



Scripture Corner

**“Then Mary said,
‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word.’
(Luke 1:38)**

Mary’s response in today’s Gospel is amazing! This young girl from the backwater village of Nazareth in a remote corner of the Roman Empire said “yes” to a calling from God that was unusual, to say the least, and that would cost her dearly. “Here am I” she said.

Those words have a familiar ring for anyone who is familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. Mary wasn’t the first to say them. She stands in a long line of witnesses who experienced God moving in on their lives and were brave enough to say in response to God’s request, “Here am I.”

The boy Samuel said, “Here am I,” and then began a long career of speaking truth to the powers that be, King Saul in particular, and being the bearer of the unpleasant news that Saul had done wrong in God’s sight. Samuel had no way of knowing if he would still have his head, let alone his job, in the morning.

The young man, Isaiah, said “Here am I,” and then began a long career of speaking words of judgment and promise on God’s behalf and being at odds with the prevailing culture.

They didn’t ask: “What’s in it for me? How does this help me? What can I get out of it?” They only asked what God was doing in the present circumstances and how they could serve God’s purposes.

“Let it be with me according to your word.” This is as appropriate an Advent prayer as one could find. For we too can be impregnated by God. Men will find this a strange metaphor. But Christian women have long been expected to appropriate male metaphors, like “sons of God.” So it behooves us men to stretch our imaginations and see ourselves as nurturing new life within us. This metaphor is one that we can all embrace because all of us have things within us waiting to be born, love waiting to burst forth, blessings waiting to be delivered.

This is not a new metaphor in Christian tradition. As far back as the 15th century, the mystic Meister Eckhart wrote, “Become aware of what is in you. Announce it, pronounce it, produce it, and give birth to it.” The point is that Advent is not simply the remembering of an historical event, when Mary was impregnated; it is love being implanted in us by the Holy Spirit now, growing in us now, taking shape in us now, and getting ready to come to birth when the time is right.

Here are Advent questions for each of us to ponder in the secret places of our own hearts: What is it that God is calling me to give birth to at this time in my life? What blessings reside in me, just waiting to be born? How can I not only receive the Christ into my life but reproduce the Christ in my living? What would it mean for me to say, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”

A blessed fourth week of Advent everyone!

– Hugh Farquhar



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011

Saint Augustine’s Church
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, New Brunswick

Saint Michael’s Church
150 Masters Road
Moncton, New Brunswick

Saint Lawrence O’Toole Church
Église St-Laurent O’Toole
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PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon; 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Regular Mass Schedule—Heures des Messes

St. Augustine’s: Friday—9:30 a.m.; Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday—9:00 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.

St. Michael’s: Wednesday—7:00 p.m.; Sunday—11:00 a.m.; January 1st, January 8th

St. Lawrence O’Toole: Sunday—11:00 a.m.; dimanche—11h00; January 1st, January 15th

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE INCLUDED INSIDE

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 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS INCLUDED INSIDE

OFFERINGS FOR LAST WEEK

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$4,409.00** (276 of 416 env.); Loose: **\$545.50**; Christmas Offering: **\$40.00** (3 env.); Building Fund: **\$536.00** (37 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$490.00** (18 env.); Roof Fund: **\$80.00** (4 env.); All Souls: **\$10.00**; Donation: **\$500.00**; Christmas Flowers: **\$270.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$379.50** (14 env.).



Saint Michael's: Envelopes: **\$2,303.00** (134 of 280 env.); Loose: **\$128.00**; Building Fund: **\$50.00** (1 env.); Proceeds from Building Fund Draw: **\$1,500.00**; Needy at Christmas: **\$1,305.00**; (33 env.); Christmas Offering: **\$65.00** (3 env.); Christmas Flowers: **\$230.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$120.00** (2 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$23.00** (2 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

Sunday December 18th
9h30—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Session Famille**

10:00 a.m.—St. Augustine's Church Basement: **Group B**

12:00 noon—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Decorating the Church**

5:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church Basement: **Group B**

7:00 p.m.—St. Michael's Church: **Evening Prayer**

Thursday, January 12th
11:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole Church: **St Lawrence O'Toole Local Pastoral Council**

Congratulations are extended to **Bert Gould**, winner of the **ST. MICHAEL'S BUILDING FUND DRAW** for December 11th.

EVENING PRAYER will be celebrated at St. Michael's this Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Joseph and Gracie Lawlor on the death of his brother **Eddie Lawlor**; and to Fr. Yvon and family on the death of his uncle **Hervé Cormier**. *May they rest forever in the loving embrace of the Lord!*



Will Be Closed:

12:00 noon Friday, December 23rd

Monday, December 26th
Tuesday, December 27th

12:00 noon Friday, December 30th
Monday, January 2nd

PLEASE NOTE:
Adoration at St. Augustine's will be cancelled Tuesday, December 27th.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION is **CANCELLED** until further notice.

A bulletin will not be published Christmas Weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	17	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Leandre 'Len' Lavoie	Jeannine Richard
Sun	18	9:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Edmund St. Pierre	Rosella & Girls
		11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Late Norman Landry	Gerald & Dorice LeBlanc & Family
		7:00 p.m.	St. A	Deceased Family Members	Ethel Stashuk
Wed	21	7:00 p.m.	St. M	Late Lillian Gallant	Delina & Cliff Landry
Fri	23	9:30 a.m.	St. A	Late Marie & Cameron Lund	Lee Lund & Family
Sat	24	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Shannon McDonald	Mum, Dad & Family
		7:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Ann & Keith Richard	Moncton Branch CTA
		7:00 p.m.	St. M	Anniversary Late Ruth Poirier	Ruth Wilbur
		9:00 p.m.	St. L O'T	Late Danny Donnelly	Claudia & Family
		10:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Aubrey Godfrey	Bill
Sun	25	11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Millie Bennett	Pat & Family
Wed	28	----	St. M	NO MASS	
Fri	30	----	St. A	NO MASS	
Sat	31	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Special Intention	RCIA Team Members
Sun	01	9:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Lawrence Irving	Anna Irving
		11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Late William Donovan	Jean & Family
		11:00 a.m.	St. M	Late Thomas, Elsie & John Furlong	Jean Furlong-Ryan
		7:00 p.m.	St. A	Late John R. LeBlanc	Don & Anne Lahanky



To us a child is born, to us a son is given: Christ the Savior is born! He shall be called the Prince of Peace which is why we sing 'Joy To The World' and 'Silent Night, Holy Night'.

Christmas is a celebration of the heart, a celebration of unconditional love! We have so much to be grateful for.

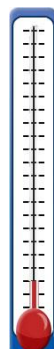
A blessed and peaceful Christmas to one and all!

Fr. Yvon

\$331316 ST. AUGUSTINE'S ROOF PROJECT

\$40,213.00 in donations have been received for the roof repair project, which cost \$331,316.00 including HST.

Parishioners who still wish to donate toward the project may do so at any time. Donation envelopes can be found in the church.



Daily Readings

<i>Monday</i>	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
<i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10d; Luke 1:26-38
<i>Wednesday</i>	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
<i>Friday</i>	Malachi 3:1-4, 4.5-6; Luke 1:57-66
<i>Saturday</i>	Vigil—Nativity of the Lord Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
<i>Sunday</i>	Nativity of the Lord Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
<i>Monday</i>	Feast: St. Stephen Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
<i>Tuesday</i>	Feast: St. John 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8
<i>Wednesday</i>	Feast: Holy Innocents 1 John 1:5-2:22; Matthew 2:13-18
<i>Thursday</i>	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
<i>Friday</i>	Feast: Holy Family Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40
<i>Saturday</i>	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
<i>Sunday</i>	Mary, Mother of God Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 RIO DE JANEIRO

Young people between the ages of 18 and 30 who are interested in making the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Brazil in 2013 are invited to attend one of two information sessions that will take place on January 10th and on January 31st, 2012. Both sessions will be held at the Diocesan Centre (452 Amirault St., Dieppe) and will begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Trevor Drosbeck at the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at 857-9531 ext 298 or revord.diocese@gmail.com

PLEASE RETURN THE PAMPHLET OF PRAYERS FROM THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL TO THE FOLDER ON THE BACK OF THE PEWS FOLLOWING MASS—WE ASK THAT THESE REMAIN IN THE CHURCH FOR AVAILABILITY AT ALL MASSES.



Wedding Banns

Eric Donovan & Martine LeBlanc

Friday, December 30th

St. Lawrence O'Toole

4:00 p.m.

When donating **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**, please consider canned and boxed items in order to avoid glass breakage. As always, your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

St Lawrence O'Toole parishioners who wish to find out if there is a Mass scheduled in the event of **snow storm** can listen to a bilingual announcement on **CJSE FM Radio at 89.5** on the dial.



2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for St. Augustine's parishioners are available for pick up at the church entrance. Please contact the parish office if a box has not been assigned to you and you wish to receive envelopes.

The **'EXTRA' ENVELOPES** for Pre-authorized payment users are available at the church entrance for pick up.

All contributions for income tax purposes for 2011 must be received by the parish office prior to the New Year. All contributions received at the New Year's Eve liturgy on December 31st will be credited to 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners of the St. Michael's Ladies' Society Draw:

Christmas Basket	<i>Mary Vautour</i>
Flower Arrangement	<i>Debbie Gallant</i>
Condiment Dish	<i>Doris Anderson</i>
Christmas Balls	<i>Sarah Park Ricker</i>
Dip Dish	<i>Germaine Bourgeois</i>

St Michaels Ladies' Society would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped in one way or another to make the recent Bake Sale and the Basket raffle such great successes. A special **THANK YOU** to Cheryl Dupuis for the great 'peanut butter sandwich' cake, which was won by *Rose Brooks*.



St Michaels Ladies Society recently made donations to Harvest House, the Mark Mahoney Family and to Victoria Quilt Canada.

St Lawrence O'Toole is selling tickets to win an **18x22 Framed Cross Stitch** called **THE BAPTISM**. Tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00 or a book of 15 for \$20.00 and available at the Parish Office. The draw will be held on April 8th. All proceeds will go towards St. Lawrence O'Toole Building Fund.

Wednesday, December 21st
7:00 p.m. St. Michael's

Friday, December 23rd
9:30 a.m. St. Augustine's

Saturday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. St. Augustine's
7:00 p.m. St. Michael's
7:00 p.m. St. Augustine's
9:00 p.m. St. Lawrence O'Toole
10:00 p.m. St. Augustine's

Sunday, December 25th
11:00 a.m. St. Augustine's

Wednesday, December 28th
no mass at St. Michael's

Friday, December 30th
no mass at St. Augustine's

Saturday, December 31st
4:00 p.m. St. Augustine's

Sunday, January 1st
9:00 a.m. St. Augustine's
11:00 a.m. St. Michael's
11:00 a.m. St. Lawrence
7:00 p.m. St. Augustine's

Wednesday, January 4th
7:00 p.m. St. Michael's

Friday, January 6th
9:30 a.m. St. Augustine's



**Other
English
Parishes**

St. Bernard's

Saturday, December 24th
5:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th
11:00 am

Saturday, December, 31st
4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st
11:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 24th
Immaculate Heart of Mary 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Holy Family 7:00 p.m.
St. Jude 7:00 p.m.
Holy Ghost 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th
Immaculate Heart of Mary 10:30 a.m.



In order to allow the dedicated volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul a well deserved rest, please consider holding your donations until the first week of January. Thank you for your understanding and continuing support. Your generosity toward St. Vincent de Paul Society is very much appreciated.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S TOY COLLECTION

Once again this year St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your generosity and support of their Toy Collection campaign in conjunction with the Salvation Army.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Holiday Hours**

OPEN
**Monday, December 19th
and
Wednesday, December 21st**
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

CLOSED
**Friday, December 23rd
and
Monday, December 26th**

OPEN
**Wednesday, December 28th
and
Friday, December 30th**
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

CLOSED
Monday, January 2nd

The Clothing Depot will resume regular hours effective Wednesday, January 4th 857-2088

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There is a great need for **MASS COORDINATORS** at St. Augustine's. If you would 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.



