I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their own kin; I will put my words in [their] mouth"

As I had grown up in the 70's and 80's, when someone was described as "a prophet," I usually pictured a cartoon-like hippie with a robe and long beard carrying a sign stating, "The end is near!" Prophets had often been portrayed as people that were a bit strange and who predicted a future of doom and gloom. When I began working with adults and children preparing for baptism, however, I gained a deeper and more significant appreciation of the term. Did you know that when each of us was anointed with oil at our baptism we were consecrated as "priest, prophet and king?" A serious blessing for an adult let alone a child.

When we are anointed "priest," we become the body of Christ; the physical person through which others encounter and experience the risen Christ. As "king," we are anointed with the responsibility to look after the well-being of our fellow humanity. As "prophet," we are strengthened in our mandate to become messengers of God's truth in all that we say and do. In other words, a prophet isn't a predictor of the future, but is someone who is a voice and advocate for God's message to love, forgive, and seek justice and peace.

Even though we are *all* called by our baptism to live out this three-fold mission, we've all come to know of people who have excelled at this mission in a profound way. Modern-day prophets like Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr. and Pope Francis continue to emerge within our world to remind us that there is still much work to be done before all people are able to fully live out their God-given potential and dignity. In their mission to be messengers of God's love and truth, prophets aren't always the most popular people because they make us look at our priorities and attitudes with an honesty that can make us uncomfortable. It's been said that "a prophet comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable." They often bring into the light our selfish instinct to hoard and protect our privileges and they help us to open our eyes to how some of our comforts come at a detrimental cost to others. They call us to change in ways we're not always happy to give up.

We have all become familiar with leaders of government and institutions who distort the truth for their own benefit or the benefit of a privileged few and if we are counted among those privileged, we can easily become convinced of the validity of their message. That is why our world will always need prophets who have the courage and conviction to speak out for those who are overlooked, rejected or abused by these false messages. While a prophet whose message is rooted in God's truth may not always be perfect, their message tends to be persistent and they speak, as Jesus did in today's gospel, with an authority and an integrity that is difficult to ignore. In the first reading, God assures us through Moses that God will never abandon us in a world of distorted truths and unjust leadership, but will always raise up prophets from among us to challenge us and help us to remain faithful to God's message of love, justice and peace.



"Prophets may make us angry and uncomfortable, but out of this discomfiture comes a self-awareness, a God-awareness and other-awareness." * Once we are made aware, our baptism calls us to act; trusting that God is always there guiding and encouraging us.

Patricia Sanchez "Celebration"



January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Liturgy: Justice and Solidarity:

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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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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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.

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Daíly Readíngs

Monday	2 Samual 15:13 14 20: 16:5 13 : Mark 5:1 20
Monday	2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 ; Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Samuel 18:9-10; 14, 24-26, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday	Memorial: St. John Bosco 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-7; Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13
Fríday	Feast: The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40
Saturday	1 Kings 3:4-14; Mark 6:30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 5 Fatima Drive will hold a **LUNCHEON AND CARD PARTY** on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 6th</u> at 12:00 noon. Come out and enjoy some great cards, shuffling in fine friends and food! For information, contact Shirley at 387-7122 or Anne at 872-4906!

The First Saturday of the Month Mass of Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church on <u>February 3rd</u> at 9:30 a.m. Confession will be heard before Mass. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Rosary at 9:05 a.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will meet next on <u>Tuesday</u>, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Father Peter

McKee Room. All ladies interested are welcome. Please use the elevator entrance. For more information please contact Patsy Murray at 388-9620.





And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message...

Envelopes A number of St. Augustine's **2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are still available at the church entrance. Please remember to pick yours up! If you would like to receive a box of envelopes or if you wish to start a Pre-Authorized Payments please contact the parish office at 857-4223 or parish.office@gasmoncton.com

Offering



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.

	MASS INTENTIONS						
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LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS						QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH	
Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$3,972.00 (199 env); Loose: \$502.00; Building Fund: \$255.00 (10 env.); Needy at Christmas: \$5.00 New Year \$55.00 (4 env.); St. Vincent de Paul: \$123.35; Candles: \$90.00; Pre-Authorized Payments: \$335.00 (14 env.). Saint Lawrence O'Toole: \$800.00 (36 env.); Loose: \$72.05; Donation: \$510.00; Missals: \$10.00;				Rosary <u>Thursdays</u> 7:00 p.m.—St. La Silence, Prayers fo Sunday, February 4			
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Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$680.00 (38 env.); Loose: \$96.85; Candles: \$46.00; Christmas: \$50.00; Initial Envelope: \$15.00; Authorized: \$20.00 (1 env.).						Monday, February 1 6:30 p.m.– St. Reconciliation Gat	istine's: Faith Development <u>2th</u> Augustine's Basement: 1st hering
Thank you for your continued generosity!				Wednesday, Februar Ash Wednesday Sunday, February 1			
RAY OF HOPE REMINDER —Please be reminded that next weekend is the collection date for the Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen envelopes. Last year, your			;)	12:15 p.m.– St. Aug	ustine's: Faith Development		

generous contributions helped us to

provide over 27,000 meals to the less

fortunate of the greater Moncton area. As

always, tax receipts will be provided.

Thank you!!

Tuesday, March 6th 10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **St. Lawrence O'Toole Local Pastoral Council**

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

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held <u>Sunday, January</u> <u>28th</u> 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, le 11 fevrier à 10h00</u>.

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

St Lawrence O'Toole Parishioners voted in favour of exploring the installation of a Columbarium in our cemetery. The presentation date and pertinent details will be published in the bulletin as information becomes available. Thank you for your participation in the survey. Registration is now open for the YMCA's 17th annual BATTLE OF THE BRAINS TRIVIA CHALLENGE taking place Saturday, March 24th, when teams of four to six players will vie for the trivia championship. Proceeds from Battle of the Brains go to the YMCA's ReConnect Street Intervention Program, which helps local families and individuals battle For information or to homelessness. register а team go to www.ymcamoncton.ca

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THE FEMALE MYSTICAL TRADITION: Devotion or Delusion—*What can we learn from these ancient, obscure traditions? What do Teresa of Avila, Julian of Norwich and Mechthild of Magdeburg have in common?* Get answers to these and other questions on the female mystics from Dr. Fiona Black on <u>Saturday, February 3rd</u> from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's Church Hall as she speaks about these saints of the Church. Last chance to register with Ellen is this Tuesday, January 30th. Lunch will be provided.

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 <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 4th</u>. Candidates need to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. for registration. The afternoon will conclude approximately 4:30 p.m.





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.

Visit **VISION BOOKSTORE** at Place de la Cathédrale, 224 St-Georges Street Friday February 2nd between 8:00 a.m. and noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to take advantage of a special monthly sale where most in stock books and CD's will be reduced by 10%. Information: <u>www.visionbookstore.ca</u> *visit Vision's '**Facebook Page**' regularly and discover new arrivals each week!

Sponsored by the Ladies Society of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and in conjunction with the Riverview Winter Carnival the **CARNIVAL CHICKEN LUNCHEON** will be held at the Dan Bohan Family Centre on Fatima Drive on <u>Saturday, February 10th</u> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hot Chicken Casserole served over a homemade biscuit, with ginger bread, tea or coffee for only \$5.00. Reserve tickets by calling Pam at 386-5451. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

IT'S OK TO SAY NO -SAY NO TO PANHANDLING

By supporting panhandling, you may be contributing to the problem, whatever it may be...Recent stats indicate more than 95% of people panhandle to feed their addictions. Be part of the solution by supporting the agencies that provide services to those in need, community contributions go a lot further towards employment, housing and social services that go directly towards supporting those in need.