

**ADVENT SEASON:** “The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*,39). During Advent, each Sunday’s Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

### Penitential Service

December 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

### Christmas Eve Mass December 24<sup>th</sup>

St. Anne’s Church Conne River 6:00pm

St. Ignatius Parish St. Alban’s (2 Masses) 3:00pm and 8:30pm

### Christmas Day Mass December 25<sup>th</sup>

St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

### New Year’s Eve Mass December 31<sup>st</sup>

St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

### New Year’s Day Mass January 1<sup>st</sup>

Chapel 10:30am

**Please Note** You may already be on the registration sheet for Saturday and Sunday Masses **but** it is imperative that all parishioners still register for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Please contact Mary Strickland (538-3644) or Anthony Willcott (538-3012) to register.

**Congratulations** Today, as you commemorate the love of Jesus for the world through the sacrament of the Holy Communion, we pray that the peace of Christ be always with you.

**Thank you** to Jenny Collier and Meggie Collier for volunteering to serve in the role of Sacristan for our parish.



**St. Ignatius Parish**  
*Ignatius Church-St. Alban’s St. Anne’s Church- Conne River*



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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. The Entrance Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.* It orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have reason to rejoice!

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Daily masses will remain private Mon Dec 14th-Fri Dec 18th**

Mon – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Eli, Veronica, John and Gord  
Organ

Tues – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Anthony MacNeil

Wed – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Stan Organ (Margaret)

Thurs –11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Christine Willcott

Fri– 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Larry Collier

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat. Dec 19th and Sun. Dec 20th**

St. Alban’s-Sat 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Lawrence, Angela,  
and Mildred Organ

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

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church-----JonJoe and Mary  
Hanah Drew

## Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

### Weekly Parish Income

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
<b>Dec 12</b>	Teresa Ann	Monica W	Father Patrick	Julie-Ann Clayton
<b>Dec 13</b>	Teresa Ann	Cindy B	Father Patrick	Folk Choir
<b>Dec 19</b>		Edith O	Father Patrick	
<b>Dec 20</b>		Valerie H	Father Patrick	Jessica W

St. Ignatius Church	\$ 976.00
St. Anne's Church	90.00
Parish Dues	65.00
Mass Stipend	80.00
Living with Christ Missals	30.00
Religious Articles	22.00
Baptism Stipends	25.00
Certificates (Baptism)	10.00

### Advent Tree - please note changes

During this season we will once again be decorating the Jesse tree. Each week the decorations to be coloured and prepared will be available at the back of the church for the children. As you arrive each Sunday, please have your child go directly to the tree and place his/her ornaments on the tree. Due to health precautions we will not bring the children to the tree as a group. The readings for each ornament will be presented by one of the students each week. If your child is interested in doing a reading please contact Cindy Benoit, Valerie Hoskins or Connie Willcott.

**Christmas Flowers:** You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Flowers 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.

## WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH 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.*

### Food Bank for Advent

This year we will be partnering with the Town of St. Alban's to help us reach families in need for Christmas.

We will be collecting food items over the next few weeks to make up individual food hampers for families in St. Alban's in need. The help of the parishioners would be greatly appreciated.

A box will be located at the back of the Church for you to drop your non-perishable food items.

### Burial of ashes in the province of NL

In the past, virtually all burials - whether of cremated or non cremated remains - were handled through Funeral Homes who provided all the necessary documents and permits required by the Province. Today, more and more, people who no longer have a connection to a Funeral Home and have been given custody of the ashes of their loved ones, are coming forward asking for burial. This is a good thing and we welcome those who want the prayers of the Church at the time of burial. We need to be sure that we, as a parish, comply with all the legal and regulatory requirements of the Province.

Therefore, as of **January 1st, 2021**, to have loved ones' ashes buried in our cemeteries, whether you are from our Parish or from outside the Province, whether you are dealing with a Funeral Director or handling the burial personally, the family is **required** to have the following documents: the original burial permit and a Statement of Death. The parish has to be notified of the death and pending burial.

Burial of ashes in a cemetery without notification to the parish and funeral home is **strictly prohibited**.

**In the past, our funeral directors have often submitted the permits after the burial, this is no longer permitted. There will be no burial taking place without a burial permit provided prior to the burial. It is the responsibility of the family to ensure the permit is submitted.**

### Christmas Tickets

The parish would like to thank St. Alban's Clover Farm for the beautiful prizes they have donated for our annual Christmas ticket draw. Tickets are available at St. Alban's Clover Farm for \$1.00 each.

