

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 reading 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 13 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR:
Lucy was born in Syracuse, Italy, and was martyred about 304. Because her name is derived from *lux* (‘light’), during the Middle Ages people suffering from eye trouble began invoking Lucy’s aid. She is also associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

DECEMBER 14 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR: Born in Spain in 1542, John later entered the Carmelite community and was ordained in 1567. With the great Carmelite mystic, Teresa of Avila, he worked for the reformation of his order and helped found the reformed (‘Discalced’) Carmelites. He wrote many spiritual classics, notably *the Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul,* and *The Living Flame of Love.* John died in 1591, was canonized in 1726, and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1926.

Penitential Service

December 16th – St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass December 24th

St. Anne’s Church Conne River 6:00pm
St. Ignatius Parish St. Alban’s (2 Masses) 3:00pm and 8:30pm

Christmas Day Mass December 25th

St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

New Year’s Eve Mass December 31st

St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

New Year’s Day Mass January 1st

St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am



St. Ignatius Parish



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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

Daily masses Mon December 13– Fri December 17

Mon-11:00 a.m. Chapel-----Eli, Veronica, John, & Gord Organ

Tues -11:00 a.m. Chapel----- Anthony Casey

Wed -11:00 a.m. Chapel-----Edith Collier

Thurs -11:00 a.m. Chapel-----John & Winnifred Willcott and Marguerite
French

Fri -11:00 a.m. Chapel-----Michael Farrell

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – December 18 and Sun – December 19

St.Alban’s-Sat 7:00p.m.St.Ignatius Church—James Lambert

St. Alban’s-Sun 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church—***Parish Family***

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church-----William Drew

2022 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

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

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

| DATE | Sacristan | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Music |
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| Dec 11 | Edith O Monica K | Ann B | Father Patrick | |
| Dec 12 | Edith O Monica K | Cindy B | Father Patrick | |
| Dec 18 | Mary S Patsy M | Pat P | Father Patrick | |
| Dec 19 | Mary S Patsy M | Valerie H | Father Patrick | |

Weekly Parish Income

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| St. Ignatius Church | \$685.00 |
| St. Anne's Church | 77.00 |
| Mass Stipend | 115.00 |
| Sunday Missals | 200.00 |
| Certificates | 5.00 |
| Advent Folders | 60.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 255.00 |

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser: A sincere thank you to St. Alban's Clover Farm for the Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets are now sold out. 1st prize - \$500.00, 2nd prize - \$300.00, 3rd prize - \$200.00. Winning tickets will be drawn on Monday, December 20th, 2021.

Christmas Flowers: You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Flowers 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.

Advent Folders

Available on the table at the back of the Church.

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH: ST.IGNATIUSCHURCH 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 Patrick at 709-280-4904 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 Patrick Osuji

2022 Parish Envelopes will be available during the next few weeks for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2021 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2021 but would like a box for 2022, 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, 2022.

Food Bank for Advent

We will be collecting non-perishable food items over the next few weeks to be distributed to families in need. Again this year, it will be a collaborative effort with several community agencies involved. The help of the parishioners would be greatly appreciated. A box will be located at the back of the Church for you to drop your non-perishable food items. Thank you for your support.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Nikita Sandra Mackey (nee Drew) of Conne River their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

A Knight Before Christmas!

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