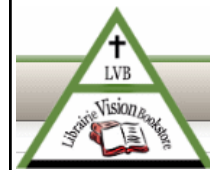
Young Adults 19 to 39: The next **THEOLOGY ON TAP** will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm, at Tide & Boar Gastropub. Guest speaker will be Sr. Denise Lirette and the title of her talk will be **Consumerism vs Nature, Have We Reached the Tipping Point?** Please register by contacting Trevor on Facebook or directly at the Youth Office.

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



NOT GETTING AN ANSWER, BUT WE'D BE MORE INFORMED ABOUT THE QUESTION—A new take on the traditional book study: As a way of giving you something to reflect on 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*. Then join us for two Saturday mornings during the Easter season (April 14th and 21st) for a discussion about the book facilitated by retired nurses, Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Leveque. Sr. Nuala is a medical doctor, ethicist, professor emeritus with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine and a member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. She says the goal of this book was to "bring together theological and spiritual reflection of Jesus' experience of suffering and death with patient and family experience of sickness and dying today," garnered during her many years of working in medicine. **This is the first in our series of initiatives to have a conversation around the complex issue of medically assisted suicide, given the recent legislation, and the challenge it presents for Roman Catholics.** Copies of Sr. Nuala's book are available at the Vision Book Store at Place de la Cathédral, 224 St. George St. (the basement of the Cathedral – side entrance off the parking lot) for \$17.00.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD DURING LENT—Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours—the **official** ritual of our Canadian Church approved for use when no priest is available to preside at Sunday Mass— will be celebrated Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm, at Holy Family parish, 52 Falkland Street. 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, following which, all those present, including the liturgical ministers, are invited to remain to discuss and ask questions about this ritual.



VISION BOOKSTORE will hold their monthly sale where most instore books and CD's will be reduced by 10% on Friday, March 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to Noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vision Bookstore is now located with the Diocesan offices at Place de la Catherale, 224 St. George Street. Information: www.visionbookstore.ca



Recently the following children were welcomed into our Christian Family through the **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

St. Augustine's
Jayden Albert Arseneau
and
Lexie Rose Arseneau
children of Alex and Tanis

Our Lady of Mercy
Christian Jade Javate
son of Rommel and Jocelyn

May the example of their parents, Godparents and all of us lead these children to a greater love of God



Our Lady Of Mercy Parish will be hosting a **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST** on Saturday March 17th at 5:00 p.m. featuring Irish Stew, dessert, special music, Irish Dancing demonstration by the Irish Footsteps along with Irish

readings. Only \$7.00 per person! Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting Mike at 351-4263 or calling 531-0252. Come and support this community event being held in the church basement of Our Lady of Mercy Church, 11 St Andrews Street in Pointe Du Chêne. For further information, call 351-4263.



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

Tuesdays

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

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**

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**

Monday, February 19th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Confirmation Gathering**

Tuesday, February 20th

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

Thursday, February 22nd

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church: **1st Reconciliation Rehearsal**

Saturday, February 24th

3:00 p.m.—Our Lady of Mercy: **Eucharistic Ministers Training**

Tuesday, February 27th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church: **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT



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

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| Level 1-3 | 9:15 a.m. | Session #11 | Sunday, February 18th |
| Level 4-6 | 12:15 p.m. | Session #11 | Sunday, February 18th |
| Level 4-6 | 6:30 p.m. | Session #11 | Tuesday, February 20th |
| Level 1-3 | 9:15 a.m. | Session #12 | Sunday March 11th |
| Level 4-6 | 12:15 p.m. | Session #12 | Sunday March 11th |
| Level 4-6 | 6:30 p.m. | Session #12 | Tuesday March 13th |

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

A REHEARSAL FOR 1st RECONCILIATION will be held at St. Augustine's on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

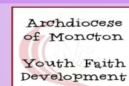
1st RECONCILIATION will be celebrated at St. Augustine's on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN PHOTO CHALLENGE 2018

How do you participate?

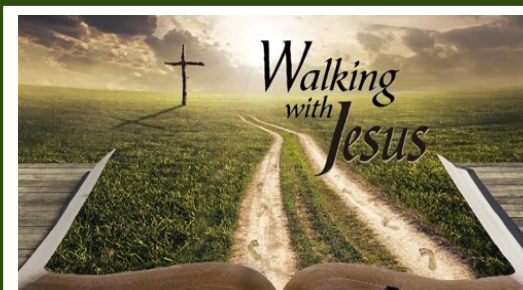
- Follow @YouthFaithMoncton on Instagram
- Save the calendar of themes for Lent 2018 and let others know you're participating in our challenge by sharing
- Take a photo (AS MANY AS YOU WANT!) following either our daily theme and share it on Instagram.
- Be sure to tag #YFDlent2018 and #YouthFaithMoncton when you do! Also tag the daily theme (i.e., #Forgiveness)
- Think creatively outside the box, something that speaks to you and your life as we journey together through Lent towards Easter.

NOT ON INSTAGRAM? SNAP PICS ANYWAY, AND SHARE THEM ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER WITH THE @YOUTHFAITHMONCTON TAG



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God, Father and Creator, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us, especially the gift of your Son.

During this holy season of Lent, help us to change and grow and become the kind of people you created us to be.

Fill our hearts with love for you, and love for other people, created in your image.

Show us how to use the gifts you have given us to help others in your name.

As we journey together toward the light of Easter, we know you are with us in all that we do.

May we live always as people of your kingdom praising your name now and forever.

Amen

St. Lawrence O'Toole will **RECITE THE ROSARY** before Sunday liturgies during Lent at 8:30 a.m.

Throughout Lent Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine's each Tuesday at 12:00 noon.



Our Lady of Mercy CWO has organized **THE WAY OF THE CROSS** each Monday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is most welcome!

THE WAY OF THE CROSS will be celebrated throughout the diocese each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23rd
Saint Augustine's

Friday, March 2nd
Saint Bernard's

Friday, March 9th
Holy Family

Friday, March 16th
Saint Augustine's

Friday, March 23rd
Saint Bernard's

