

HOLY WEEK: Holy Week is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, and it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. Holy Week ends on Holy Saturday with the beginning of the Easter Vigil. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem and culminating with his Passion and Death on the Cross. Though Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it anticipates the Easter joy of Christ's resurrection which brings new life to all who believe.

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the *Triduum* (Latin for 'three days') opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, reaching its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday. During these days, we gather a number of times and we hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and Scripture readings. There are two important points to keep in mind regarding the Triduum:

First, it is the highpoint of the liturgical year, an event which, though it spans three days, is really **one** major unified celebration.

Secondly, the focus from start to finish is on "the glory of the Cross". This defining theme, inherent throughout the Triduum, is first expressed in the entrance antiphon of Holy Thursday's Mass: "*We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.*" These words set the tone for the whole Triduum event – we gather "to glory in the Cross of Christ".

Day 1 (Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening): The Church celebrates "Christ as Sacrifice" as Christ offers his Body and Blood in the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and then on the Cross of Calvary on Good Friday.

Day 2 (Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening): The Church is united with "Christ in the Tomb". There is no principal liturgical celebration. On this day the Lord sleeps; on this day we wait at the Lord's tomb and make every effort to enter into God's rest. Prayer, fasting, and silence are the order of the day.

Day 3 (Holy Saturday evening to Easter Sunday evening): The Church celebrates "Christ Being Raised Up". "Alleluias" ring out in welcome to our Risen Saviour. There is joy in Christ's journey from death to life, a journey we hope to share with Him.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The beginning of today's Mass recalls the messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete his Paschal Mystery. In the Passion Narrative we see the model for all love – the sacrificial love of Jesus which continues to be available for each of us. This love is made manifest as Jesus, the Suffering Servant, is condemned unjustly and is subjected to great torment and agony as he is led to his crucifixion and death on the cross – the culmination of his great love for our salvation. Such great love ought to guide our personal and communal life as Christians and as Church.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Mar. 23 and Sun. – Mar. 24

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Barbara McIssac

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

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

Daily Masses Mon Mar. 25 – Thur Mar, 28

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Alfred & Marie Collier

Tues – No Mass Scheduled

Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel----- Maureen Williams

Thurs- 7:00 p.m St. Ignatius Church---Edgar & Elizabeth Organ, Morgan,
Ken, & Mike Organ

Holy Thursday March 28 St. Ignatius Church 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday March 29 – St. Ignatius Church 3:00 p.m.

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Mar. 30 and Sun. – Mar. 31

St. Alban's-Sat-8:00p.m.St.Ignatius.Church-----Angus.Croft

St. Alban's-Sun-4:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch --- **Parish Family**

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church---Broderick & Keith Drew,

Mary K & Lorraine John,

John N &Pauline Jeddore

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
March 23	Patsy M	Ann B Pat P	Father Tom Patsy M	Kevin O Bill D
March 24	Patsy M	Ann B Monica W	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D
March 28 Holy Thurs.	Edith O	Ann B	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O George D
March 29 Good Friday	Edith O	Edith O Monica W	Father Tom Genevieve T	Finton O Gerard S
March 30 Easter Vigil	Mary S	Edith O Pat P	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
March 31 Easter Sunday	Mary S	Rona H	Father Patrick Valerie H	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$775.00	St. Anne's	122.00
Easter Flowers	100.00	Mass Stipends	5.00
Initial Offering	5.00	Easter Offering	5.00
Diocesan Collection (Devel & Peace)	205.00	Certificates	5.00
New Years Offering	5.00	Lenten Folders	80.00
Diocesan Collection (Needs of Church)	5.00	Holy Thursday	5.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

Funerals	\$200.00
Weddings	\$200.00
Baptism	\$25.00

Easter Flowers

Parish members wishing to donate towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the church may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.

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.

Walk For Life and Stations of the Cross: The Walk for Life will occur at 10:15 a.m. on Good Friday, meeting at the front of St. Ignatius Church. Following the Walk for Life will be Stations of the Cross in St. Ignatius Church at 11:00. All are welcome.

Holy Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration: Many parishes offer Eucharistic Adoration after the Holy Thursday Mass. If you would like to participate in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after mass (7:30 p.m.) please sign the sheet provided at the Church entrance. The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until 8:30 p.m. at 10 minute intervals. Place your name(s) in one of the assigned time slots. Thank you.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Effie Willcott 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.