

November 15 - Memorial of Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor: Born in Swabia about 1206, Albert earned a doctorate and taught theology, becoming known as a keen philosopher, theologian, and scientist. In recognition of his intellectual gifts, he received the title 'Great' from his contemporaries. Albert is best known for adapting for theologians Aristotle's works in philosophy and logic. He initiated the Scholastic method (the application of Aristotelian methods to Christian doctrine) and his student, Thomas Aquinas, developed this method at length. Albert died in 1280 and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931. He is a patron saint of scientists.

November 16 - Memorial of Saint Gertrude, Virgin: Gertrude (2156-1301) was a promising scholar of the humanities and eventually became a Benedictine nun. When she was nearly 25, she received the first of many visions. Her visions and spiritual instructions comprise five books, the second of these books being her own composition. This book alone shows the depth of her spiritual and intellectual gifts for which she was renowned. Though she was never officially canonized, her feast is in the general calendar of the Roman rite.

November 16 - Memorial of Saint Margaret of Scotland: Margaret married Malcolm Canmore, King of Scotland, in 1070. To her husband and his country she brought the best of European culture and encouraged many by her life of Christian virtue. She worked for justice and improved conditions for the poor; she also guided the Celtic Church toward strong ties with Rome, rebuilt Churches, and brought the Benedictines to Scotland. She gave birth to eight children, was a model of motherhood, and is one of the few canonized saints to have reared a large family. She was canonized in 1251 and was named a patron saint of Scotland in 1673.

NOVEMBER 17 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS: Elizabeth was a married woman, but after her husband's death she made provision for her children and entered the Third Order of Saint Francis, spending her days caring for the sick, the aged, and the poor. Renowned for her prayer, her works of charity, her spirit of penance, and her great gentleness, she died in 1231 and was canonized in 1235. She is a patron saint of the Franciscan Third Order and of Catholic charities.

November 18 - Memorial of The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles: This feast celebrates the dedication of two of the great basilicas of Rome: Saint Peter's Basilica which is built over the tomb of the apostle Peter, and Saint Paul-Outside-the-Walls which is dedicated to the apostle Paul.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear Jesus telling the parable of the ten bridesmaids who "took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom". However, while they were awaiting his arrival, they all fell asleep, only to be awakened at midnight by a shout announcing the arrival of the bridegroom. As we hear in the Gospel, five of the bridesmaids were foolish; because they had no oil for their lamps, they were unprepared to go and meet the bridegroom. Five of the bridesmaids, however, were wise; because they had plenty of oil, they were prepared to meet the bridegroom upon his arrival and so "went with him into the wedding banquet". In the New Testament, Jesus refers to himself as the Bridegroom. The whole point of the parable then is the importance of being vigilant and ready for the coming of Jesus, the Bridegroom at the end of time. Let us keep in mind the words which bring today's Gospel to a close: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" and let us ask ourselves, "Are we living our lives in harmony with the ways of God? Are we ready to meet our Lord? Let us prepare ourselves well so that we can look forward to the festivities in store for us when we meet Jesus, the Bridegroom, in the hope of being invited to the Heavenly Banquet.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat-November 11 and November 12

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch- Edith Collier

St. Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—**ParishFamily**

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

Martin Hoskins & Mary K John

Daily Masses Mon November 13 – Fri November 17

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Margaret LeRoux

Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel -----William Bennett

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel—Margaret, Leonard, & Benny Long

Thur-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Gerald Willcott

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

Weekend Liturgy: Sat- November 18 and Sun- November 19

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----John Murphy Jr.

St. Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----**ParishFamily**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Agnes Benoit

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Nov 11	Jean K	Pat P	Father Tom	Finton O Gerard S
Nov 12	Jean K	Cindy B	Father Tom	William M Ivan O
Nov 18	Patsy M	Gerry C	Father Tom	Kevin O Monica K
Nov 19	Patsy M	Mark F	Father Tom	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$1174.00
St. Anne's	169.00
Religious Articles	50.00
All Souls Day	473.95
Diocesan Collection (World Mission Sunday)	10.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

2024 Parish Envelopes will be available during the next few weeks for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2023 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2023 but would like a box for 2024, extra unlabelled boxes will be available in December. If you take an unnamed box, please print your name on the recording sheet opposite the box number you take. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2024.

2024 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

Available at back of church. Price is \$7.00 per missal.

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.

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 soon 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 Wednesday, December 20th, 2023.

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

Visitations In Central NL: Fr. Patrick will be in Grand Falls-Windsor from Monday, August 14 until Friday, August 18. If anyone from the Bay D'Espoir area has a family member or someone they know residing in a retirement complex or healthcare facility and would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the Parish office at (709)-538-3106 on Monday or Tuesday, August 14 and August 15 to arrange a visitation. Please leave a message and your call will be returned. The required information will be the person's name, residing address, a preferred time for the visit, and telephone number if applicable. Visitations can be arranged for facilities located in Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishops Falls, and Botwood.

SOWING THE SEEDS