

A Gentle Reminder From Pope Francis

This life will go by fast.

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favorite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favorite sport shoes; repeat your favorite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect...look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now...love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen.

From the office of Catechetics

The enclosed link to the Gospel of John, sent by the office for evangelization and Catechesis, Canadian Conference of Catholic bishops, is available to all parishes. Some parishes, or Liturgy committees or other parish groups might wish to use the video clips as a preparation for Easter. Following each short segment of the gospel, there are questions for discussion.

Father Brian Colbert

The film in its entirety, and 49 three-to-five minute video clips, can be found at the following link:

<https://www.jesufilm.org/watch/life-of-jesus-gospel-of-john.html/english.html>.



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel clearly demonstrates God's infinite love for us. A key phrase in this Gospel consists of two words: "lifted up". In the Old Testament, when Moses "lifted up" the bronze serpent, anyone who looked upon it would receive healing. In the New Testament, when Jesus was "lifted up" on the Cross, we were offered the gift of salvation. God loved the world so much that he sent his Only-Begotten Son to die for us "in order that the world might be saved through him". As we journey through this week, let us turn to Jesus, who was "lifted up" on the Cross and who continues to be the Light of the world, so that we too can reach out to help others who are in need. The spiritual nourishment we receive at Mass enables us to be light in the midst of darkness to others as we reach out in kindness and compassion, striving to "lift up" the poor, the lonely, the downtrodden, the marginalized, and indeed all who are in need of help.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: March 12th – March 16th

Mon. -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	rescheduled -----	Hubert, Susie, Linus Collier, John & Dorothy Barnes
Tues.-----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----		Johnny Organ (Cecil)
Wed. -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----		Lila Cox, Betty Hoskins
Thurs -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----		Caroline & Andrew Blake
Friday -----	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----		Austin Hoskins, Thomas Hull
Friday -----		St. Ignatius Church-----		Stations of the Cross

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 18th

St. Alban's-----	Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Wallace & Alice Collier
St. Alban's-----	Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Parish Family
Conne River----	Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.-----	St. Anne's Church-----	Emily Benoit

March 17 - Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop: At age 16, Patrick was carried off in a pirate raid and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was made a swineherd, living in solitude on a mountain. This radical change in his life forced him to rely on his Christian training, and his prayer and asceticism marked him forever. After six years, Patrick escaped and returned to his parents in Britain. Later, he returned to Gaul to study for the priesthood, eventually becoming a bishop. After some time, Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary. By the time of his death in 492, Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland, and churches and monasteries had been established to receive the constant stream of converts. Patrick is best known for evangelizing the Irish.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
March 10	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Brenda Jeddore	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Ann Benoit	Maggie Pat	Folk Group
March 11	Mary Organ	Amber Willcott	George Davis Clarence Davis Mike Snook	Valerie Hoskins	Christine Mary Organ	Folk Group
March 17	Mary Organ	Gerry Cox	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Christine Howse	Kevin Willie	Julie Ann Chrissy Tracy Perry
March 18	Jenny Maggie	Philomena Sutton	George Davis Clarence Davis Mike Snook	Calvin Collier	Margaret Edith	Tiffany Hoskins

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory -----	\$988.00	St. Anne’s Church – Offertory ----	\$172.00
Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$157.50	Initial Offering:-----	\$5.00
Funeral Stipend (H.Benoit) -----	\$200.00	Candles: -----	\$207.50
Religious Articles: -----	\$38.00	Missals:-----	\$157.00
HST Rebate: -----	\$3420.60		

Chase The Ace: Will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Stations of the The Cross: The Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church. Everyone welcome!!!

Needed:

Sacristans are needed for our daily masses as well as our weekend Masses . The role of the Sacristans is to prepare (breads, wine, and altar clothes) for the Mass and clean up after the Mass. The Sacristans would be on the list for a week at a time. Training will be provided. Any help is more than welcome.

Decorators: Decorators are needed to decorate the altar at different times throughout the Liturgical Year. Any help is much appreciated.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a sacristan or a decorator, please contact the parish office at 538-3106 or any member of the Liturgy Committee. (Connie Willcott, Mary Organ, Valerie Hoskins, Edith Organ)

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MASS OF CHRISM: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Grand Falls-Windsor on *Thursday, March 22, at 5:15 p.m.* This Mass is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of the Church. During the Mass, Bishop Daniels will bless the Oil of Catechumens for use in adult and infant Baptisms and the Oil of the Sick for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Bishop will also consecrate the Oil of Chrism for use in Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, and the Consecration of Sacred Spaces. Since the Bishop is the only minister in the Diocese who may consecrate Chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and the union of the laity with him. Also, since this Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Daniels and Priests from different parts of the diocese, it is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. During this Mass, Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment, and representatives from the parishes of the Diocese will receive the Holy Oils to bring back to their parishes for use during the coming year. **Please make a special effort to attend. A gathering of the lay faithful is a wonderful opportunity to show support for the Priests who minister to them throughout the year. Following Mass there will be a social at the main entrance of the Cathedral. All are invited.**

Attendance: *Father Patrick is hoping to have a few parishioners to attend this Mass with him. He is driving and looking for someone to travel with. He will be returning to St. Alban’s after the Mass. If you would like to attend this Mass and need transportation, please call the office at 538-3106.*

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the entire families of the Shawn Willcott and Philomena Barnes their profound sympathies. We join you in prayers for the repose of our dear loved ones. May God Bless you and may he console you for this painful loss.

Children’s Sunday Liturgy: *The children’s liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years.*

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca the parish office to have a registration form emailed to you. **Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

Grace before meals: *“Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Cremation in the Catholic Church: Many people are inquiring about cremation in the Church, and some people are choosing to have their body cremated after death. The first thing all must know is that cremation is permitted in the Catholic Church. Some large cities are finding difficulty in obtaining large pieces of ground for new cemeteries and cremation may be a partial solution to this problem. Also, some people die far from home, and the cost of sending home the body in a casket is very expensive compared to sending an urn with a loved ones ashes. Cremation should take place after the funeral Mass. The ashes of the deceased person should be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. As in life, the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, so in death the ashes of the deceased person should not be scattered but should be buried in a holy place where we await the resurrection to new life.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL:	\$200.00
Wedding:	\$200.00
Baptism:	\$25.00

What They say about our church: The most beautiful treasure of the South Coast of Newfoundland is our Church here in St. Alban's. It is breathtaking. It is a joy to bring visitors to our Church, as they are overwhelmed at the workmanship and its gracious dignity. Sometimes a stranger helps us to appreciate something we overlook or take for granted. Here are a few comments from our visitor's book which is at the back of the Church:

“A beautiful Masterpiece” “Awesome, His Holy Presence is Here” “The most beautiful Church.” “Absolutely amazing Work.” “Glad to be home, I love my church.”

Isn't it a wonder that all this work was done with hand tools only, as there were no power saws or electricity when this church was built. Each morning when I go to open the Church, the same thought comes to me: *'Oh, Lord, I love the beauty of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.'*