

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 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.

Knights of Columbus: December 7th at 7:00 pm., the Knights of Columbus will have a special Mass for all their deceased members. The Church Christmas tree lighting will take place at this service.

Penitential Service: Will be included in the regular Mass services on December 14th and 15th.

Advent Folders

Advent Folders are now available on the table located near the main entrance. Also available are Advent Offering envelopes if you wish to use this option instead of the coin folders. Please fill in your Name, Donation Amount and your Offertory Envelope #. 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 will be 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 Friday, December 20th, 2024.

2025 Parish Envelopes If you used at least one parish envelope by Nov, 2024, your 2025 set of envelopes are available at the back of the church. For those who did not use envelopes in 2024 but would like to do so in 2025 there are extra unnamed boxes available at the back of the church. If you take one of those boxes for 2025, don't forget to record your name opposite the box number on the sheet provided.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2025!



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new liturgical year (Year C). There are three aspects of anticipation to Jesus’ coming in the Advent season: the celebration of his birth some 2000 years ago (past), receiving Jesus in our lives today (present), and his coming again at the end of time (future). Today’s readings emphasize the third aspect when Jesus comes again in glory. In the Gospel Jesus speaks about the signs that will occur at the end of time and says, “Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man”. Let us take time during this Advent season to examine our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – November 30 and Sun. – December 1

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---- Theresa Pittman, Betty Hoskins & Barry Cox

St.Alban’s-Sunday – 4:00p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----***Parish Family***

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

Daily Masses Mon. December 2 – Fri. December 6

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Wayne Hoskins

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Benny Long

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Alice & Wallace Collier

Thurs- No Chapel Mass

Fri----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel--Mass for Thanksgiving-Mary Organ (Cecil)

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 7 and Sun. – December 8

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

St.Alban’s-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----***Parish Family***

Conne River-Sunday2:00p.m. St. Anne’s Church-----Thelma Ann Kendell

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Date	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
Nov. 30	Edith O	Pat P	Father Tom Edith O	Kevin O Bill D
Dec. 1	Edith O	Cindy B	Father Tom Genevieve T	Logan B Nicolas C
Dec. 7	Mary S	Edith O	Father Tom Patsy M	Finton O Gerard S
Dec. 8	Mary S	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$717.00
St. Anne's Church	90.00
Candles	125.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Mass Stipends	107.00
Baptism Stipend	25.00
Donation	500.00
Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1500.00
50/50 Fundraiser (November 2024)	3105.00

Congratulations to Irene Joe, winner of the November 2024 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1552.50)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Thank You: St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to the Collier family (Edith) for their generous donation of \$500.00 in memory of Anne Collier-Hoskins. The Church will use this donation to purchase new Paschal Candles in her memory.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Thomas Moore Collier, brother of Mary Strickland, 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

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.



2025 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

Are available at the back of church. Price is \$7.00 per missal.

Sacrament Preparation

For the **2024-2025** year, we will be offering preparations for the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion for anyone in Grade 2 and older. Confirmation which is offered every second year will go ahead in 2025-26.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Clayton Long of St. John's, NL, formerly of St. Joseph's Cove, NL, their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.