## *"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."*

We hear the question, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" twice in our gospel reading, but it sounds different when asked by the "righteous sheep" than it does when it is asked by the "accursed goats." The sheep sound apologetic, as if they are saying, "Oh gosh! I'm so sorry! Did I overlook or forget someone?" While the goats sound defensive, as if they are saying "Really? I was supposed to do something? I didn't see you hiding among them!" The reading asks us not only what we have been doing to live out our baptismal promise of discipleship, but to also look at our motivation and attitude behind our actions...or lack of action. Do we genuinely try to see the well-being of our fellow humanity as equal to our own?

The reading reminded me of a driving instructor I once had, who told his class that we would only become good drivers once we obeyed speed limits <u>not</u> because we wanted to avoid speeding tickets, but because we recognized that our diminished reaction time could endanger other people. He urged us all to make that attitude adjustment. Examples of the difference between this "sheep" and "goat" attitude are endless. Do I refrain from repeating a racist or sexist joke because my boss may be listening or because I find it demeaning and abusive to people? Do I pay taxes only because I want to avoid prosecution or because I see paying taxes as my contribution to the education, health care and the upkeep of infrastructure that is vital to all of us? We may be doing "the right thing", but do we do it for selfish goals or because we understand our interconnectedness and responsibility to our fellow humanity. The "goats" were not turned away because they had done "bad things," but because they had failed to recognize their responsibility in upholding the dignity of those around them and had failed to act at all.

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, but it celebrates Jesus as king like no ordinary, earthly king. In Jesus, God became "one of us" his subjects; not to live among the governors or Pharisee leaders of his day, but to live among the fishers, lepers,



prostitutes and those who lived on the fringes of society. His was not a kingship based on power or privilege but on "kin-ship;" of a leadership based on equality and service. As a model of kingship and discipleship, Jesus teaches us that as long as we allow even the "*least among us*" to be subjected to abuse, poverty or exclusion, we are <u>all</u> diminished in dignity. As Pope Francis reminds us, we will be judged as a society by how we treat the most vulnerable within our community.



November 26, 2017 Christ the King



Saint Augustine's

340 Dominion Street Moncton, NB Priest-Moderator: Assistant Priests part time:

#### 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 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 eileen.caissie@gasmoncton.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 Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Liturgy: Justice and Solidarity:

# Daily Readings

Monday Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday Daniel 2:3, 9, 10, 27, 31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19

Feast: St. Andrew Thursday

Romans 10:9-18: Matthew 4:18-22

Fríday Daniel 7:1-14; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

## First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17. 64:1. 3-8: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9: Mark 13:33-37



Sunday

of a new year, a new start. Our Sacred Space Christian Meditation Community invites you to join them for a time of

**PREPARE** Silence, being in the Presence of God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit who dwells within us Friday evenings at

7:30 pm in the Day Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Call Dianne, 386-6094 for information.

PRAYING THE ROSARY-During Advent, the Rosary will be prayed at St. Lawrence O'Toole at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday prior to the regular weekend liturgy.

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for St. Augustine's 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 2017 must be received by the parish office prior to the New Year.

The SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Sunday, November 26th at 1:30p.m.; and at Our Ladv of Mercy on Sunday, November 26th at 12:00 noon. Parishioners are welcome, and encouraged to attend these communal celebrations.

I was sick

A **MEMORIAL MASS** will be held this Monday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. for the families of persons who died at the Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital Center during the months of August, September, October 2017. Service will be held in the amphitheater of the hospital. Contact Jeannette Leblanc at 388-2594 or Louise Boissonnault at 862-4571 for information.

wishing to contribute Parishioners FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS **SEASON** in memory of loved ones may do

so by placing a donation in an envelope with your name and the name of the loved ones you wish to have remembered. Memorials will be published in the bulletin at Christmas time.

MASS INTENTIONS							
Sat	25	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Anniversary Late Doris Boudreau Eileen and John Sullivan	Bob and Rita LeBlanc Mike and Judy		
Sun	26	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Anniversary Late Irene Baron	Family		
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Jesus and Elisa Asares	Lourdes		
Fri	01	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Eugene and Justine Landry	The LeBlancs		
Sat	02	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Alphonse LeBlanc	Wife and Family		
		7:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Elizabeth Clements	Muriel and Marion		
Sun	03	9:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Late May Northup	Arthur Northup		
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Paul Ouellet	Faye Poirier and Family		

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$3.665.95 (174 env); Loose: **\$613.05**; Building Fund: \$125.00 (5 env.); Candles: \$95.00; All Souls: \$25.00 (2 env.); Needy at Christmas: \$60.00 (2 env.); Donation: \$120.00; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$980.00** (24 env.).



Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: \$737.00 (36 env.); Loose: \$82.50; Heating: \$5.00; Christmas Boxes: \$75.00 (3 env.); Pre-Authorized: \$30.00 (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$557.00 (35 env.): Loose: **\$56.70**: Candles: **\$44.00**: Heating: \$330.00; Missals: \$30.00; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).

> Thank you for your continued generosity!



Lawrence Saint O'Toole's SOCK TREE is in the entrance of the church collecting warm socks for all ages. Please help decorate

and hang them on the tree. A basket is also available for mittens and hats. All articles will be distributed to the needy.

The FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH MASS will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church on December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:30. Confession before the Mass. Rosarv at 9:05.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS-the \$25.00 annual membership dues may be dropped in the weekend collection in an envelope clearly marked with your name and CWL DUES, or December's CHRISTMAS pav at **GATHERING** being held at the Sports Rock. Mountain Road on Tuesday. December 5th, 6:00 p.m. There will be a money basket available at the Christmas gathering, with all donations given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Augustine's The St. Christmas Bazaar was a very successful Fundraiser again this year. Thank you to the hard working CWL Members and for the continuing support from

Parishioners. Congratulations are extended to the lucky winner of the Gift Cards Barb Tubb and the 50/50 winner Lucille Arsenault.

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

Ellen - 857- 9952 or <u>ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com</u> Trevor - 857-4879 or <u>trevord.diocese@gmail.com</u> Deb at <u>liturgymoncton@gmail.com</u>

**EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US: understanding incarnation in light of the Universe Story** Take time this Advent to truly prepare for Christmas, by joining Sr. Denise Lirette, f.j. on <u>Tuesday, December 12th</u> at Holy Family, Falkland Avenue, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as she explores the significance of darkness and light in our lives and in the Universe, particularly as we note the birth of Jesus as a significant event in the history of humanity and the Universe and truly the Light that shines in the darkness. Pre-registration is necessary and may be done by contacting Ellen.

Visit **VISION BOOKSTORE** in the Diocesan Centre at 45 York Street on <u>Friday, December</u> <u>1st</u> between 8:00 a.m. and noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to take advantage of the special monthly sale where most in stock books will be reduced by 10%. Information: <u>www.visionbookstore.ca</u> Visit their *"Facebook Page"* regularly and discover new arrivals every week!

The Gentlemen of Harmony Barbershop Chorus, female a cappella ensemble Riversong, The Harrison Trimble High Vocal Ensemble, and award winning male quartets "Gale Force" and "Seventh Wave" will warm the cold winter night as they present **VOCAL MAGIC**, <u>Saturday, February 3, 2018</u> at 7:30 pm at the Riverview Arts Centre. Tickets are available now and would make a great Christmas gift for parents, grandparents or other music lovers on your list. Visit <u>www.riverviewartscentre.ca</u> or call 871-9657. \$25.35 advance/\$28.23 at the door, all taxes and fees included.

Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year are available at the parish office.



At St. Augustine's next <u>Sunday, December 3rd</u> let's gather at the back of the church following Mass to socialize while enjoying a beverage and cookie. Look forward to seeing you there!

In order for bulletin inserts to be included in the weekend bulletins, information must be received by the parish office, in written form, by **NOON ON TUESDAY**.

St. Augustine's Wedding Bann UNITED MARRIAGE Saturday, December 2nd 1:00 p.m.



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH <u>Tuesdays</u> 1:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Adoration and Rosary

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

Sunday, November 26th 9:15a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development** 

12:00 noon—Our Lady of Mercy: Sacrament of Baptism

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

1:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Sacrament of Baptism** 

<u>Tuesday, November 28th</u> 6:30p.m.—St. Augustine's **Faith Development** 

<u>Sunday, December 3rd</u> 10h00—Saint Lawrence O'Toole: **Session de Famille** 

12:00 noon—St. Augustine's Church: Meet and Greet following mass

Sunday, December 10th 9:15a.m.— St. Augustine's: Faith Development

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

Monday, December 11th 6:30p.m. St. Augustine's: **Confirmation Gathering** 

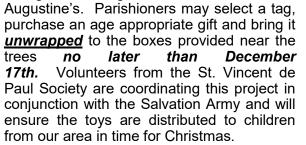
<u>Tuesday, December 12th</u> 6:30p.m.—St. Augustine's **Faith Development** 

<u>Sunday, December 19th</u> 10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Goodie Sunday** 

#### ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS BOXES DONATION ENVELOPES are available at the back of the Church. Thank

you for your continued support of our efforts to help needy families in our community during the upcoming Christmas season.

**TAGS FOR TOYS** - Trees are up with tags for boys and girls of all ages at St.



**OTHERS** 

**The ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** is looking for **volunteers** who would be willing to help on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. This work requires some heavy lifting, dealing with clients and handling cash. For more information contact Jim Fenwick 857-2088 or Patsy Murray 388-9620.

Codiac Concert Band presents **CHRISTMAS TALES** at the Community Peace Centre, 22 Church Street on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 9th</u>, 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door or online at www.codiacconcertband.ca for \$18.00.



St. Lawrence O'Toole families needing assistance for Christmas time can call Barb Cormier after 6:00 p.m. in the evenings to register for a **CHRISTMAS BOX**. Deadline to contact Barb at 342-0411 is December 14th.

## ADVENT A Sense of the Season



December is the time for expressing the hope and strengthening the dreams that will carry us through the next year. Advent is the way we as church express our hopes. Prophetic visions, prayers and songs calling for the Lord to come do help us to hope profoundly. Advent allows us to do what most others do in December—but to see in the coming Lord the answer to our dreams. In our Catholic tradition, keeping Advent means singing the songs of expectation, of our hopes and longing, before we enter into the full-throated praise of Christmas carols.

Here are a few lines from our tradition on what Advent is about. "Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and the heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #39)

Thomas Merton, in his book Seasons of Celebration, reviewed the ways Saint Bernard of Clairvaux approached these comings of Christ. The first advent was Christ's birth. The other will be at the end of time. Faith in these two stimulates recognition of a third, the advent of Christ in our church now, today. Viewed from this perspective, the Advent liturgy, with its scriptures, prayers and songs, is neither a romantic return to the Old Testament while we wait for the baby at Bethlehem, nor is it an exercise in expressing hope for an ever-receding end of time. The Advent liturgy is neither nostalgic nor illusory. When we take the tradition and enter it fully, we become Advent, the people in and through whom Christ comes.

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## THE ADVENT WREATH



The circle of greens with four candles of the same color, which unifies the season, is meant to be a simple foretaste of the evergreens of Christmas. Originally, three candles were purple because that is the color associated with penitential seasons. Before Vatican II, Advent was a second penitential season, after Lent. Today, Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. As well, the third candle used to be pink because the Third Sunday had a non-penitential character. With the Advent emphasis now predominantly on anticipation rather than penance, a special pink candle no longer makes much sense. Questions of

color, theme, etc. can get in the way of the key symbolism of the Advent wreath. It really is very simple: there is light in the darkness. This in itself is entirely biblical, and goes well with the readings of the Advent and Christmas seasons. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light.

#### 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 #6 Session #7	Sunday, November 26th Sunday, December 10th
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #6 Session #7	Sunday, November 26th Sunday, December 10th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #6 Session #7	Tuesday, November 28th Tuesday, December 12th

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** à St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au soussol de l'église <u>dimanche, le 3 decembre</u> à 10h00.

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held this <u>Sunday, November 26th</u> and <u>Sunday, December 10th</u> at 10:00a.m.

A **GATHERING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** will be held in St. Augustine's Basement on <u>Monday, December 11th</u> at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Pastoral Associate Job Posting**

The parish of St. Augustine's is seeking a **full time Pastoral Associate.** The successful candidate must be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church and meet the requirements of the "Diocesan Policy on the Prevention of Violence Toward Vulnerable Persons". The position will include some weekend and evening hours.

Salary will be based on experience in the field.

#### Position requirements:

- Must be a practicing Roman Catholic
- Be willing & available to participate in mandatory ongoing formation
- Possess strong leadership skills
- Experienced in program coordination
- Have strong written and oral communication skills and
- Working knowledge of computer software programs

#### Qualifications:

- Dependable
- Highly organized
- Able to work independently and within a team
- Possess post-secondary training in various job settings
- Bondable

Applicants may submit their resume before December 1, 2017 in confidence to epwallace9@gmail.com