

MAY 20 - VICTORIA DAY: This year Victoria Day is celebrated on Monday, May 20. The birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria has been celebrated as a holiday in Canada West (now Ontario) since 1845; it became a national holiday in 1901, the year that Queen Victoria died. Although the Sovereign changed along the years, the day of her/his birthday celebration remained. In 1952, it was established on the Monday preceding May 25. Today it is appropriate to offer prayers for the Queen, for Canada, and for justice and peace in the world.

May 21 - Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, Martyr, and Companions: Born in Mexico in 1869, Christopher Magallanes entered the seminary at age 19. After ordination, he and his companions worked with the poor and the indigenous people of Mexico. In the 1920's, the anti-Catholic government in Mexico closed all seminaries and Father Christopher started his own seminary, but it was soon forced to close. He opened another, and another, and finally conducted classes in private homes. He was arrested on May 21, 1927, while on his way to celebrate Mass and was falsely accused of promoting armed rebellion. He was executed four days later, along with 21 diocesan priests and 3 laymen. Before his martyrdom, he forgave his executioners. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

MAY 24 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA: In May, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer for the Church in China. The Holy Father chose this day since it is the traditional feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, who is venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

May 25 - Memorial of Saint Gregory VII, Pope: Hildebrand (later Pope Gregory VII) was born in Tuscany about 1023. He was educated at a monastery and was acclaimed Pope in 1073. As Pope Gregory VII, he began an extensive reform of the Church and of its relations with civil authorities, provoking conflict and intrigue. In defending the Church against the threat of secular domination, Gregory made many enemies. He died in exile in 1085.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another". There are four words for 'love' in Greek: *stergo* (love of parents for children); *philia* (love for friends, friendship); *eros* (selfish love, erotic love); *agape* (unselfish love, wanting what is best for the other). It is always this fourth word (*agape*) that is used to describe the love of Jesus, and it this word that Jesus uses to ask us to love others as he loved us. We can make heaven on earth by loving as Jesus loved. Let us do our best to love others as Jesus loved us, trying to live each day as true disciples of the Risen Lord.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: May 20th – May 24th

Mon -	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Sharon Organ
Tues.-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Mona and Finton Willcott
Wed.-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Edmund, Shirley and Palmer Sutton
Thurs.-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Catherine Howse
Friday.-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Mary B. Davis

Weekend Liturgy: May 25th and May 26th

St. Alban's- Sat. ---	7:00 p.m.-St. Ignatius Church-----	Roxanne Loveless and Clarence 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-----	Roger and Gerald John

Atlanta-Rose Melissa Denise Joe: May the good Lord bless your life with special blessings from heaven and may your Baptism day be filled with very special love. Congratulations on your Baptism! May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family! Congratulations!

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
May 18	Jenny Maggie	Gerry Cox	France MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Jessica Savory	Pat Maggie	Julie Ann Christine
May 19	Ann Theresa	Philomena Sutton	Clarence Davis Mike Snook Perry Cox	Genevieve Tremblett	Ellen Mary O	Jessica Willcott
May 25	Ann Theresa	Christine Farrell	Frances MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Elizabeth Murphy	Margaret Willie	Kennedy W. Tracey P.
May 26	Mary Patsy	Cindy Benoit	Clarence Davis Mike Snook Perry Cox	Mary Strickland	Anthony George	Youth Choir Valerie Coombs

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$907.00
St. Anne's Church	\$167.00
Mass Stipend	\$5.00

April Financial Statement

Income	\$15,703.31
Expenses	<u>\$32,320.68</u>
Deficit	- \$16,617.37 (Please note that the assessment fees from the RC Episcopal Corp. were \$23,399.70)

Chase The Ace: Held every Friday 7:00 pm at the RC Legion. Tickets are \$5.00 each. This fundraiser is open to all persons 19 years and older. Number of cards remaining is 38. **Jackpot** is \$1616.00

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on Sacraments and select Baptism. You can also call 538-3106 or email st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca the parish office to have registration form emailed to you. **Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

Weddings: Please allow at least six months notice before the date of the wedding. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Stipends: (as recommended by the Diocese)

Funeral	\$200.00
Wedding	\$200.00
Baptism	\$25.00

Parish office closed: Monday May 20th due to the Victoria Day holiday

Please Note: Father Patrick will be away on retreat May 27 - 31, 2019

Bishop: The Most Reverend Robert Daniels will be here May 26, 2019.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: On the first Friday of each month, there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Parish Chapel at 10:30 am. Mass to follow at 11:00 am.

New Items for our Church: The liturgy committee is in the process of ordering a few new items for our church. The new items include: 2 large green banners to hang on each side of the crucifix on the altar; the second item needed is a censor and boat which is used at funerals to burn the incense, If anyone would like to donate **In memory of their loved one(s), their names will be displayed in church.** You can please call the parish office or place your donation in the collection basket with a note clearly stating the name of your loved one. You can also drop it off at the office or by mail. An income tax receipt will be issued for any and all donations.

Parish Office: Please be patient as we work through restructuring the parish office. At this time office hours have yet to be determined. Given the financial situation of the parish, the council has decided to take some time to assess the needs of the office. Any requests or concerns regarding church business, please call the office at 538-3106, Father Patrick will be available and/ or please leave a message.

Holy Communion at home: If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, you are asked to please inform Father Patrick 280-4904, or telephone the Parish office 538-3106. 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 gladly bring them Holy Communion..... Father Patrick Osuji

PROPOSALS: The St. Ignatius Parish Council is now accepting proposals for the replacement of the front step of the church including the wheel chair accessible ramp.

The contractor shall be responsible for providing the necessary materials, equipment and labour to carry out the task required. The work must be completed by a qualified contractor who carries the appropriate insurances. The replacement of steps would need to be built according to the appropriate building code requirements. Project will require using pressure treated lumber and will follow the design of the current steps. Contractor is also responsible for the removal and disposal of the current step. Sealed proposals can be submitted to the Parish office by May 21st.

