

**FEBRUARY 5 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR:**

It is alleged that Agatha was sent to a brothel to force her to give up her faith. After she was tortured, the Apostle Peter is supposed to have appeared and cured her. Her intervention was credited with stilling the eruption of Mount Etna the year after her burial. She died during the time of the Decian persecution (249-251) and is considered a patron of miners, alpine guides, and nurses.

**FEBRUARY 6 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS:**

Paul Miki joined the Jesuits in 1580. On February 6, 1597, he and 25 companions – clergy and lay – died for their faith in Nagasaki, Japan. They were suspended on crosses and killed with spears thrust through the heart. Their persecution was triggered by a nationalist fear of foreigners; for almost the next 200 years, Japan would be closed to the rest of the world. Despite this isolation, the faith survived without any Priests and with only the Sacrament of Baptism. Paul Miki and his companions were canonized in 1862.

**February 8 - Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest:** Born in Venice in 1486, Jerome at first gave very little thought to God. However, after a conversion experience, he gave all his possessions to the poor, became a Priest, and devoted himself to the instruction of orphans and the care of the poor. Jerome was also the founder of the Somascan Fathers and Brothers. He died in 1537 and is the patron of orphans and abandoned children.

**February 8 - Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin:** Born in Africa in 1869, Josephine was kidnapped at age 9 by slave traders who called her “Bakhita”. She was eventually sold to the Italian Consul who treated her with kindness and warmth. She accompanied him and his family to Italy and went to live with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. Baptized in 1890, she took the name Josephine and joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity. She died in 1947 and was canonized in 2000. Josephine Bakhita is the first saint from Sudan.

**FEBRUARY 10 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN:**

Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, and she was the leader of a women’s community. She is the patroness of nuns, especially Benedictines, and of convulsive children. Scholastica died about 543 and was buried in Benedict’s own tomb where he joined her in death soon after.



**ST. IGNATIUS PARISH**

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

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***FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus, after healing “many who were sick with various diseases” and casting out “many demons”, rising early in the morning and going out to a deserted place to pray. When his disciples find him and tell him that everyone is searching for him, Jesus says, “Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do”. Prayer, being in communion with God, was crucial to Jesus’ ministry. It gave him strength and enabled him to keep his focus on his mission to preach the good news of salvation. The lesson for us, as Jesus’ disciples, is to maintain a balance in our lives. Just as work is balanced by rest and relaxation, so too our ministry involvement must be balanced by prayer. Praying, being in communion with God, will give us the strength we need to continue our service to others and to make the mission of the Lord Jesus truly our own.

***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat.- Feb. 3 and Sun.- Feb. 4**

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Genevieve Smith

St.Alban’s-Sunday-4:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----**ParishFamily**

Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church--Florilda & Samuel Collier

**Daily Masses Mon. Feb. 5 – Fri. Feb. 9**

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Jenny Nugent

Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mary Mackey

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

Thur--11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Frances Kealey

Fr ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel----Mervin Walsh & Leonce Ferland

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Feb. 10 and Sun. – Feb. 11**

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Special.Intention-Maurice Willcott

St.Alban’s-Sunday-4:00p.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>
<b>Feb. 3</b>	Edith O	Ann B	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
<b>Feb 4.</b>	Edith O	Lydia W	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O
<b>Feb. 10</b>	Mary S	Pat P	Father Tom Edith O	Kevin O Bill D
<b>Feb. 11</b>	Mary S	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D

**Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$724.00
St. Anne's	111.00
New Years Offering	10.00
Initial Offering	80.00
Advent Folders	20.00
Mass Stipends	14.00
50/50 Fundraiser	3200.00

**Congratulations** to Mary MacDonald-Diebes, winner of the January 2024 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1600.00)

**Thank you for your continued support to the parish.**

**Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)**

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

**Condolences:** The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Wilfred Organ 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.

**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 be pleased 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. Some items that are in need include teabags, coffee, and canned vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

**2023 Charitable Donation Receipt** If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2023 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the churches in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank 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**