

## Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity

### Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition

Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign.

Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).

Thank you for your solidarity!

**February 27 - Memorial of St. Grgeory of Narek:** Gregor was born in a village on the shores of Lake Van between 945 and 950. When his parents died, Gregor and his older brother were raised by a scholarly uncle who had them educated at the Narek monastery where he was a monk. The monastery was a prominent center of learning located in what is now Turkey. Gregor too entered the monastery and was ordained in 977. A professor of theology, Gregor wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations. He described his poem as “an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations.” This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. The Russian text of the Book of Lamentations was set to music in 1985. Little else is known about Gregor, other than he died in the early 11<sup>th</sup> century and was buried within the walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life. In 2015 as the world observed the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis concelebrated a Mass at the Vatican with Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni and declared the monk, poet, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Church.

**MARCH 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This day is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world. It is celebrated in approximately 170 countries and is observed annually on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. It recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, and our community.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel story of the Transfiguration is an awe-inspiring indication of the resplendent glory that belongs to Jesus as God's Son. However, from this point on in the Gospel, Jesus moves steadily towards his death for Jesus' glory comes only through suffering and dying. As followers of Jesus, we too must be prepared and willing to renounce glory in exchange for suffering and death to new life.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat.- Feb. 24 and Sun.- Feb. 25**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Michael Farrell

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

Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church--- Arch & Pauline Mayo and  
Joan Mayo

#### **Daily Masses Mon. Feb. 26 – Fri. Mar.1**

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----George & Janet Organ

Tues –11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Peter Farrell

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Owen Hoskins

Thur - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John Long

Fri - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mervin Walsh & Elizabeth Willcott

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Mar. 2 and Sun. – Mar. 3**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Tom Purcell

St.Alban's-Sunday-4:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----George.O'Keefe

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----**Church Family**

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
<b>Feb. 24</b>	Patsy M	Ann B	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
<b>Feb. 25</b>	Patsy M	Lydia W	Father Tom Genevieve T	Anthony W George D
<b>Mar. 2</b>	Edith O	Pat P	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
<b>Mar. 3</b>	Edith O	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$783.00
St. Anne's	84.00
Diocesan Collection (Ecclesiastical Student's Fund)	5.00
Diocesan Collection (Catholic Missions in Canada)	255.00
Initial Offering	5.00

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

### Easter Flowers

Parish members wishing to donate towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the church may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 16th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel. All are welcome!

**Lenten Folders:** Available on the table at the main entrance of the Church. Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

## 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.

**2023 Charitable Donation Receipt** If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2023 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the church in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank you.

