



STEWARDSHIP AND ADVENT

December is such a busy time of year, and a month that tempts us to lose sight of the profound spiritual importance of the Advent and Christmas seasons. The best way to stay focused on the coming of Jesus Christ is to be good stewards of his presence in our daily lives. Here are simple ways to exercise good stewardship of this sacred time of year.

Give God a very special gift this year: Let this gift be something personal that no one else needs to know about, and let it be a sacrifice. Perhaps your gift will be to commit to spending more time with God daily. Perhaps there is a habit you know you should give up. Why wait for a New Year's resolution? Start now.

Celebrate the season of Advent: Light the Advent wreath candles each night before dinner. If you have children, let them offer their own prayers to the Christ child for whom we are waiting.

Set aside a special time to read the Christmas story in the Gospel of Saint Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20: Consider reading this account with your family and discussing it together.

Put a crèche up in your home at the beginning of Advent: Consider having one set that is "kid proof" which your children are allowed to handle. Kids love to make the Nativity story their own, and they especially love the angels!

Plan a project to help someone this Christmas: Identify someone with a genuine need, involve your whole family and see how happy you can make someone this Christmas. Participate in your parish Adopt-a-Family program or call Catholic Charities or another charity and find a family through their programs. Make sure your children take part in shopping for a family who needs extra help and make them aware of the needs in your community.

Take a group Christmas caroling to a nursing home or a children's hospital: Get people together. Make it festive. Bring the gifts of your joyful smiles and voices to those who may need these gifts.

Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family: The idea of giving an unexpected gift of service to members of your family reveals your own love and concern for them. You might consider giving your spouse a day away, running an errand for your brother, or cleaning out a closet for your mother. Make it personal and meaningful.

Send Christmas cards and thank you notes that convey a spiritual message: This is an easy way to share your faith during the Advent season. Don't just sign your name! Include a personal message with each card. Set aside some time after Christmas Day to write thank you notes and help your children to write thank you notes for the gifts they receive. This is a wonderful habit for a lifetime, and a good way to foster a steward's gratitude for all gifts.

Write a Christmas letter to someone far away such as someone in the service, or perhaps someone working or ministering in a foreign country: It has been said that receiving a letter when you are far away from home is like opening a priceless gift on Christmas morning, no matter what day of the year. Many people are unable to travel home for the holidays, so it can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special Christmas letter to someone of your choice.

Attend Christmas Mass together with your family: December 25 falls on Sunday this year so there should be few excuses. If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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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Irishtown, New Brunswick



PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest-Moderator:	Rev. Yvon Arsenault (father.yvon@qasmoncton.com)
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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 18th

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.

OFFERINGS FOR LAST WEEK



Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$4,279.00** (210 of 416 env.); Loose: **\$630.50**; Building Fund: **\$180.00** (12 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$230.00** (5 env.); Roof Fund: **\$55.00** (3 env.); Christmas Offering: **\$10.00**; Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$230.00** (8 env.).

Saint Michael's: Envelopes: **\$2,025.00** (124 of 280 env.); Loose: **\$161.00**; Building Fund: **\$15.00** (2 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$60.00** (2 env.); Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$20.00** (1 env.).

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

ST. AUGUSTINE'S TOY COLLECTION

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

Trees with tags for boys and girls of all ages will be 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, December 4th

10:30 a.m.—St. Michael's Church: **St. Michael's Family Session**

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

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

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**

Sunday December 18th

9h30—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Session Famille**

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

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The **PARISH VITALITY PROJECT**, presently being implemented in all the parishes of the diocese, invites you to take part in a reflection on the future of your parish. You can participate by consulting your local Pastoral Ministry Team or Local Pastoral Council. You may also obtain further information by visiting the diocesan web site at www.diocesemoncton.com or at 857-9537 ext. 230.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Wed	07	7:00 p.m.	St. M	Anniversary Late Evelyn Caissie	Eddie & Eileen
Thu	08	7:00 p.m.	St. A	Fr. Emery Doucet	A Friend
Fri	09	9:30 a.m.	St. A	Late Janice Clarke	Mobile One
Sat	10	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Paul McFadden	Anita & Family
Sun	11	9:00 a.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Bob Campbell	Marie & Family
		11:00 a.m.	St. M	Anniv. Late Melvin & Catherine Brimscale	Jean Furlong-Ryan
		7:00 p.m.	St. A	Anniversary Late Larry Bauer	Dot & Lawrence

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 **Robert Russell**, winner of the **ST. MICHAEL'S BUILDING FUND DRAW** for November 27th. 

A \$50.00 ticket for ST. MICHAEL'S BUILDING FUND DRAW will give you a chance at four \$100.00 draws in December and 16 more chances at \$50.00 in the new year—there are still a few remaining tickets that would make a great Christmas gift! 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

Monday Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday **Memorial: St. Ambrose**
Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday **Solemnity: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Friday Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13

Sunday **Third Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



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.

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.

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.

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.

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!



Tickets will continue to be sold following next Sunday's liturgy at St. Michael's on a **CHRISTMAS BASKET** by the members of the Ladies' Society. Profits will go towards bursaries and helping the needy in our parish and community throughout the year.

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!

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, December 11th	Group A
Sunday, December 18th	Group B

Families are reminded to bring along their homemade Christmas Cards and Diapers as part of the Advent Service Project for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES are invited to **MOVIE NIGHT** with 'NATIVITY' (but with a twist!) You can bring a friend or a parent, as long as they are ready to take part in the fun!!! The **FRIDAY NIGHT MEET** will be held in the parish office meeting room (basement of the parish office) at St. Augustine's on Friday, December 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00p.m. Storm date Friday, December 16th. Treats and fun will be provided. Please reply or call Pierrette if you will be attending at pleblanc@qasmoncton.com or 857-4223.



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.

St-Laurent O'Toole paroissiens qui désirent savoir si il ya une Messe prévue en cas de **tempête de neige** peuvent écouter une annonce sur **CJSE Radio FM à 89,5** sur le cadran.

2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for St. Augustine's parishioners will be available for pick up at the church entrance next weekend. 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.

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

To highlight the **63rd Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights**, the Common Front for Social Justice is organizing a lunch accompanied by short presentations to be held at St. Bernard's Church, from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th. To reserve, contact Sister Auréa Cormier at 204-1134. Entrance is free but donations will be accepted.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE for Children, Youth and Adults

Sunday, December 11th
St. Bernard's Church
2:00 p.m.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Danny and Kim LeBlanc and family on the death of her father **David Sherwood**. *May he rest forever in the loving embrace of the Lord!*

In honor of the **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**, a mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine's on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENTION
COMMUNION MINISTERS!!!**

Immediately following the liturgy on **Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's**, all communion ministers are invited to gather so that we can walk through the new communion rite. Hopefully, this will alleviate any confusion that may exist. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all communion ministers attend this short meeting.

THANK YOU!



**Friends of the
Mahoney Family Fundraiser**

Mark, Kim, Jared and Erin Mahoney have been devoted parishioners of St. Augustine's for many years. They have volunteered countless hours through the RCIA program, Faith Development, serving as lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, baptism preparation and many other parish activities. You might recognize Erin as an altar server at our 9:00 a.m. liturgy.

Recently 12 year old Erin was diagnosed with Leukemia. The family is now at the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax as Erin undergoes treatment. At the week-end liturgies on December 10th and 11th, parishioners are invited to financially help with their medical emergency. Envelopes will be provided and your donation may be put in with the regular weekend collection in an envelope clearly marked **MAHONEY FAMILY**. Cheques should be made payable to Mark Mahoney. *Please note that a tax receipt is not available.*

Should you wish to help out with future fundraisers please contact Natalie Geneau during the day at 853-8335 or email at acp@nb.aibn.com

Please keep Erin and her family in your prayers as they go through this difficult journey.

God Bless!

As Erin continues treatment at the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax, the family wishes to share their love and gratitude for the prayers and support they have received.



<u>Wednesday, December 21st</u>	7:00 p.m.	St. Michael's
<u>Friday, December 23rd</u>	9:30 a.m.	St. Augustine's
<u>Saturday, December 24th</u>	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	St. Michaels
	7:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	9:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	10:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
<u>Sunday, December 25th</u>	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's
<u>Wednesday, December 28th</u>		no mass at St. Michael's
<u>Friday, December 30th</u>		no mass at St. Augustine's
<u>Saturday, December 31st</u>	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
<u>Sunday, January 1st</u>	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
<u>Wednesday, January 4th</u>	7:00 p.m.	St. Michael's
<u>Friday, January 6th</u>	9:30 a.m.	St. Augustine's