

### What are you doing your best to achieve?

At first glance, today's second reading appears to have two contradictory messages. We are told that we must obey the commandments of Jesus or there is no truth in us; but we are also told that if we sin Jesus will be our advocate, and what he has done through his death on the cross is already an atonement for anything that we might do. As I pondered this apparent contradiction I thought of the work of Brene Brown, an internationally acclaimed researcher and educator on issues of shame and resilience. Brown speaks about the importance and value of recognizing that people are "doing the best that they can." In almost every circumstance individuals do the best that they can with the resources and information that they have to achieve the goals that seem most important to them; and our resilience, our ability to cope with the ups and downs of life is directly related to our understanding of this truth.

When I read today's epistle with Brene Brown's research in mind, a clear and powerful message emerges. If I will do my best to achieve my goal, then the most important question is "what is my goal?" John answers that succinctly: the primary goal in my life needs to be obedience to the commandments of Jesus, in particular to the "new commandment" he gave at the Last Supper: "love one another." (John 13:34) In every instance loving others should be my primary goal.

Yes, we will fall short. Yes, we will misunderstand love and hurt those we are trying to love. Yes, we will be limited in our ability to love in certain circumstances. But Jesus will look at each one of us and say, "I know that you are doing the best that you can with what you have right now." All that is asked of us is that we aim in the right direction, that we try to do what Jesus told us to do; we try to love.

I have met hundreds of people who have grown up in incredibly difficult, even unbearable circumstances, horribly mistreated by those who should have cared for and protected them. What continually amazes me is how often people who have experienced horrific personal trauma are able to not just survive, but thrive and love, if they believe that the person who harmed them genuinely cared about them. Abusive actions can never be justified by "good intentions." The fact that a person was trying to show love does not make an unloving act acceptable, but it does mean that the person cannot be fully defined by the unloving action.



When Jesus was dying on the cross, he prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." Jesus gave himself as "the atoning sacrifice" that allows us to be purified, that allows our failures separated from our efforts and our intentions as impurities are separated from gold. In the end we will be defined and judged by what we were striving for, more than by what we succeeded in, because our advocate will say, "they were doing the best they could."

Pam Driedger



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**Our Lady of Mercy**  
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#### PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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#### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

<b>St. Augustine's:</b>	Friday—12:00 noon Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.
<b>St. Lawrence O'Toole:</b>	Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00
<b>Our Lady of Mercy:</b>	Saturday 4:00 p.m.—Effective to May 26th

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

Daily Readings	
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tuesday	<b>Memorial: St. Kateri Tekakwitha</b> Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; John 6:53, 60-69
Sunday	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 4:7-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18



 **QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP** extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards this Monday, April 16th 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 donation towards flowers for the Easter Season has been received in memory of Norman and Dean Comeau from Ida Comeau and Family.



St. Lawrence O'Toole will host the **ANNUAL BBQ** at the church on Sunday, June 3rd immediately following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. All parishioners from Queen of All Saints Parish Unit are more than welcome to attend. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** at St. Augustine's is calling for applications from individuals interested in the position of manager of the depot which provides good used clothing and household items to those in need. This is a part-time position requiring 21 hours a week from September to June and 14 hours a week during the summer months of July and August. Responsibilities include coordination of volunteers, maintaining inventories and basic bookkeeping duties. Qualifications include empathy for those in need and basic computer knowledge. The job also requires some heavy lifting. The deadline for applications is April 30th. Resumes can be emailed to St. Vincent de Paul President Patsy Murray at [spmurray14@hotmail.com](mailto:spmurray14@hotmail.com)



St. Augustine's is in need of a couple, a family or individuals to help **WASH THE COMMUNION VESSELS FOLLOWING LITURGIES**. Training will be provided to show the proper way to cleanse the vessels. This only takes about ten minutes of your time and would be following the mass you normally attend. Please contact the parish office at 857-4223 for information.

MASS INTENTIONS					
Sat	14	4:00 p.m.	St. A	CWL Deceased Members	St. Augustine's CWL
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Irois Gallant	Geraldine Gallant
Sun	15	9:00 a.m.	SLO'T	Late Audrey Bartlett	Norman and Gloria Goguen
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Mae and Paul Ross	Pennie and Family
Fri	20	12:00noon	St. A	Late Claudette Saulnier	Living Word Prayer Group
Sat	21	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Carole Anne Robins	Maureen and Margaret
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Gerry LeBlanc	Wife Flo
Sun	22	9:00 a.m.	SLO'T	Deceased Lowry Family Members	Boyd
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Celia Hachey	Family

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS**

**Saint Augustine's:** Envelopes: **\$4,518.00** (186 env.); Loose: **\$592.50**; Donation: **\$291.00**; Candles: **\$115.00**; Easter Offering: **\$240.00** (12 env.); Good Friday/Chaplains: **\$130.00** (7 env.); Building Fund: **\$370.00** (24 env.); Pre-Authorized: **\$1,408.00** (3 env.).


**Saint Lawrence O'Toole:** Envelopes: **\$705.00** (37 env.); Loose: **\$158.40**; Easter Offering: **\$20.00**; Good Friday/Chaplains: **\$10.00** (1 env.); Lenten Folders: **\$20.00**, Development and Peace **\$60.00** (2 env.); Candles **\$184.35**; Pre-Authorized: **\$80.00** (3 env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy:** Envelopes: **\$582.00** (34 env.); Loose **\$54.80**; Candles: **\$58.50**; Good Friday: **\$5.00**; Easter Offering: **\$40.00**; Funds from St. Patrick's Dinner: **\$299.00**; Pancake Breakfast Free Will Offerings: **\$94.70**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).



**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

A **MEMORIAL MASS** will be held at St. Augustine's next Saturday, April 21st at 11:00 a.m. for Dean Comeau, son of Ida Comeau

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

**Ryah Mariana Allain**  
daughter of Gregory and Lori

**Jackson Sciacca Crawford**  
son of Ryan and Carmelina

**Thatcher Glen McGillivary**  
**Huxley Graham McGillivary**  
sons of Ryan and Katie

**Victor André Melanson**  
son of André and Jodie

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

A **WARM WELCOME** is extended to all **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR SPONSORS** in attendance at Sunday morning's liturgy as they receive a blessing from the community and begin their afternoon of retreat as they enter into final preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation May 15th.





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



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**WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING: Time with David Haas**—The Archdiocese of Moncton is pleased to host David Haas, well known composer of contemporary liturgical music (including: You are Mine, Blest Are They, and We Have Been Told), in concert on Friday, June 1st, 7:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Drive in Riverview Admission: \$20.00 (cash only). Doors open at 6:30 pm. Please note: a collection will also be taken up for Music ministry Alive (MMA) Scholarship Fund for youth and adult music ministry formation. On Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00am – 2:00pm, David will facilitate a workshop and retreat for **Music Ministers**. This day is offered free of charge to music ministers within our diocese. Advance registration only—Deadline is May 25th. Lunch will be provided. Visit [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) for registration and other information. CDs, music and books by David will be available for purchase before and after the concert, and on Saturday as well.

The second gathering for the book discussion of *Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care* by Sr. Nuala Kenny, facilitated by Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Leveque at St. Bernard's Church Hall, will take place Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Feel free to join us, even if you were unable to come on April 14<sup>th</sup>, but please register with Ellen.



**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU !** Each time we attend Mass, we may notice people taking part in various roles or functions. In doing so, they are participating in "liturgical ministry," using their talents or "gifts" in service to the parish community. Very likely you have occasionally seen or heard a plea from your parish to consider offering your services in liturgical ministry. Many of our communities are seeing dwindling involvement in ministry, including lectors, communion

ministers, greeters & ushers (hospitality), servers, musicians and singers. This may be due to age, illness, relocation, or other unknown factors. In response to this reality, a **Liturgical Ministry Information Session** will be offered to assist and inform those who would like to serve their community in this manner but are unsure of the talents/gifts/skill necessary to be an effective liturgical minister. The session will be held on Tuesday, May 1st, from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm, at Holy Family Church, Falkland Street. (This is also open to those already involved who may be questioning or considering a different ministry) The evening will be facilitated by Deb Gillespie, Liturgy Coordinator for the English parishes of the Archdiocese of Moncton, and Mark Mahoney, Pastoral Associate for Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity. To register, contact Deb at [liturgymoncton@gmail.com](mailto:liturgymoncton@gmail.com), or Mark Mahoney at [markmahoney@rogers.com](mailto:markmahoney@rogers.com) or 386-6178.

**The essential "Message of Lourdes": God comes to tell us He loves us just as we are.**

A pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place July 23rd to August 4th, 2018 with Fr. Laurence Quin-Morris. An information session will be held in St. Augustine's Parish Office (340 Dominion Street) this Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Tour is being arranged by Kathy Caron from Carlson Wagonlit Harvey's Travel. For further information, contact Tiffany at 863-3427 or by email at [goodtiffany@hotmail.com](mailto:goodtiffany@hotmail.com)



**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**

Tuesday, April 17th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **1st Eucharist Gathering**

Sunday, April 22nd

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

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

Tuesday, April 24th

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

Wednesday, April 25th

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

Sunday, April 29th

9:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Sacrament of 1st Eucharist**

11:00 a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Sacrament of 1st Eucharist**

Immaculate Heart of Mary will present a **TALENT AUCTION AND VARIETY SHOW** Sunday, April 22nd at the Dan Bohan Centre. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for bidding on items in silent and live auctions; Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Coffee, tea, pop, cookies and snacks will be available. For information, contact Helen at 386-2071.

**QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

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

Level 1-3	Session #15	Sunday, April 22nd
Level 4-6	Session #15	Sunday, April 22nd
Level 4-6	Session #15	Tuesday, April 24th

Level 1-3	Session #16	Sunday, May 6th
Level 4-6	Session #16	Sunday, May 6th
Level 4-6	Session #16	Tuesday, May 8th

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held next Sunday, April 22nd at 10:0 a.m.

A **SINCERE THANK YOU** is extended to all confirmation candidates and youth from the Faith Development sessions who once again portrayed the **WAY OF THE CROSS** so beautifully on Good Friday.

