

JULY 26 - FEAST OF SAINT ANNE AND SAINT JOACHIM, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Devotion to Saint Anne existed in the 6th century in the Church of Constantinople and early in the 8th century in Rome. Popular devotion increased in the 13th and 14th centuries, as seen by the number of Churches bearing her name. At the request of some English Bishops who were petitioned by parishioners, Pope Urban VI made her feast an annual celebration. Joachim has been honoured in the East from earliest days, but in the West only since the 16th century. The names of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim were entered into the Roman calendar in 1584.

JULY 29 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTHA, DISCIPLE OF THE LORD:

Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus, and all three were friends of Jesus. They lived in Bethany, three kilometres from Jerusalem. It was Martha who received Jesus into her house and served the guests while her sister Mary sat at the Lord's feet, listening to his teaching. Martha is a model of hospitality as well as of fidelity in discipleship. She is the patroness of housewives and of waiters and waitresses.

July 30 - Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor: Peter was born in Italy around 406 and became Archbishop about 439. When he arrived in his diocese, he found a strong pagan influence and many lapsed faithful. Through his labours, paganism was eradicated and the faith revived. He was a concerned pastor and preacher and earned the title 'Chrysologus' meaning 'of golden words' because of his inspirational homilies. He died around 450 and was made a Doctor of the Church in 1729.

JULY 31 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST:

Ignatius Loyola was born in 1491 and at the age of 30, during a long convalescent period, he read about the life of Christ as well as the lives of many saints, and found himself inflamed with the desire to serve Jesus. He earned a master's degree from the University of Paris and eventually gathered together a group of students, including Francis Xavier, with whom he shared his eagerness for wholehearted service of Jesus. They formed the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and, while his companions were sent on missions, Ignatius spent the rest of his life directing the rapidly growing order, writing its constitutions, and refining the Spiritual Exercises which resulted from his mystical experiences and illuminations experienced during life. He died in 1556, was canonized in 1622, and is a universal patron of retreats and soldiers.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish as presented in John's Gospel. A number of key points of faith come to mind. We learn that God is a life-giving God, who cares for hungry crowds, and we connect with the Eucharist. We are reminded that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical and spiritual needs every time we receive Christ's Body and Blood. We are also reminded that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the Eternal Banquet of Heaven. In the Eucharist too, we come to the realization that we ourselves are being transformed and called to go forth from the Mass to serve others – the poor, the hungry, the lost, the wounded – just as Jesus did. By reaching out to those in need, the miracle of the loaves and fish continues through us.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily masses - Mon July 26- Fri July 30

Mon – 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church---- Levi Cox

Tues – 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church ---- Bernadette (Bernie) Organ

Wed – 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Betty Willcott (Albert)

Thurs- 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church----- Patricia Hickey

Fri- 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Ann & Patrick Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat July 31 and Sun August 1

St. Alban's-Sat 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church—Darrell Collier

St. Alban's-Sun 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church—**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church---Broderick Drew & Mary K John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
July 24	Mary S Patsy M	Pat P	Father Patrick	Recorded
July 25	Mary S Patsy M	Cindy B	Father Patrick	Recorded
July 31		Ann B	Father Patrick	Recorded
August 1		Valerie H	Father Patrick	Recorded

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$525.00
St. Anne's Church	103.00
Mass Stipends	55.00
Baptism Stipend	25.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese) Certificates (copy)

Funerals	\$200.00	Baptism	\$5.00
Weddings	\$200.00	Confirmation	\$5.00
Baptism	\$25.00	Communion	\$5.00

Marriages

By appointment minimum six months in advance. Marriage preparation course required.

“Let us pray for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand.” Pope Francis @ Pontifex

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 Patrick at 709-280-4904 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 greatly bring them Holy Communion.....Father Patrick Osuji

Sacristans Needed

Sacristans are parishioners who are willing to give up a small amount of time to prepare the Church for the celebration of Mass as well as cleaning up afterwards. If you would like to learn more, please contact the office at 538-3106.

A YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: On December 8th, 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph to mark the 150th anniversary of the proclamation by Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. A webpage dedicated to Celebrating the Year of Saint Joseph is available on the CCCB website. The webpage contains a number of resources and will be updated periodically throughout the Year of St. Joseph. The website is www.cccb.ca.

Overeaters Anonymous (OA). Are you struggling with unhealthy eating behaviours? Give us a call. We are a support group whose program is based on physical, emotional and spiritual healing. We are a Twelve Step program for people facing serious eating problems. Call 709-738-1742, email info.oa.nl@gmail.com or visit our website: oanl.org.

Note of caution: Construction of a new wheelchair access ramp has started. It will be done in sections so as to enable continued use of the existing ramp. Please exercise caution. Thank you.

