

JANUARY 17 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT: Anthony was born into a wealthy Christian family in Egypt about 251. Both his parents died while he was a teenager, and Anthony gave away his inheritance and became a hermit. After years of solitude, he emerged to gather the ascetics who had followed him into a 'community'. This was the beginning of Christian monasticism. Anthony died on January 17, 356, well-known for his holiness, wisdom and asceticism.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
(January 18 - 25, 2024)

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The Second Vatican Council invited all Catholics to undertake the work of ecumenism and so overcome the scandal of disunity among Christians. Ecumenism means working to restore unity among all Christians; in a broader sense, it also involves working for better relations with Judaism, Islam, and other non-Christian religions. Pope John Paul II has told us that working for unity is the responsibility of each of us: *"To work for unity is not simply to follow one's own fancy, one's personal preference; it means being faithful to and truly representative of the position of the Catholic Church"* (23 November 1979).

January 20 - Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr: Fabian became Pope in 236. When a dove settled upon his head, those around him were reminded of the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism. The event was seen as divine intervention, and Fabian was chosen Pope, reigning for fourteen years. He was martyred during a persecution in 250.

January 20 - Memorial of Saint Sebastian, Martyr: Sebastian was martyred in Rome, probably in the third century, and was buried along the Appian Way in the catacombs. He came from Milan, where he has been venerated since the fourth century. Sebastian is a patron saint of the Pope's Swiss Guard and he is also the patron saint of athletes and soldiers.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, we are presented with another epiphany when John the Baptist, who is standing with two of his disciples, refers to Jesus as the "Lamb of God", thus identifying Christ's ultimate purpose in life which is to redeem sinful humanity. We hear this familiar title in our prayers during Mass and we know and believe that Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God, died that we might be free of our sins. By calling Jesus the "Lamb of God", John actually points the two disciples away from himself and towards Jesus. This is what we too, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, are called to do. By virtue of our baptism, we too are called to point the way to Jesus, to make him known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. It is a call to give without counting the cost, to pour out one's life for the sake of the Gospel in imitation of Jesus, the "Lamb of God", who gave his life for the salvation of humanity.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat.-Jan. 13 and Sun.-Jan.14

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-Special.Intention-Anne Collier Hoskins

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

Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church---- John Joe & Mary Hannah Drew and their deceased children

Daily Masses Mon. Jan. 8 – Fri. Jan. 12

Mon ----- Parish Chapel-----No Mass

Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John & Dorothy Barnes

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Peter Farrell

Thur--11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Albert Morris (Anne) .

Fr ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----George, Bessie, & Alfreda Harding

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

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

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Date	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
Jan. 13	Mary S	Ann B	Father Tom Edith O	Kevin O Bill D
Jan. 14	Mary S	Lydia W	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D
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

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$630.00
St. Anne's	70.00
Initial Offering	50.00
New Year's Offering	60.00
Christmas Offering	5.00
Advent Folders	30.00
Candles	185.35
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Mass Stipend	26.00
EFT (December 2023)	845.00

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 Linda Ann Joe 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.

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