

JANUARY 31 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST: John was born in Piedmont, Italy, in 1815. He studied for the Priesthood and was ordained in Turin. After visiting a prison while still a young Priest and seeing the fate of children imprisoned there, he resolved to devote himself to working among disadvantaged boys. He formed the Salesian Society, named after Francis de Sales, and began educating boys of the poor and working classes. Motivated by charity and gentleness, he always treated his students with kindness and dignity. With the help of Saint Mary Mazzarello, he also established the Salesian Sisters (Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians) to do similar work among girls. John Bosco died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.

FEBRUARY 2 - FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Today's feast honours both Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the temple, which we reflect upon in the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, as well as Mary's purification as she re-enters the temple to present her Son to God. The observance of this feast began in fourth century Jerusalem. In the Middle Ages, a tradition began of blessing candles and holding a procession of light on this day. As a result, this feast is also known as "Candlemas", Christ our light has come to us. The Gospel presents this epiphany to us as Jesus is revealed as "a light of revelation to the Gentiles". The challenge for us, as we welcome the light of Christ into our hearts and lives, is to become bright beacons in today's world, radiating the warmth of Christ's light to everyone we meet.

FEBRUARY 2 - WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Today is also the "World Day for Consecrated Life". The purpose of this day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels", as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

February 3 - Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr: According to legend, Blaise performed a miraculous cure on a boy who was choking to death and so has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat. During the persecution of Licinius in the early fourth century, Blaise, who was an Armenian Bishop, suffered martyrdom. He is the patron of wild animals, wool-combers, and of all who suffer from afflictions of the throat.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we see Jesus in the synagogue in Capernaum, speaking and acting "as one having authority" – the authority of the God of Israel. Having astonished his listeners with his teaching, Jesus astonishes them even more by his actions when "a man with an unclean spirit" cries out for help. The man's loud cry sets up a scene in which the power of God, mediated through Jesus, overcomes the destructive forces which often take hold of human lives. Jesus' healing action, resulting in the man being made whole again, points to the greatness of the power of God over the power of evil. Throughout his ministry, Jesus' words and actions always go 'hand in hand', overcoming the forces of evil, leading people to a deeper faith in God, and building up the Kingdom. We too, through our words and actions, are called to do our part in leading others to God and in building up God's Reign here on earth.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat.-Jan. 27 and Sun.-Jan. 28

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Edith Collier

St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30.a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----**ParishFamily**

Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church— Mary K. John, Broderick & Brittain John

Daily Masses Mon. Jan.29 – Fri. Feb. 2

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Danielle Cornick

Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Norman Barnes

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Edmund, Shirley & Palmer Sutton

Thur--11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Barry Cox & Benny Long.

Fr ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Paula Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Feb. 3 and Sun. – Feb. 4

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Genevieve.Smith

St.Alban's-Sunday-4:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----**ParishFamily**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church— Florailda & Samuel Collier

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Jan. 27	Patsy M	Edith O	Father Tom Patsy M	Kevin O Bill D
Jan. 28	Patsy M	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D
Feb. 3	Edith O	Ann B	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
Feb. 4	Edith O	Lydia W	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$679.00
St. Anne's	50.00
Initial Offering	15.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Certificates	10.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

Funerals	\$200.00
Weddings	\$200.00
Baptism	\$25.00

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Anne Collier-Hoskins formerly of St. Alban's their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

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 be pleased 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.

Some items that are in need include teabags, coffee, and canned vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

Sunday Mass Schedule Change:

Beginning **Sunday, February 4**, Fr. Tom will start doing Masses in Harbour Breton and St. Jacques. To allow for safe daytime highway travel these services will start at **10:30 a.m.** in Harbour Breton. Therefore Sunday morning service at St. Ignatius in St. Alban's will be moved to a new time of **4:00 p.m.** from the current scheduled time of **10:30 a.m.**

Mass service in Conne River will not be affected by these changes and will continue at **2:00 p.m.**

Visitations In Central NL: Fr. Patrick will be in Grand Falls-Windsor from Monday, August 14 until Friday, August 18. If anyone from the Bay D'Espoir area has a family member or someone they know residing in a retirement complex or healthcare facility and would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the Parish office at (709)-538-3106 on Monday or Tuesday, August 14 and August 15 to arrange a visitation. Please leave a message and your call will be returned. The required information will be the person's name, residing address, a preferred time for the visit, and telephone number if applicable. Visitations can be arranged for facilities located in Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishops Falls, and Botwood.

SOWING THE SEEDS