

MAY 6 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANÇOIS DE LAVAL, BISHOP, PATRON OF THE BISHOPS OF CANADA: François de Montmorency Laval (1623-1708) was the first bishop of Quebec City. Born in France to a noble family, he was educated by the Jesuits and was ordained a priest in 1647. He was made a bishop in 1658 and arrived in New France the following year. In 1663 he founded the Seminary of Quebec (now Laval University) in order to supply priests for his vast diocese which extended to all the French-speaking territories of North America. François was an outstanding educator and administrator, a generous benefactor, a caring bishop, and a pious man. He was beatified by Saint John Paul II in 1980 and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

May 8 - Memorial of Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, Virgin: Catherine de Longpré was born in France in 1632. At the age of 12, she entered the convent of the Hospitallers of Bayeux, a branch of the Augustinians, the first order to send missionaries to Canada. In 1648, she asked to go to Quebec City to help the Sisters in the Hôtel-Dieu hospital, the first to be established in Canada. In the following years, she worked with the poor through famine, conflict and illness, and was known for her kindness and her great love for all. She died in 1668 at the age of 36. Counted among the founders of the Canadian Church, Catherine was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1989.

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 Alcalá, 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.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you". There are four words for 'love' in Greek: *stergo* (love of parents for children); *philia* (love for friends, friendship); *eros* (selfish love, erotic love); *agape* (unselfish love, wanting what is best for the other). It is always this fourth word (*agape*) that is used to describe the love of Jesus, and it is this word that Jesus uses to ask us to love others as he loved us. We can make heaven on earth by loving as Jesus loved. Let us do our best to love others as Jesus loved us, trying to live each day as true disciples of the Risen Lord.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 4 and Sun. – May 5

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Clifford, Lorraine & Brian
Organ

St.Alban's-Sunday-4:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Cecil (Mary) & Johnny Organ

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church----- **Church Family**

Daily Masses Mon. May 6 – Fri. May 10

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Randy Cranford

Tues -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Joclyn Crant

Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Joe Willcott (Betty)

Thur -11:00 p.m.Parish Chapel-----Muriel Benoit

Fri -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Basil Barnes

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 11 and Sun. – May 12

St.Alban's-Sat-7:00p.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-----Madeline John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
May 4	Mary S	Pat P	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
May 5	Mary S	Cindy B	Father Tom Genevieve T	Anthony W George D
May 11	Monica K	Edith O	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
May 12	Monica K	Lydia W	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$945.00
St. Anne's	110.00
Donations	250.00
Mass Stipends	52.00
50/50 Fundraiser (April 28, 2024)	3100.00

Thank You: St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to Gerard Smith for his generous donation of \$250.00 in memory of his wife Genevieve.

Congratulations to Shawn Collier, winner of the April 2024 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1550.00)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

Thank You : Thank you to all those who helped in the annual spring cleanup of the church parking lots and in the cleanup of St. Ignatius Cemetery.

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.

Happy Birthday!

St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church would like to extend to Fr. Tom Happy Birthday wishes which he celebrated on May 2. Hope you had a wonderful day.