

**December 11 - Memorial of Saint Damasus I, Pope:** Damasus was born in Rome about 305. He became a priest, and in 366 he became Pope. He commissioned Saint Jerome to translate the Bible into Latin, a version known as the *Vulgate*. Damasus died in 384.

**DECEMBER 12 - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS:** Today's feast commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. An imprint of her image was left on a cloak belonging to Juan Diego to whom she twice appeared. This cloak is an object of great veneration and is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centres of North America. Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has grown over the centuries, and in 1946 Pope Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas. *The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.*

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**DECEMBER 13 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR:** Lucy was born in Syracuse, Italy, and was martyred about 304. Because her name is derived from *lux* ('light'), during the Middle Ages people suffering from eye trouble began invoking Lucy's aid. She is also associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

**DECEMBER 14 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR:** Born in Spain in 1542, John later entered the Carmelite community and was ordained in 1567. With the great Carmelite mystic, Teresa of Avila, he worked for the reformation of his order and helped found the reformed ('Discalced') Carmelites. He wrote many spiritual classics, notably *the Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, and The Living Flame of Love*. John died in 1591, was canonized in 1726, and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1926.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a time of waiting and the readings today call us to change, to undergo an interior transformation. Just as we prepare in practical ways for the Christmas season, so too must we prepare our hearts, creating a place for the Lord Jesus to dwell and examining our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face. The Gospel reading invites us to reflect on our lives so that we can best "prepare the way of the Lord". Let us reflect on how we are called to change so that God may more easily come to us. John the Baptist suggests one way – turning away from sin and starting anew.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat-December 9 and Sun-December 10**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—*ParishFamily*

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church- George Melvin Drew

#### **Daily Masses Mon December 11 – Fri December 15**

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Christopher Cobb

**Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----No Mass**

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Hubert & Susie Collier

Thur-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Muriel Benoit.

Fri ---11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Benny Long & Barry Cox

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat-December 16 and Sun-December 17**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Special Intention for Anne Collier-Hoskins

St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----*ParishFamily*

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—Pauline & John Nick Jeddore

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Date	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
<b>Dec 9</b>	Jean K	Pat P	Father Tom Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
<b>Dec 10</b>	Jean K	Cindy B	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O
<b>Dec. 16</b>	Patsy M	Edith O	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O
<b>Dec. 17</b>	Patsy M	Lydia W	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$687.00
St. Anne's	73.00
Mass Stipend	19.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Donations (In Memory of James Lambert)	500.00
Candles	189.50
Christmas Flowers	70.00
All Souls Day	5.00
Diocesan Collection (Needs of the Canadian Church)	5.00

**Thank You:** St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to Lenora & Cathy Lambert for their generous donation in memory of James Lambert.

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

**2024 Parish Envelopes** will be available during the next few weeks for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2023 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2023 but would like a box for 2024, extra unlabelled boxes will be available in December. If you take an unnamed box, please print your name on the recording sheet opposite the box number you take. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2024.

### Advent Folders

Advent Folders are now available on the table located near the main entrance.

## 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.

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

**St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser:** St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets will be available soon at St Alban's Clover Farm. 1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$300.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.