

NOVEMBER 19 - WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that ‘throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ’s charity for the least and those most in need.’”

NOVEMBER 21 - MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This feast, which was entered into the Roman calendar in 1585, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin when Mary’s parents brought their three-year-old daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer her to God, as was the custom. Today the feast celebrates the recognition of Mary as a temple where God lives. *It is also the Feast of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

NOVEMBER 22 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR: Cecilia is patron saint of musicians. Her association with music stems from a story that at her wedding feast she sang to God in her heart. It is recorded that “while the profane music of her wedding was heard, Cecilia was singing in her heart a hymn of love for Jesus, her true spouse”. Cecilia, her husband Valerian, as well as his brother Tiburtius, were martyred for their faith. She is one of seven women, besides the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorated by name in *Eucharistic Prayer I.*

November 23 - Memorial of Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr: Pope Clement I is recognized as third in succession to Peter. Tradition has it that Clement was a contemporary of Peter and Paul; he was martyred in exile about AD 99. Clement’s fame rests in a letter he wrote to the Church of Corinth when Christians there revolted against their leaders. Intervening as Bishop of Rome, he clearly expects obedience. This attitude demonstrates the primacy of Rome at an early date.

November 23 - Memorial of Saint Columban, Abbot: Born in Ireland, Columban was one of the greatest of the Irish monks who carried Celtic Christianity throughout Europe at a time when paganism threatened to extinguish the faith. At age 40, Columban, along with twelve companions, founded ten monastic foundations in Gaul (France) over a period of ten years. Following this, Columban spent the rest of his life in Europe preaching and building new foundations which survived for centuries.

NOVEMBER 24 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DÜNG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS: In the 16th century Christian missionaries went to live among the people of Vietnam. From the 17th to 19th centuries, some 130,000 Christians were martyred. Andrew Dúng-Lac and Peter Thi, Vietnamese priests, were beheaded on December 21, 1839. In June 1988, Pope John Paul II declared 117 Vietnamese martyrs as saints of the Church.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, as we hear Jesus telling *The Parable of the Talents*, we see that those who used their talents were given more, whereas the one who hid his talent had it taken away. The lesson is clear – God offers us gifts and talents and, according to our ability, desires us to use them without fear or competition. The challenge for us then is to acknowledge that the talents, gifts, and blessings we receive from the Lord are accompanied by great responsibilities. The one who is spiritually open will enjoy God’s ongoing blessings, whereas the one who is not will miss the opportunities that are offered. As the parable draws to a close, there is a reference to the ‘end times’. As we near the end of this liturgical year, this appropriately turns our focus to the return of Christ and the fulfillment of the Kingdom, when God’s people will be called to account for the responsibilities brought by the great blessings received.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat-November 18 and November 19

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch- John Murphy Jr.

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church- Agnes Benoit

Daily Masses Mon November 20 – Fri November 24

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Jeremiah & Amelia Sutton and deceased family members

Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel----Helena & William Crant

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Gerard McDonald

Thur-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Amelia Marshy .

Fri ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Margaret & Larry Hudson

Weekend Liturgy: Sat- November 25 and Sun- November 26

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Theresa Pittman, Betty Hoskins, and Joclyn Crant

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church-----Roger John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Nov 18	Patsy M	Gerry C	Father Tom	Kevin O Monica K
Nov 19	Patsy M	Mark F	Father Tom	Anthony W George D
Nov 25	Edith O	Edith O	Father Tom	Finton O Gerard S
Nov 26	Edith O	Lydia W	Father Tom	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$669.00
St. Anne's	127.00
Mass Stipend	24.00
EFT (October 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

2024 Parish Envelopes will be available during the next few weeks for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2023 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2023 but would like a box for 2024, 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, 2024.

2024 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

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

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.

St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser: St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets are now available at St Alban's Clover Farm. 1st prize - \$500.00, 2nd prize - \$300.00, 3rd prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023.

