

THE EASTER SEASON: The Easter season is celebrated during the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. These fifty days of Easter are celebrated as one great Feast Day known as “the Great Sunday” (*Saint Athanasius*). Through the entire Easter season Christians sing the triumphant “Alleluia”, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection.

April 17 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN, PROTECTRESS OF CANADA: Tekakwitha was born in 1656. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin from Quebec, and her father was a non-Christian Mohawk chief. When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic killed her parents and her brother, and left her with seriously impaired eyesight and a disfigured face. Inspired by Jesuit missionaries from an early age, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and assumed the name Kateri. She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist. Kateri died on April 17, 1680, was beatified by Pope Paul II in 1980, and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2013. The first North American indigenous woman to be canonized, Kateri is often called the “Lily of the Mohawks”.

April 18 - Memorial of Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin, Virgin: Esther Blondin (Sister Marie-Anne) was born in 1809 in what is now a suburb of Montreal. She learned to read and write at the age of 22 while working as a domestic for nuns, and two years later she started teaching in Vaudreuil. In 1850, with the permission of Bishop Bourget, she founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Anne for the education of poor children. Sister Marie-Anne died in 1890, devoted to Christian education to the end. She was beatified in 2001.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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

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THIRD SUDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. Even though Jesus is in their very midst, the disciples are frightened, confused and disbelieving, thus diminishing what should have been an utterly peace-filled and joy-filled, experience. However, Jesus allays their doubts, showing them his hands and feet, eating in their presence, and opening their minds to understand the Scriptures so that they can go forth as his witnesses. This account reminds us of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist. Through the ages, as the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Eucharistic meal is shared at each Eucharistic Liturgy, Christians have come to recognize the Risen Christ in rising- is present to us in each Mass with its saving power. At the end of each Mass, we too are sent forth to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus to all whom we meet.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Apr. 13 and Sun. – Apr. 14

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----John Murphy Jr.

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Leonard John

Daily Masses Mon. Apr. 15 – Fri. Apr. 19

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Frances Kealey

Tues -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Earl Willmott

Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel----Special Intention – Jayden Hart

Thur -11:00 p.m.Parish Chapel-----Jason & Pius Sutton

Fri -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel—Mervin Walsh & Margaret Brushett

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Apr. 20 and Sun. – Apr. 21

St.Alban's-Sat-7:00p.m.St.Ignatius.Church-----Peter.Farrell

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Apr. 13	Jean K	Edith O	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
Apr. 14	Jean K	Cindy B	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O
Apr. 20	Patsy M	Ann B	Father Tom Edith O	Kevin O Bill D
Apr. 21	Patsy M	Lydia W	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$895.00
St. Anne's	86.00
Diocesan Collection (Needs of the Church in Holy Land)	10.00
Diocesan Collection (Catholic Missions in Canada)	5.00
Easter Offering	70.00
Holy Thursday Collection	15.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Candles	271.10

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Ellen Collier their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

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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 greatly 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.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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