

**DECEMBER 9 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. This dogma states that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin”.

**DECEMBER 12 - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS:**

Today’s feast commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. An imprint of her image was left on a cloak belonging to Juan Diego to whom she twice appeared. This cloak is an object of great veneration and is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centres of North America. Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has grown over the centuries, and in 1946 Pope Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas.

**DECEMBER 12 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:**

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity

**DECEMBER 13 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR:**

Lucy was born in Syracuse, Italy, and was martyred about 304. Because her name is derived from *lux* (‘light’), during the Middle Ages people suffering from eye trouble began invoking Lucy’s aid. She is also associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

**DECEMBER 14 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR:**

Born in Spain in 1542, John later entered the Carmelite community and was ordained in 1567. With the great Carmelite mystic, Teresa of Avila, he worked for the reformation of his order and helped found the reformed (‘Discalced’) Carmelites. He wrote many spiritual classics, notably *the Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, and *The Living Flame of Love*. John died in 1591, was canonized in 1726, and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1926.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a time of waiting and the readings today call us to change; to undergo an interior transformation. Just as we prepare in practical ways for the Christmas season, so too must we prepare our hearts, creating a place for the Lord Jesus to dwell, and examining our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face. The Gospel reading invites us to reflect on our lives so that we can best “prepare the way of the Lord”. Let us reflect on how we are called to change so that God may more easily come to us. John the Baptist suggests one way — turning away from sin and starting anew.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 7 and Sun. – December 8**

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

St.Alban’s-Sunday – 4:00p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne’s Church-----Thelma Ann Kendell

**Daily Masses Mon. December 9 – Fri. December 13**

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----William Byrne

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Clayton Long

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Thanksgiving Mass (Mary Strickland)

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Thomas Moore Collier

Fri----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Hubert & Susie Collier

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 14 and Sun. – December 15**

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Cecil & Johnny Organ

St.Alban’s-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sunday2:00p.m. St. Anne’s Church---Mary K. John, Broderick Drew & Lorraine John

## **MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	Mary S	Edith O	Father Tom Patsy M	Finton O Gerard S
<b>Dec. 8</b>	Mary S	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O
<b>Dec. 14</b>	Monica K	Ann B	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
<b>Dec. 15</b>	Monica K	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	Logan B Nicolas C

### **Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$830.00
St. Anne's Church	108.00
Candles	330.00
Missals	135.00
Mass Stipends	74.00

**Thank you for your continued support to the parish.**

**Penitential Service:** Will be included in the regular Mass services on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Advent Folders**

Advent Folders are now available on the table located near the main entrance. Also available are Advent Offering envelopes if you wish to use this option instead of the coin folders. Please fill in your Name, Donation Amount and your Offertory Envelope #. Thank You for your continued support.

### **2025 Living with Christ Sunday Missals**

Are available at the back of church. Price is \$7.00 per missal.

**St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser:** St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets will be available at St Alban's Clover Farm. 1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$300.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH: ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH AND ST. ANNE'S CHURCH:**

*We are happy to have you here in our parish. It is our hope that you experience the presence of Christ during our worship.  
"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" Matt 18:20*

### **Home Visits and Holy Communion**

If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, you are asked to please inform Father Tom at 709-674-1503 or call the Parish office at 709-538-3106 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Body of Christ is often such an important part of people's lives, so when they are sick or unable to attend Mass, I would like to bring them Holy Communion....Father Tom Duffenais

### **Bay d' Espoir Community Food Bank**

Location: St Alban's Community Centre

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm (by appointment only).

**For more information please contact:** The Bay d' Espoir Community Food Bank now has its own telephone #: **(709) 538-7936**. Messages can be left on an answering service. Please leave your name and telephone number and someone will return your call during the hours of operation. Thank you. Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

**2025 Parish Envelopes** If you used at least one parish envelope by Nov, 2024, your 2025 set of envelopes are available at the back of the church. For those who did not use envelopes in 2024 but would like to do so in 2025 there are extra unnamed boxes available at the back of the church. If you take one of those boxes for 2025, don't forget to record your name opposite the box number on the sheet provided.

***PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2025!***

**Christmas Flowers:** You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias that will be used on our Altar this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Bulletin. Please use an envelope with your name, envelope number and the name of your loved ones with your donation inside and place in the collection basket or drop off at parish office.

### **Sacrament Preparation**

For the **2024-2025** year, we will be offering preparations for the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion for anyone in Grade 2 and older. Confirmation which is offered every second year will go ahead in 2025-26.

### **Condolences**

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Clayton Long of St. John's, NL, formerly of St. Joseph's Cove, NL, their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.