

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.

December 21 - Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor:

Born in The Netherlands in 1521, Peter later joined the Jesuit Order and worked in Germany, Austria, Bohemia and Switzerland as a leader of the Counter-Reformation. He educated Catholics with his popular and influential Catechism. In 1597 Peter died, and in 1925 he was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church.

Christmas Community Choir: Anyone who wishes to sing on Christmas Eve with the choir, there will be only **ONE** practice this year on December 22nd at 6:00pm

Christmas Day Mass December 25th: St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

New Year’s Eve December 31st: St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

New Year’s Day January 1st: Chapel 10:30am

Penitential Service: On Wednesday, Dec 18th at 7:00 pm, the Christian community will gather as part of our preparation for the Coming of Christ. We gather in sorrow, for we are sinful people, and we are in need of God’s forgiveness. At the end of the celebration, Father Patrick will hear confessions for those who wish to go. We will gather at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church, asking God to have mercy on his people, and purifying our hearts for the coming of our Saviour, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Patrick Home Visit: Father Patrick will be returning to his home for a visit in January. The children and parents of the Finding God religion program have decided that we wish to do some fundraising to support his community parish (St. Andrew’s Catholic Mission Umueze, Ezimba Uboma). They have a small church there but they do not have a floor. We will be raising some money for him to bring back to his parish. If anyone would like to donate to this cause, you can include a separate envelope and highlight on it that it is a donation for Father Patrick. (Picture of the floor will be posted on our website).

Advent Folders: available on the table at the back of the church.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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THIRD SUNDAY IN 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

Weekday Mass Schedule: December 16th– December 20th

Mon-	11:00 a.m. ----	Parish Chapel----	Albert Morris, Ralph, Olive & Junior Organ and Sharon Organ
Tues-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel----	Debbie Way, Levi Hoskins and Mary Bridget Davis
Wed-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Alfred Barnes, John & Mary Keating and Howard & Agnes Barnes
Thurs-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel----	Special Intention-George Organ (sick)
Friday-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel ----	Alfred & Marie Collier, Darrell Collier & Gordon J Collier (Eva)

Weekend Liturgy: December 21st and December 22nd

Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.-St. Ignatius Church----- Edmund, Shirley & Palmer Sutton
Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
Sun. -- 2:00 p.m.-St. Anne’s Church-----Mary Drake

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 10:00 am. Mass to follow at 11:00 am. The next date will be January 3rd.

Please Note: Parish office will be closed from Dec 12th to Dec 27th as secretary will be away. Father Patrick will be available to take calls.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Dec 14th	Meg Genny	Monica W	Kevin O Gerard S Finton O	Jessica S	Jenny Mary	Lenora L
Dec 15th	Teresa Ann	Lydia W	Clarence D George D Mike S	Ralph B	Kevin Mark	Jessica W Children's Pageant
Dec 21th	Teresa Ann	Audrey D Ann B	Kevin O Gerard S Finton O	Christine H	Patsy Edith	Julie-Ann W
Dec 22nd	Mary Patsy	Valerie H	Clarence D George D Mike S	Genevieve T	Anthony George	Lenora L

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$790.00	Christmas Offering	\$25.00
St. Anne's Church	\$139.00	Mass Stipend	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$290.00	Missals	\$100.00
Advent Folders	\$10.00		
Donations:	\$1000.00		

2020 Initial Envelope: The first envelope in your box is labelled INITIAL OFFERING. This envelope has two purposes: 1) the proceeds are meant to cover the parish cost (currently about \$4) per box of envelopes and 2) by putting your name on this envelope, it allows us to check the accuracy of our parish records by comparing this name with the name on file.

Bay d'Espoir Food Bank is currently available to clients on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30, located in the basement of Christ Church in Milltown.

The children of the Finding God Religion program are collecting non-perishable items for this food bank and we kindly ask all parishioners to bring a non-perishable item to mass during the Advent season.

Any people who need to avail of this service but may have difficulty traveling to Milltown on Thursday evenings, please contact the Parish Office or Connie Willcott at 538-3299. Your information will remain confidential. If you leave a message, please leave the following details – the total number of members in the family and number of children with any dietary restrictions. Delivery arrangements to location in St. Alban's can be made for Mondays or Fridays.

Christmas Flowers:

In Loving Memory of Gert Farrell & deceased family members
In Loving Memory of Damien, Melva & Richard Benoit by Mary & Christa Benoit
In Loving Memory of Barbara Willcott & Alice Collier by Marie & Julie
In Loving Memory of Bill & Dean Kelly by Beth
In Loving Memory of Nicodemus McDonald and Dulcie McDonald by Callistus & Brittany McDonald
In Loving Memory of Rita Sutton & Norma Sutton Rotchford by Sadie Sutton
In Loving Memory of John & Winnfred Willcott & Margurite French by Marie & Julie
In Loving Memory of Laura Gale Collier
In Loving Memory of Finton & Mona Willcott
In Loving Memory of deceased parents by Donna & Calvin Collier
In Loving Memory of the Dollimont & Sutton Families by Margaret Dollimont
In Loving Memory of Austin J. Hoskins by the Hoskins Family
In Loving Memory of Ronald and Joan Kendall by Paula & Gord
In Loving Memory of Margaret & Ron Kearley by Paula & Gord
In Loving Memory of Strickland & Collier Families by Bert & Mary
In Loving Memory of Hugh, Mary & Ron Nugent
In Loving Memory of deceased family members of the MacDonald, Organ & Sutton families by Patsy MacDonald
In Loving Memory of Howard & Agnes Barnes & Luke & Mary Farrell by Isadore & Bernadette
In Loving Memory of Jaydon Strickland & Corey Collier by Margaret & Chris Drew
In Loving Memory of Willcott, Collier, Ryan & Drew families
In Loving Memory of Cecil & Almeda Cox by Gerry Cox
In Loving Memory of Sandy & Elizabeth McDonald by family
In Loving Memory of deceased relatives by Edith Collier
In Loving Memory of Kenneth Willcott by Clara 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 the Parish office.

Special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their Christmas donation of \$1000.00 to St. Ignatius Church.

