

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a special day in the Church. When I was young, the Ascension, forty days after Easter, was Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation. Because I attended a Catholic elementary school, I had the privilege of having the day off school. After I attended early morning Mass with my family, I had the day 'free' unlike my non-Catholic friends. Often it would mean riding my bike as a new spring activity and preparing said bike for the priest's blessing of the bikes during our Mary, Queen of the May parade later in the month. I recall also my concept of the Ascension: I pictured Jesus rising in a cloud, then sitting at the right hand of God the Father, ready to help me if I needed Him or be my 'advocate,' ever-present as I prayed to Him. It was a picture symbolizing the love of the Father and the Son, a gift to all. To me, the Ascension has always been a 'positive' aspect of my religious formation.

The Apostles returned "with great joy". With the gaze of faith, they understood that, even if they were gone from view, Jesus remained always with them. They were to continue His work, make disciples of all nations, teaching others to obey what Jesus had represented. This solicitude passed from generation to generation down to our own day. Now, we don't have to go around preaching the Good News to all around us, pontificating about Christ's teachings; rather we continue this by living as examples and models of our Catholic beliefs. I learned at an early age that even if you don't have much materially, you can still give to others. My quarter in the mission box at school every week was helping some other girl or boy providing food or warm clothing. Today there are numerous ways people exemplify the ideals Jesus instilled so many years ago. Think of those who give others strength and consolation in times of despair; those who can sit in silence with their fellow man not knowing what to say but knowing that they should be there (which can bring new life to a dying heart); the parents who not only nurture their family with food but with their companionship; the retired couple who take their neighbour to doctor's appointments, weekly Mass; those who give - be it a smile, a handshake, a word of thanks, a word of love, a part of their life. All these continue the works of the disciples after the Ascension so long ago.

Pope Francis reiterates my early concept of the Ascension - "we are never alone; the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us and there are many brothers and sisters with us. They live their faith every day, and bring to the world the lordship of God's love, in their family life and work, in their problems and difficulties, in their joys and hopes. If we entrust our lives to Him we are sure to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, our Advocate."

Take heart in the words of John Paul II who said "Let us renew our faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that He can come back again and take us to Himself."

Cathy Keirstead



May 28, 2017
Ascension Sunday



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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

Priest-Moderator:	Rev. Allison Carroll
Assistant Priest:	Rev. Laurence Quin-Morris rllaurence@qasmoncton.com
Liturgy:	Carole Penney
Justice and Solidarity:	Marilyn McCleary

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

Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11
Wednesday	Feast: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56
Thursday	Memorial: St. Justin Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 24:27, 25:13-21; John 21:15-19
Saturday	Memorial: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23



ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ANNUAL BBQ will be held next Sunday, June 4th immediately following Mass. The theme this year will be In honor of Canada's 150th Birthday. Everyone from our Parish unit is invited and are encouraged to wear your Canadian colors of Red or White. Special activities are planned so **SEE YOU THERE!**

Celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at a **PENTECOST RALLY** on Sunday, June 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. in St. Augustine's Church basement. There will be praise, joyful songs and sharing. Guest speaker will be KEVIN ROY of Saint John. Cake and cold drinks will be served. For information call Mary at 855-8330 or Donna at 386-2072.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR will be held Saturday, June 3rd at the Irishtown Community Centre. Free admission. To reserve a craft table (\$20.00 each) call Don Richard at 382-9340.

First Moncton Baptist Church is seeking a full-time administrative assistant. This position will serve all members of the ministry team in a positive team atmosphere as directed by the Senior Pastor. The successful candidate will be responsible for the daily administration of the church office including, but not limited to, being the primary contact for the public and the church members during regular office hours, preparation of the Sunday bulletin, maintenance of office supplies and equipment, and facilitating the schedules of the ministry team. Other duties include the maintenance of church records such as mailing lists, births, marriages, minutes, and the preparation of communications to the church membership. For job description details and to apply visit their website at www.firstmoncton.com.

English Faith Development gatherings at St. Lawrence O'Toole will be held this Sunday, May 28th.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE LOCAL PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Between 15-21? Check Facebook at **Saint Augustine's Young Adults Group**.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	27	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Joseph Collins Late Marie Lea LeBlanc	Noella Robichaud Odette & Family
Sun	28	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Late Anita Mitton Deceased Members of Lowry Family	Lorette Boyd
Fri	02	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Agnes Rafferty	Jack & Pauline
Sat	03	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Anniversary Late Fred Burchill Late John A. Sullivan	Wife Lola and Family Mike & Judy
Sun	04	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Late Byron Roach Special Intention-100th Birthday	Mr. & Mrs. Reg Constantine Margaret, Marilyn & Families

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$3,743.00** (184 env.); Loose: **\$563.50**; Building Fund: **\$215.00** (9 env.); Pope's Pastoral Works: **\$955.00** (42 env.); Candles: **\$140.00**; Share Lent: **\$10.00**; Good Friday: **\$35.00** (2 env.); Ray of Hope Kitchen: **\$20.00**; Holy Land: **\$10.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$977.00** (25 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$1,005.00** (44 env.); Loose: **\$144.50**; Pope's Pastoral Works: **\$75.00** (8 env.); Candles: **\$287.15**; Pre-Authorized: **\$120.00** (4 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$702.00** (45 env.); Loose: **\$120.40**; Initial Offering: **\$10.00**; Pope's Pastoral Works: **\$155.00**; Candles: **\$28.10**.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

For those who wish, a copy of the Victim Impact Statement is available from the parish office.

The **FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH MASS** will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church on June 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:30; Confession before the Mass; Rosary at 9:05.

HEARTFELT PRAYERS AND CONGRATULATIONS are extended to **Mary McAllister** as she celebrates her **100th Birthday** on Thursday, June 1st. God Bless.



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

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The Office of Faith Development will re-open August 28th. Please contact Trevor Driesbeck with the Office of Youth Faith Development with any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017—This summer's Vacation Bible School theme will be **Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose**, and will take place mornings of June 26th to 30th. It will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview, and children from all parishes in the Archdiocese are encouraged to attend. Registration is free but should be done early because we are able to accommodate only 50 children. Registration may be done online by going to www.dimoncton.ca and following the link for Maker Fun Factory. Contact Karen at 387-4198 for more information.

Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower 2017, a day of formation for all catechists, takes place on Saturday, September 9th. <http://www.dimoncton.ca/en/>.

Formation for Baptism Preparation Teams will be held September 22nd and 23rd. Baptism Preparation Teams who work with parents seeking baptism for their children are obliged to participate in formation to prepare them for this work.

Liturgical musician DAVID HAAS will be offering a concert and leading a retreat/workshop with those in music ministry June 1st and 2nd, 2018.