

MARCH 25 - WORLD DAY OF YOUTH: Instituted at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, Palm Sunday has included this observance since 1985. "Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we just live the faith always with a young heart." (Pope Francis)

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the *Triduum* (Latin for 'three days') opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, reaching its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday. During these days, we gather a number of times and we hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and Scripture readings.

There are two important points to keep in mind regarding the Triduum:

First, it is the highpoint of the liturgical year, an event which, though it spans three days, is really one major unified celebration.

Secondly, the focus from start to finish is on "the glory of the Cross". This defining theme, inherent throughout the Triduum, is first expressed in the entrance antiphon of Holy Thursday's Mass: "*We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.*" These words set the tone for the whole Triduum event – we gather "to glory in the Cross of Christ".

Day 1 (Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening): The Church celebrates "Christ as Sacrifice" as Christ offers his Body and Blood in the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and then on the Cross of Calvary on Good Friday.

Day 2 (Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening): The Church is united with "Christ in the Tomb". There is no principal liturgical celebration. On this day the Lord sleeps; on this day we wait at the Lord's tomb and make every effort to enter into God's rest. Prayer, fasting, and silence are the order of the day.

Day 3 (Holy Saturday evening to Easter Sunday evening): The Church celebrates "Christ Being Raised Up".

"Alleluias" ring out in welcome to our Risen Saviour. There is joy in Christ's journey from death to life, a journey we hope to share with Him.



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PASSION SUNDAY

The beginning of today's Mass recalls the messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete his Paschal Mystery. In the Passion Narrative we see the model for all love – the sacrificial love of Jesus which continues to be available for each of us. This love is made manifest as Jesus, the Suffering Servant, is condemned unjustly and is subjected to great torment and agony as he is led to his crucifixion and death on the cross – the culmination of his great love for our salvation. Such great love ought to guide our personal and communal life as Christians and as Church.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: March 26th- March 30th

Monday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel-----	James Howse
Tuesday -----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel-----	Roseanne LeRoux, Juanita Organ
Wed.-----	11:00 am-----	Parish Chapel-----	Shirley Sutton
Holy Thursday -----	7:00 pm-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Good Friday-----	11:00 am-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Stations of the Cross
Good Friday-----	3:00 pm-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Passion of The Lord
Conne River---	6:00 pm-----	St. Anne's Church-----	Stations of The Cross & Holy Communion
St. Alban's -----	7:00 pm-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Stations of The Cross

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Easter Vigil March 31st and Easter Sunday, April 1st

St. Alban's-----	Sat. --- 8:00 p.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Easter Vigil
St. Alban's-----	Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Parish Family
Conne River----	Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.-----	St. Anne's Church-----	Easter Sunday

Adult Easter Choir: There will be a practice for Good Friday and Easter Vigil this Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church. All are welcome!!!! Hope to see you there.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
March 24	Jenny Maggie	Bernie Collier Ann Benoit Edith Organ Gerry Cox	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Jessica Savoury	Christine Mary Organ	Lenora Lambert
March 25	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Elizabeth Barlow Thomas Collier Joanne Farrell Amber Willcott	George Davis Clarence Davis Mike Snook	Ralph Blake	Anthony George	Jessica Willcott
Holy Thursday	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Pat Pittman Perry Cox	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Edith Elizabeth Margaret	Brenda Jeddore Maggie	Jessica Willcott
Good Friday	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Brenda Jeddore Mary Organ Lydia Walsh Monica Willcott	George Davis Clarence Davis Mike Snook	Ralph Blake	Knights of Columbus	Adult Choir
Holy Saturday	Mary Strickland Patsy MacDonald	Christine Farrell Philomena Sutton Gerry Cox Valerie Hoskins	Christine Howse Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith	Ann Christine Jessica	Jenny Mary W.	Adult Choir
Easter Sunday	Mary Organ	Amber Willcott Thomas Collier	Perry Cox Helena T. Necia Dollimont	Genevieve Mary O. Valerie	Jean G. Mary S.	Children's choir Valerie Coombs

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory ----- \$931.00	St. Anne's Church – Offertory ---- \$108.25
Chase The Ace Proceeds: ----- \$167.50	Initial Offering:----- \$10.00
Lenten Folders: ----- \$30.00	

Chase The Ace: Will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Chase The Ace will be cancelled on Good Friday, March 30.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: As a Pontifical collection, the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land offers a direct link for parish members to be witnesses of peace and to help promote the work of the Holy Land. **When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting the upkeep of holy sites and the formation of future Priests. In addition, the collection helps to ensure that Holy Land Christians, whose lives are rendered particularly difficult, will remain in their homeland and bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.** Your donation will be a sign of solidarity in responding to the needs of the Church in the Holy Land.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY WEEK: *Holy Week is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. The week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, includes the last days of Lent, and ends on Holy Saturday with the beginning of the Easter Vigil. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem and culminating with his Passion and Death on the Cross. Though Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it anticipates the Easter joy of Christ's resurrection which brings new life to all who believe.*

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Walk For Life: The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Walk for Life on Good Friday Morning, March 30th. The walk will start at the church grounds at 10:15 and return to the Church for Stations of The Cross at 11:00 am.

To Adore at the Blessed Sacrament: The feast of Holy Thursday is almost upon us. What a beautiful feast! What a holy night! On that night, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. On that holy night, the Lord Jesus washed the disciple's feet, and then, taking bread, He changed it into His own Body. We will celebrate this beautiful Mass on April 13th. In the meantime, a poster will be placed at the back of the Church. If you could, would you please take half an hour to watch and pray in the presence of Jesus. From the conclusion of the Mass, until midnight, in half hour time periods, you are invited to put your name on the poster so that people will constantly be adoring through this Holy Night.

You are invited to watch the **National Catholic Mission 2018, The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation** with Father Michael Coutts S.J. which will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following networks across Canada:

VisionTV: Part 1 Monday March 26; Part 2 March 27th at 8 pm ET
 Salt + Light: Part 1 March 27th; Part 2 March 28th at 8 pm ET
 The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast: Part 1 on Good Friday and Part 2 Holy Saturday at the times of the regular Daily TV Mass.
 The Mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com.

Needed:

Sacristans are needed for our daily masses as well as our weekend Masses . The role of the Sacristans is to prepare (breads, wine, and altar linens) for the Mass and clean up after the Mass. The Sacristans would be on the list for a week at a time. Training will be provided. Any help is more than welcome.

Decorators: Decorators are needed to decorate the altar at different times throughout the Liturgical Year. Any help is much appreciated.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a sacristan or a decorator, please contact the parish office at 538-3106 or any member of the Liturgy Committee. (Connie Willcott, Mary Organ, Valerie Hoskins, Edith Organ)

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!

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Pope Francis shared that "The Eucharistic Celebration is much more than a simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation...every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ."

Happiness, it is what our hearts long and crave for, yet we are still struggling to find it. Often we seek many selfish pleasures in life in hopes that they will make us “happy.” Unfortunately, we typically search for happiness in created things, thinking that they will provide some sort of comfort in a world full of disappointment.

Pope Francis laments the state of many young people who seek aimlessly these created joys. In an interview with a radio station in Argentina Pope Francis said, “I would ask the young people, ‘are you really happy?’ ... Do you know what it means to have joy in your heart? ... It makes me very upset when I see a sad young person ... who has aged prematurely, who has already ‘retired’ to ‘wait for life to pass by.’”

He then shared with the audience the “secret” to true happiness, “If you take risks to achieve great things ... doing things for others, working hard to make them happy ... you will know joy and happiness.”

Pope Francis shows us that true happiness consists of living for others and participating in the mission of the heart of Jesus.

Saint Augustine famously put it this way, “You have made us for Yourself [O Lord], and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

Physical things may provide a few moments of happiness, but at the core of our being we recognize the emptiness that is there. It is an emptiness that only one person can fill and that person is Jesus Christ. Once we realize that, our hearts will no longer be restless, but unified with the heart of Christ.

Then and only then will we experience true “happiness.”

Cremation in the Catholic Church: Many people are inquiring about cremation in the Church, and some people are choosing to have their body cremated after death. The first thing all must know is that cremation is permitted in the Catholic Church. Some large cities are finding difficulty in obtaining large pieces of ground for new cemeteries and cremation may be a partial solution to this problem. Also, some people die far from home, and the cost of sending home the body in a casket is very expensive compared to sending an urn with a loved ones ashes. Cremation should take place after the funeral Mass. The ashes of the deceased person should be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. As in life, the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, so in death the ashes of the deceased person should not be scattered but should be buried in a holy place where we await the resurrection to new life.

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca the parish office to have a registration form emailed to you. ***Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.*** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL:	\$200.00
Wedding:	\$200.00
Baptism:	\$25.00

What They say about our church: The most beautiful treasure of the South Coast of Newfoundland is our Church here in St. Alban’s. It is breathtaking. It is a joy to bring visitors to our Church, as they are overwhelmed at the workmanship and its gracious dignity. Sometimes a stranger helps us to appreciate something we overlook or take for granted. Here are a few comments from our visitor’s book which is at the back of the Church:

“A beautiful Masterpiece” “Awesome, His Holy Presence is Here” “The most beautiful Church.” “Absolutely amazing Work.” “Glad to be home, I love my church.”

Isn’t it a wonder that all this work was done with hand tools only, as there were no power saws or electricity when this church was built. Each morning when I go to open the Church, the same thought comes to me: ‘Oh, Lord, I love the beauty of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.’

Children’s Sunday Liturgy: The children’s liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years