

AUGUST 27 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA: Monica was the mother of Saint Augustine, and all we know about her comes from Saint Augustine's spiritual autobiography entitled *Confessions*. Her religious influence was so great that both her husband and mother-in-law converted to Christianity. She is largely known for devoting herself in prayer for the conversion of Augustine who had abandoned his Christian faith. Her prayers were answered and Augustine returned to his faith. Monica is a patron of mothers.

AUGUST 28 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE , BISHOP, DOCTOR: Augustine (354-430), born in North Africa, abandoned his Christian faith but later embraced it, thanks to the prayers of his mother Monica and the influence of the great Bishop Ambrose whose sermons convinced him of the truth of Christianity. At Easter 387, Augustine was baptized by Ambrose. In 391 he was ordained a Priest, and in 396 he became Bishop of Hippo, where he spent the rest of his life, working and writing. His intelligence and pastoral concern shaped the thought of Western Christianity and guided the Church for over a thousand years. Augustine is one of the greatest Fathers of the Church.

AUGUST 29 - MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST: After John's birth, his father Zechariah spoke Isaiah's prophecy ('Benedictus'), saying that his son John would prepare the way of the Lord. John did just that; he traveled around the countryside, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In his zeal, John reproved Herod for living with his brother's wife, Herodias, so Herod had John imprisoned. When Salome, the daughter of Herodias, impressed Herod with her dancing, Herod promised her whatever she wanted. Salome consulted her mother who told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod could not refuse to honour his oath. The news of John's death soon reached his disciples who came for the body and laid it in a tomb.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus repeats the words spoken in last week's Gospel, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you". Once again, there are people who have difficulty with this; however, this time the rejection comes from among his disciples – those who started to follow him but could not continue due to lack of faith. As Jesus continues speaking, he says, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted them by my Father", and we are led to realize more deeply that faith is a God-given gift. This week, as once again we humbly give thanks for the gift of faith and the gift of the Eucharist, may we fully realize that "To receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1336*).

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – August 24 and Sun. – August 25

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-- Edith & Tom Collier,

Ann Collier-Hoskins, Jaydon Strickland, and Bryan & Corey Collier

St.Alban's-Sunday – 4:00p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**

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

Daily Masses Mon. August 26– Fri. August 30

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Deceased members of the Murphy & Davis families (Req. by Elizabeth Murphy)

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ellen Collier

Wed – No Mass Scheduled

Thurs - 7:00 p.m. Parish Chapel-----Margaret Hudson

Fri-----7:00 p.m. Parish Chapel-----Joclyn Crant

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – August 31 and Sun. – September 1

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Margaret & Larry Hudson

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

Conne River-Sunday2:00p.m. St. Anne's Church---George Melvin Drew & Deceased Family Members

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
August 24	Monica K	Ann B	Father Tom Patsy M	Kevin O Bill D
August 25	Monica K	Cindy B	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W Nicolas C
August 31	Jean K	Pat P	Father Tom Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
Sept 1	Jean K	Valerie H	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$818.00
St. Anne's Church	102.00
Mass Stipends	5.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1500.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Regional Assembly, September 13 – 15, 2024, Peace for all Creation. – Registration is now open!

Taking place at The Lantern, Barnes Rd, join members and those interested in learning more about the work carried out by the International Development Organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. A full day youth retreat will be taking place in advance of the assembly. Presentations from our Latin America Programs Officer and opportunities to engage in local community development. Registration is \$20 and includes refreshment breaks, lunch, and dinner on Saturday. For information and to register please contact Patricia Walsh Warren - pwalsh@devp.org.

Please note: Beginning September 2, Parish Chapel masses will all occur at 11:00 a.m. Monday – Friday.

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 like to 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.

Condolences

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

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Calvin Young of St. Alban's their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.