

ADVENT SEASON: “The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way, Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 39). During Advent, each Sunday’s Gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

December 21 - Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor:

Born in The Netherlands in 1521, Peter later joined the Jesuit Order and worked in Germany, Austria, Bohemia and Switzerland as a leader of the Counter-Reformation. He educated Catholics with his popular and influential Catechism. In 1597 Peter died, and in 1925 he was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church.

Holiday Liturgical Schedule:

Penitential Service:

Saturday December 14th – St. Ignatius Church 7:00pm

Sunday December 15th – St. Ignatius Church 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass: Tuesday December 24th

St. Anne’s Church Conne River 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph’s Parish Harbour Breton 6:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius Church St. Alban’s 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass: Wednesday December 25th

St. Ignatius Church St. Alban’s 10:30 a.m.

New Year’s Eve Mass: Tuesday December 31st

St. Ignatius Church St. Alban’s 7:00 p.m.

New Year’s Day Mass: Wednesday January 1st

St. Ignatius Church St. Alban’s 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Choir: We are hoping to have a community choir for Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested please come to the practice on Saturday, December 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN’S ST. ANNE’S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. The Entrance Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.* It orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have reason to rejoice!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 14 and Sun. – December 15

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Cecil & Johnny Organ

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne’s Church--- Mary K. John, Broderick

Drew & Lorraine John

Daily Masses Mon. December 9 – Fri. December 13

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John Kealey

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

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Abraham (Jr.) Collier

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Thomas Moore Collier

Fri----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Helena & William Crant

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 14 and Sun. – December 15

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch----Wallace & Sarah Willcott

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

Conne River-Sunday2:00p.m. St. Anne’s Church--Samuel & Florailda Collier

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Dec. 14	Monica K	Ann B	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
Dec. 15	Monica K	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	Logan B Nicolas C
Dec. 21	Jean K	Pat P	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
Dec. 22	Jean K	Connie W	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$1055.00
St. Anne's Church	115.00
Dues	65.00
Mass Stipends	20.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Advent Folders

Advent Folders are now available on the table located near the main entrance. Also available are Advent Offering envelopes if you wish to use this option instead of the coin folders. Please fill in your Name, Donation Amount and your Offertory Envelope #. Thank You for your continued support.

2025 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

Are available at the back of church. Price is \$7.00 per missal.

St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser: St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets will be available at St Alban's Clover Farm. 1st prize - \$500.00, 2nd prize - \$300.00, 3rd prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Friday, December 20th, 2024.

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.

2025 Parish Envelopes If you used at least one parish envelope by Nov, 2024, your 2025 set of envelopes are available at the back of the church. For those who did not use envelopes in 2024 but would like to do so in 2025 there are extra unnamed boxes available at the back of the church. If you take one of those boxes for 2025, don't forget to record your name opposite the box number on the sheet provided.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2025!

Christmas Flowers: You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias that will be used on our Altar this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Bulletin. Please use an envelope with your name, envelope number and the name of your loved ones with your donation inside and place in the collection basket or drop off at parish office.

Sacrament Preparation

For the **2024-2025** year, we will be offering preparations for the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion for anyone in Grade 2 and older. Confirmation which is offered every second year will go ahead in 2025-26.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Clayton Long of St. John's, NL, formerly of St. Joseph's Cove, NL, their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.