



Scripture Corner

"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down so that the mountains would quake at your presence."

As a child, I always looked forward to two of the church's celebrations: Christmas, (for obvious kid-like reasons), and Easter, because it meant the end of Lenten austerity and the return of chocolate!

As an adult, however, I've come to look forward to two other liturgical seasons: Advent and Lent. These two seasons are for me a "wake-up" call. Yes, my faith is important to me throughout the year. Yes, I pray and celebrate with my faith community the entire liturgical year, but these two seasons give me the necessary nudge to become more focused, more deliberate in my prayer habits. With the daily responsibilities of life within family, work and community, a certain complacency seems to set into my faith; a sameness, a sense of mundane routine. I begin to take God's presence in my life for granted. Advent gives me the perfect excuse to give my faith a deep breath of fresh air.

All of today's readings reflect this need to reawaken and reenergize our faith and purpose, as God's children. Like Isaiah, I question why we so easily "stray away from your ways and harden our hearts, so that we are no longer in awe of you." My energies get so absorbed by the daily routines and worldly values that I see my own faith reflected in Isaiah's words: "We fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away." Advent provides me with the perfect reason to renew my sense of awe, and to become aware again, as Paul says, how every aspect of my life is enriched by God's presence. Even the gospel tells me, that I need to keep alert and awake in my daily tasks, or I will miss the joy of God's presence.

Despite the busyness of the next four weeks, I look forward to setting aside some moments each day for prayer and making a conscious effort to be alert and alive to all that God does in my life; to allow myself to be energized by the divine in the mundane. Like a lump of clay in Isaiah's reading, I long to feel God's loving, warm hands, reworking my soul into a new creation that is alive with a renewed sense of purpose.

- Mary Joshi



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

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Moncton, New Brunswick

Saint Michael's Church
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Moncton, New Brunswick

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Church
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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.; December 11th,

St. Lawrence O'Toole: Sunday—11:00 a.m.; dimanche—11h00; December 4, December 18

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.

OFFERINGS FOR LAST WEEK



Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$4,404.00** (230 of 416 env.); Loose: **\$524.50**; Building Fund: **\$380.00** (18 env.); World Mission Sunday: **\$30.00** (2 env.); Roof Fund: **\$156.00** (7 env.); All Souls: **\$72.00** (4 env.); Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$274.50** (14 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$1,641.00** (71 of 240 env.); Loose: **\$174.00**; Building Fund: **\$10.00**; Heating: **\$45.00** (5 env.); Christmas Boxes: **\$545.00** (14 env.); Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$23.00** (2 env.).

Saint Michael's: Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$70.00** (2 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!



ST. AUGUSTINE'S TOY COLLECTION

The Christmas tradition of "Tags for Toys" at St. Augustine's begins this weekend and will continue until Sunday, December 18th.

Trees laden with tags for boys and girls of all ages will be placed at the main entrance of the church. Parishioners may select a tag, purchase an age appropriate gift and bring it unwrapped to the boxes provided near the trees **no later than December 18th**. Volunteers from the St. Vincent de Paul Society are coordinating this project in conjunction with the Salvation Army and will ensure the toys are distributed to children from our area in time for Christmas.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

Sunday, November 27th

10:00 a.m.—St. Augustine's Church Basement: **Vision Bookstore Book Fair**

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

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

Sunday, December 4th / dimanche le 4 decembre

12:00 p.m./ 12h00—St. Lawrence O'Toole Church: **Goodie Sunday / Goûter**

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

Monday, December 5th

6:00 p.m.—House of Lam: **St. Michael's Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner**

Tuesday, December 6th

6:30 p.m.—China House Restaurant: **St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner**

7:00 p.m.—St. Michael's Church Meeting Room: **St. Michael's Ladies' Society**

Sunday, December 11th

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

Monday, December 12th

1:00 p.m.—St. Michael's Church: **Seniors and Retiree Gathering**

If you have extra **BLANKETS** at home, St. Vincent de Paul Society has an urgent need for them for their clients, along with **MEN'S WINTER JACKETS, BOOTS AND GLOVES**. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Michael's parishioners who would like to learn the new music from the **REVISED ROMAN MISSAL** are invited to join Rick in the church at St. Michael's at 10:00 a.m. on the weekends when mass is celebrated at St. Michael's. New music ministry members are always welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	26	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Norman Haley	Bill & Alice Morris
Sun	27	9:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Paul Doucette	Louise & Larry Doucette
		11:00 a.m.	St. M	Late Genevieve Gagne	Faye Poirier & Family
		7:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Norman LeBlanc	Dolores & Family
Wed	30	7:00 p.m.	St. M	Late John Charles Belliveau	Kevin MacDonald
Fri	02	9:30 a.m.	St. A	Late Joy Arrigo	Joan Drisdelle
Sat	03	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Leonie Roberts	Irna & Phil Geddes
Sun	04	9:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Angela Chamberlain	Her Mother Rosella
		11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T	Anniversary Late Alphonse LeBlanc	Yvonne, Daniel & Lisa
		7:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Leo Legare	Wife Claire



Looking for an appropriate gift to give this Holiday Season and still share the **true** meaning of Christmas? Have you considered making a donation in someone's name to help out the less fortunate?

Donation cards for the **RAY OF HOPE NEEDY KITCHEN** and the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** are available at the parish office. Proceeds go to the organization, you get a card to give to the recipient notifying them that the donation has been made in their name, and you will also get a tax receipt for your charitable donation.....it's a win-win situation!!!

Congratulations are extended to **Bert Gould**, winner of the **ST. MICHAEL'S BUILDING FUND DRAW** for November 20th.



There are still a few tickets remaining for the Building Fund Draw. A \$50.00 ticket will give you a chance at four \$100.00 draws in December and 16 more chances at \$50.00 in the new year! For information, contact Mary at 383-9863.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE LOCAL PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting will be held Thursday, January 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Daily Readings

<i>Monday</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11, 13++
<i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
<i>Wednesday</i>	Feast: St. Andrew Romans 10:9-18; Mathew 4:18-22
<i>Thursday</i>	Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
<i>Friday</i>	Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
<i>Saturday</i>	Memorial: St. Francis Xavier Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8++
<i>Sunday</i>	Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8





FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The final session of **MAKING LIFE MEANINGFUL THROUGH DEATH** takes place on Tuesday, November 29th at Holy Family Church Hall at 7:00 p.m. Sr. Eileen McQuaid, c.n.d., will talk about how we can move

into healing through *The Spiritual Lessons of Loss and Grief*. You are welcome to attend even if you have not been able to come before. Please contact Ellen at ellen.diocesemoncton@nb.aibn.com or 857-9531, ext. 227 to register.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast" (Alexander Pope) and nothing exhibits that hope like the season of Advent - the one we rush through ... or ignore ... on our way to Christmas. Take time out to experience hope - Advent - by joining us for **CULTIVATING HOPE IN A TIME OF CHANGE**, and retreat from the busyness of your Christmas preparations. While hope is often equated with optimism, the hope of Advent goes much deeper; it allows us to see negative and yet continue to dedicate ourselves to a transformative vision of the present and the future. Dr. Margaret Anne Smith, Director of Adult Faith with the diocese of Saint John will spend Saturday, December 3rd at Holy Family Church Hall bringing us hope. Session is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch included; pre-register by November 29th by contacting Ellen at 857-9531, ext 227 or ellen.diocesemoncton@nb.aibn.com



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will gather for their annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER** on Monday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. at House of Lam.

The Catholic Women's League would like to remind members that **2012 MEMBERSHIP FEES** are due! For those unable to attend recent meetings, please note that the **fees have increased to \$25.00**, and can be dropped into the weekend collection baskets in an envelope clearly marked **CWL**.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will hold their annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER** at the China House on Mountain Road on Tuesday, December 6th. Buffet prices is \$14.99 and members are asked to arrive between 6:00—6:30 p.m. for a social time. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Money Tree will be in place with funds raised to help St. Vincent de Paul Society aid the needy of the community.



REMINDER:

Find out the parish unit news by checking online at www.qasmoncton.com



St. Lawrence O'Toole is once again willing to help out the needy in our parish community of Irishtown by providing a Christmas Food Box. If you need help or know someone in need of a **CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX**, please contact Barb Cormier at 383-9435

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS BOX DONATION ENVELOPES are available at the church entrance. All proceeds will be used for needy families in our parish. Returning the envelopes by December 4th would be appreciated and thank you in advance for your support.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAMILY FAITH DEVELOPMENT

St. Augustine's Group A and B Morning families will gather in the church basement at 10:00 a.m. following the morning liturgy, for their sessions. **Group B Evening Sessions** are held at 5:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend on the date your group is scheduled, please feel free to participate on a date that the other group is scheduled.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S FAMILY SESSIONS will be held in on the following Sundays:

Sunday, November 27th	Group A rescheduled
Sunday, December 11th	Group A
Sunday, December 18th	Group B

ST. MICHAEL'S FAMILY SESSION will be held next Sunday, December 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Vision Bookstore will hold a **BOOK FAIR** in St. Augustine's Church basement this Sunday, November 27th following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy.

EVENING PRAYER will be celebrated at St. Michael's each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Advent.

Un **GOUTER** aura lieu à St. Lawrence O'Toole dimanche, le 4 décembre au sous-sol de l'église après la messe. Tous sont la bienvenue.



GOODIE SUNDAY at St. Lawrence O'Toole will be held next Sunday, December 4th following the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. All are welcome!

ST. MICHAEL'S LADIES' SOCIETY'S monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the church meeting room. All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend!

Tickets will continue to be sold following Sunday liturgies at St. Michael's on a **CHRISTMAS BASKET** by the members of the Ladies' Society with a draw date set at December 11th. Profits will go towards bursaries and helping the needy in our parish and community throughout the year.

St. Lawrence O'Toole Church will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, December 18th immediately following 11:00 a.m. liturgy. Everyone is welcome to offer a hand—please mark your calendar and join us.



SENIORS AND RETIREES are invited to St. Michael's Church on Monday, December 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards. If transportation is required, contact Debbie at 384-8431.



Parishioners wishing to contribute **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 one(s) you wish to have remembered. Memorials will be published in the bulletin at Christmas. Donations of any amount may be made prior to or during the Christmas Season, and simply dropped in with the weekend collection.