<u>September 25 - Memorial of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs:</u> Cosmas and Damian are remembered for their martyrdom. According to legend, they were twin brothers, both physicians who practised without charging fees and who suffered martyrdom during a period of religious persecution. A history of miraculous cures is also attributed to them. After the Emperor Justinian I claimed to have been cured of illness through their intercession, he honoured the city of Cyr, which had the relics of the saints, and encouraged the devotion. Along with the apostle Luke, Cosmas and Damian are patron saints of physicians and surgeons.

<u>SEPTEMBER 26 - FEAST OF SAINT JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND SAINT ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, SECONDARY PATRONS OF CANADA;</u> This day honours the eight martyrs of North America who died between 1642 and 1649. All came from Europe as missionaries and all showed great courage in life and in facing death. Six of these missionaries were Jesuit priests and two were lay assistants. The six priests were Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, Antoine Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noël Chabanel; the two lay assistants were René Goupil and Jean de la Lande.

SEPTEMBER 27 - MEMORIAL OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST: Vincent was born in France in 1580, ordained at age 20, and soon became involved in performing acts of charity. He organized groups to provide food and clothing for all who were poor: orphans, prostitutes, the sick, the disabled, the homeless. He established a congregation to preach and to train clergy, and he collected large sums of money for his many projects. His influence spread from France across Europe. Vincent is the founder of the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians) and co-founder of the Daughters of Charity. He died in 1660 and was canonized in 1737. He is a patron saint of charitable societies.

<u>SEPTEMBER 27 - WORLD TOURISM DAY:</u> A "World Tourism Day" was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person" (*Lk. 10.5-6*).

SEPTEMBER 29 - FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL, SAINT GABRIEL, AND SAINT RAPHAEL,

ARCHANGELS: Michael ('Who is like the Lord?'), Gabriel ('God is mighty') and Raphael ('God heals') are three of the seven archangels who stand before God and are venerated in both Jewish and Christian traditions. Michael, considered the special protector of Israel and of the Church, is known as the 'captain of the heavenly

Michael, considered the special protector of Israel and of the Church, is known as the 'captain of the heavenly host'; Gabriel foretold the coming of the Messiah to the prophet Daniel and, in Saint Luke's Gospel, he appears to Zechariah and to Mary of Nazareth; Raphael is one of the angels who bring prayers before God. He is associated with the healing pool in Jerusalem.

SEPTEMBER 30 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR: Jerome (342-420) studied Latin and Greek in Rome where he was baptized at age eighteen by Pope Liberius. He was ordained in 377. Jerome's mastery of languages enabled him to translate Hebrew and Greek books of the Bible into Latin; this translation is called the Vulgate. In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent (1545-1563) declared Jerome's Vulgate an official text of the Catholic Church. Jerome's accomplishments in biblical studies are without parallel in Christian history.





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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, as Jesus tells the Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard, we are invited to enter the Kingdom announced by Christ, the new world shaped by God's generous and merciful ways. The lesson is clear—God's ways constantly overturn our human expectations, and we are called to bow down before the mystery of God's grace. Grace speaks of the generosity of God and all that God freely gives us in Christ. The affairs of the Kingdom run to a different priority from our earthly way of thinking or doing things. Those who come early into the Kingdom should rejoice at the gracious welcome of those who come last, and in today's parable, those who have worked all day should rejoice that those who worked for only an hour receive the same wages. All alike receive the best of treatment-such is God's generosity and love. As we reflect on this parable, let us open ourselves to receive by faith what God has done for each of us on the basis of grace and rejoice in his goodness to everyone who is part of the Kingdom-the first and the last.!!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Sept. 25	"" <i>-Sept. 29</i> "	
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday Pan	rish Chapel	Thomas Benoit, Kevin Walsh
Wed 10:00 a.m Par	rish Chapel	Almeda Cox, Cyril & Iris Organ
Thurs		No Mass
Friday 7:00 p.m Par	rish Chapel Rescheduled	Phyllis Felix
Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Sept. St. Alban's Sat 7:00 p.m St. Alban's Sun 10:30 a.m. Conne River Sun 2:00 p.m	St. Ignatius Church St. Ignatius Church	Parish Family

SEPTEMBER 24 - NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA:

Each year the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is asked to speak out, give leadership, or provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. In order for our Bishops to be able to make proper judgments on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Both research and gathering information require staff, time, and money. Through the yearly Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous in supporting the work of their Bishops. Contributing to the collection is an action of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry to teach, sanctify and govern. Please give generously to the Needs of the Church in Canada.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion	Altar	Music
				Minister	Servers	
Sept. 23	Mary Strickland	Monica Willcott	Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ Francis MacNeil	Ann Benoit	Brenda J. Maggie	Kennedy Willcott Tracy Perry
Sept. 24	Mary Organ	Mary Organ	Perry Cox Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont	Calvin Collier	Anthony George	Lenora Lambert
Sept. 30	Mary Organ	Brenda Jeddore	Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott Christine Howse	Juanita Organ	Jenny Mary W.	Mary Organ
Oct. 1	Jenny Maggie	Lydia Walsh	Mary Organ George Davis Clarence Davis	Ralph Blake	Jean Mary S.	Jessica Willcott

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – offertory	\$1025.00	Baptism Stipend	\$25.00
Certificate:	\$10.00	Chase The Ace Proceeds:	\$287.50

Chase The Ace: Chase the Ace has resumed. It 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 proceeds

Many parishioners have been questioning what is happening with the huge amount of money that was raised from our first Chase The Ace lottery. On our application, for the licence for this event, we stated that the earnings would be used for maintenance of parish properties, children's programs and miscellaneous parish needs.

Parish council decided that the bulk of this money will be used for needed church repairs - such as replacing the exterior storm windows of the church. The stained glass would be left intact. Because of the complexity and magnitude of this project (21 windows - 14 large and 7 small) it was decided to put the project up for tender. The Parish council received no bids for this tender so it was decided to wait and re-tender the project later. The money is being put aside for the eventuality that we find a successful bidder for a future tender. Parish council decided that, until further assessment, future Chase the Ace lotteries will become our regular parish Fundraiser - as was the case of our Wednesday night bingos in the past.

Parish Office Closure: The parish secretary will be attending Professional Development Days on Monday, Oct. 2 and Tuesday Oct. 3. The office will be closed on those days. Sorry for any inconvenience. In case of emergency, or if a sick call is needed, please contact Father Brophy at 538-3106 or Father David Joy at 885-2338 or cell phone at 885-7507.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Leader Recruitment: We are looking for leaders for our **Finding God Religion Program** and the grade 9 Confirmation Program. If you are interested or have more questions, please call the Parish Office at 538-3106 or Valerie Hoskins after 6 pm at 538-3780.

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

Bus Lane: During the school week, from Monday to Fridays, people are asked not to drive along in front of the school. In other words, that lane is reserved for buses and for students and teachers to walk safely to and from the school. All cars are asked to use ONLY the main church parking lot for vehicular traffic.

A visit to St. John's: During the week, I will be making a trip to St. John's. I will see my family, many of whom I haven't seen since our Anniversary Mass in June. But the main reason for my visit is a medical appointment with a cardiologist, Doctor Stone. As you know, I had surgery on my heart a few years ago, but through the goodness of God, I feel very strong, and I am more that grateful that I can continue to work as a priest, helping here in our faith community. Thank you, too, for your support and your prayers.

Thoughts on Death: Death is a private affair. A funeral is a public occasion. Grief is shared deeply only by the family and dear and close friends. The funeral is a time when the community can come together to share in the family's sorrow and show the family their loving support and sympathy. At times, little can be done to console a family in their great loss, but the gathering of the people in the Church is a sign of their love and concern, simply by their presence. Over the years, over the centuries, the Church has tried through singing, readings, the priest's homily, the Eucharist, the final prayers with holy water and incense, to give all the people hope. At the funeral Mass, we remember that each of us lives for a short time only, but our hope rests in Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Live. Moreover, the Mass (and the homily) tries to affirm that we are people of hope, and we live in the joyful expectation that we will see our love one again.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Eileen Willoctt their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God Bless you and console you.

Baptismal Congratulations: We welcome into the parish community, *Kelsey Laura Elizabeth Locke and Cash Augustine Collier* who will be baptized at St. Ignatius Church on Sunday. We wish Kelsey and Cash and their families all God's blessings.

Website Update

The St. Ignatius Parish website is up and running and updates are done on a regular basis. The bulletin is posted there each week. Please help share the word, especially to friends and family who are living away. You can visit the website at www.st.ignatiusparish.net

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
pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation. Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

Weddings: Please allow at least 6 months notice before the date of the wedding. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Prayer for Health

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I come to ask you for the gift of restored health, that I may serve you more faithfully and love you more sincerely than in the past. I want to be well and strong if it is your will and rebound to your glory. If, in your divine wisdom I am to be restored to health and strength, I will strive to show my gratitude by a constant and faithful service rendered to you.

Grace before meals: "Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading the Word at Funeral Masses: At every Mass, the Word of God should be read with the greatest clarity and reverence and dignity. At every Mass, the Word of God should be proclaimed well. At Funeral Masses, the family and the people attending are most attentive to the Word to find comfort and peace at a very difficult time in their lives. I will speak to both funeral directors in our parish, and a list of readers will be provided so that the family of the deceased can choose readers who have had experience and training in reading of the Word of God. This way, the family do not have to choose family members to read the Word of God.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

A prayer to the Holy Family: This is a beautiful prayer to the Holy Family, and we could say this prayer, asking God to bless and help our own family.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, In you we contemplate The splendour of true love To you we turn with trust

Holy Family of Nazareth, Grant that our families too Will have places of prayer and peace

Holy Family of Nazareth, May our families never again Experience violence and division May all who have been hurt Find ready comfort and healing Holy Family of Nazareth, Make us more mindful of the sacredness of the family and its beauty in God's plan

Jesus Mary and Joseph Please hear our prayer Amen