

MAY 8 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations, and this should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love, and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, also help to promote vocations.

May 10 - Memorial of Saint John of Avila, Priest: Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he travelled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people. He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages. He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

MAY 12 - CANADA HEALTH DAY: Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. The day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. As Christians we are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures, and the nurturing of the whole earth. All Christians should celebrate and pray for the gift of health.



St. Ignatius Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes the secure and lasting relationship he has with his sheep, those who truly hear him and believe. Just as no one can separate Jesus and his Father, no one can take Jesus' disciples away from him. We remain close to Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through prayer and by listening carefully to what he is telling us. This week it would be good to take some time to reflect on some of the words we have heard from Jesus that have been helpful in our lives.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Please Note: Mssk wearing is strongly recommended while attending Church services even though health measures are lifted.

Daily Masses Mon May 9 – May 13

Mon – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Olive Organ & Bessie Harding

Tues – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Corey Willcott

Wed – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Eugene Nugent

Thurs--11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Alma Gaulton

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Edith Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – May 14 and Sun – May 15

St.Alban's-Saturday 7:00 p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----Rosaleen, Ralph,
Christopher, & Regina Collier

St.Alban's-Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church—**Parish Family**

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

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
May 7	Patsy M	Pat P	Father Patrick	
May 8	Patsy M	Valerie H	Father Patrick	
May 14	Edith O	Edith O	Father Patrick	
May 15	Edith O	Cindy B	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$755.00
St. Anne's Church	47.00
Mass Stipend	100.00
Lenten Folders	32.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Easter Offering	15.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese) Certificates (copy)

Funerals \$200.00	Baptism \$5.00
Weddings \$200.00	Confirmation \$5.00
Baptism \$25.00	Communion \$5.00

Blessing of Mothers on Mother's Day (May 8th)

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Happy Mother's Day!

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 Patrick at 709-280-4904 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 Patrick Osuji

New To Our Area: Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank

Location: St Alban's Community Centre

Opening Date: Tuesday February 15th, 2022-02-09

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Friday 10:00 am- 12:00 pm (by appointment only)

For more information please contact:

Connie: 538-6096

Brenda: 538-6504

Audrey: 572-5609

Cindy: 538-8930

Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

Listening Sessions for the Synod: Have been scheduled for St. Ignatius Church on May 10 and at St Anne's Church on May 11, both at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Brian Colbert will be hosting, giving an opportunity for people to express themselves on how they want to see changes and improvements in the church going forward. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.