

JANUARY 21 - SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” Pope Francis, *Aperuit illis*, 2

JANUARY 24 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR: Born in 1567, Francis, after obtaining doctorates in both canon and civil law, rejected opportunities for a brilliant career, choosing religious life instead. He was ordained in 1593 and appointed Bishop of Geneva in 1602. He lived a life of austerity and simplicity, sharing his abundance with the poor. In his ministry, he emphasized both the loving kindness of God and the human capacity for love. He was also one of the principal leaders of the Catholic Reformation. Francis died in 1622, was beatified the same year, and was canonized in 1665. He is a Doctor of the Church and patron saint of the deaf, of writers, and of the Catholic press.

JANUARY 25 - FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE: Paul’s conversion was a turning point in the history of the early Church and a cause for celebration that one who formerly persecuted Christians was converted to Christianity. Saul, as Paul was first known, zealously persecuted the followers of Christ until he experienced a profound conversion when he was struck down amidst a blinding light from heaven while travelling on the road to Damascus. According to the account in the *Acts of the Apostles* (9.1-22; 22.3-16; 26.12-18), a voice asked, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” Following the instructions he was given, Saul headed into Damascus and began proclaiming Jesus. Paul’s zeal for the Risen Jesus led him to become a passionate follower of Christ and later a teacher of the nations. The letters, or epistles, of Saint Paul offer us a window into the early Church.

JANUARY 26 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT TIMOTHY AND SAINT TITUS, BISHOPS: Timothy and Titus were disciples of Saint Paul, and Paul’s letters to them are part of the New Testament. Each worked with Paul and each became a leader of a Pauline community. Timothy became Bishop of Ephesus, and Titus, Bishop of Crete. It is believed that Timothy was stoned to death around 67 AD and that Titus died of old age.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s Gospel continues the theme of Christian discipleship begun last Sunday. As the passage begins, Jesus is in Galilee, proclaiming the ‘good news of God’ and announcing the nearness of ‘the kingdom of God’. Then he calls his first disciples – the brothers Simon and Andrew, and the brothers James and John. Called abruptly from their daily work of fishing, they respond immediately to the summons of Jesus, leaving behind their work and family ties. Just as Jesus called these first disciples, so too he calls us, each and every day, to be his disciples. We need only hear the voice of the Lord Jesus saying to us as he did the first disciples, “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people”. The response is then up to us. The call to be disciples of the Lord Jesus is a call to continue the mission that Jesus began, thus sharing in the work of proclaiming ‘the good news of God’ and in building up the Kingdom of God in our midst.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat.-Jan. 20 and Sun.-Jan. 21

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Rosalie Stokes

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

Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church—James & Hannah Benoit

Daily Masses Mon. Jan.22 – Fri. Jan. 26

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Genevieve Farrell

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

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ralph, Olive, & Junior Organ

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

Fr ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Paula Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Jan. 27 and Sun. - Jan.28

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— Mary K. John, Broderick & Brittany John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Jan. 20	Jean K	Pat P	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
Jan. 21	Jean K	Valerie H	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O
Jan. 27	Patsy M	Edith O	Father Tom Patsy M	Kevin O Bill D
Jan. 28	Patsy M	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$769.00
St. Anne's	38.00
Initial Offering	30.00
New Year's Offering	15.00
Advent Folders	10.00
Sunday Missals	102.00
Baptism Stipend	25.00
Donations (IMO Leonard & Anastasia Haggerty)	500.00
Donations (From Bridget Kelly)	100.00

Thank You: St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to Richard Haggerty for his generous donation in memory of Leonard & Anastasia Haggerty.

Thank You: St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to Bridget Kelly for her generous donation.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Congratulations on your Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Adelyn Sandra Tina Bullen of Conne River, baptized on January 14th, 2024 at St. Anne's Church. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

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.

Sunday Mass Schedule Change:

Beginning **Sunday, February 4**, Fr. Tom will start doing Masses in Harbour Breton and St. Jacques. To allow for safe daytime highway travel these services will start at **10:30 a.m.** in Harbour Breton. Therefore Sunday morning service at St. Ignatius in St. Alban's will be moved to a new time of **4:00 p.m.** from the current scheduled time of **10:30 a.m.**

Mass service in Conne River will not be affected by these changes and will continue at **2:00 p.m.**

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