

ORDINARY TIME
(January 11 - February 16, 2021)

Ordinary Time encompasses that part of the liturgical year that does not fall within the distinctive seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Catholic Church celebrates two periods of the year as Ordinary Time: the first following the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and continuing until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday; the second following Pentecost Sunday until the evening before Advent. There are about 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time, depending on the year. In actuality, however, there are fewer 'Sundays of Ordinary Time' because major feasts honouring the Trinity, Corpus Christi, Christ the King, and others replace a particular Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is important to remember that Ordinary Time celebrates "the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus". During Ordinary Time "the people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus".

FEBRUARY 2 - FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:

Today's feast honours both Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the temple as well as Mary's purification as she re-enters the temple to present her Son to God. The observance of this feast began in fourth century Jerusalem. In the Middle Ages, a tradition began of blessing candles and holding a procession of light on this day. As a result, this feast is also known as "Candlemas", Christ our light has come to us. The Gospel presents this epiphany to us as Jesus is revealed as "a light of revelation to the Gentiles". The challenge for us, as we welcome the light of Christ into our hearts and lives, is to become bright beacons in our world, radiating the warmth of Christ's light to everyone we meet.

Welcome: On behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to welcome and thank our newest member, Gerard Smith for joining our parish committee.

Blessing of Throats: Wednesday, Feb 3rd Blessing of Throats on the Memorial of Saint Blaise, will be held in the Church at 7:00 pm. Throats will not be blessed individually. Father Patrick will give a general blessing to all parishioners while saying a prayer of blessing.

Congratulation to the children of St. Anne's who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Sunday. Keep them in your prayers.



St. Ignatius Parish



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we see Jesus in the synagogue in Capernaum, speaking and acting "as one having authority" – the authority of the God of Israel. Having astonished his listeners with his teaching, Jesus astonishes them even more by his actions when "a man with an unclean spirit" cries out for help. The man's loud cry sets up a scene in which the power of God, mediated through Jesus, overcomes the destructive forces which often take hold of human lives. Jesus' healing action, resulting in the man being made whole again, points to the greatness of the power of God over the power of evil. Throughout his ministry, Jesus' words and actions always go 'hand in hand', overcoming the forces of evil, leading people to a deeper faith in God, and building up the Kingdom. We too, through our words and actions, are called to do our part in leading others to God and in building up God's Reign here on earth.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily masses will remain private Mon Feb 1- Feb 5

Mon – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---James (Jim) Willcott

Tues – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Noel Baker

Wed – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Michael Prince

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Michael Farrell

Fri- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Margaret Brushett & deceased family members of MacDonald family

Weekend Liturgy: Sat Feb 5 and Sun Feb 7

St. Alban's-Sat 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Norman West

St. Alban's-Sun 10:30 a.m. St. Anne's Church-----**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Roger John

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Jan 30	Edith Monica	Pat P	Father Patrick	Julie-Ann Perry C
Jan 31	Edith/Monica	Valerie H	Father Patrick	
Feb 6	Mary/Patsy	Ann B	Father Patrick	
Feb 7	Mary/Patsy	Lydia W	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$ 678.00
St. Anne's Church	140.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Religious Articles	60.00
New Year's Offering	5.00
Mass Stipends	30.00

2020 Parish Envelopes should be discarded and not used during 2021. If you are using old envelopes, please pick up a box of 2021 envelopes at the back of the church. Don't forget to record your name opposite the number you take. Thank you.

Thank you for your generous financial support during 2020. We hope that you will continue to contribute to our parish financially in the coming years.

National Youth Assembly

The Development and Peace National Youth Assembly is happening virtually this year, on Saturday February 6th. It is open to all youth who are interested to learn more about International Development. Meet youth from across Canada involved in the Social Justice Movement. Hear about the work of our partners in the global south and how you can become involved and gain valuable experience.

If you would like to join any part of the program, please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAvce-tqzsuGdYquIA-GDiekvldOFFymK4F> or contact pwalsh@devp.org or shunt@devp.org

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH 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

Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, Newfoundland and Labrador District

The NL District of the 4th Degree is planning a **Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification** for Saturday, **March 20, 2021 at 10:00AM** using the application GoToMeeting.

Any Third Degree member in good standing is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to our country Canada through active membership in your local Fourth Degree Assembly. Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.

Please contact your local Knights of Columbus Council, or the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller of your local Fourth Degree Assembly for further information.

Membership in the Fourth Degree allows a Knight to display pride in his country, while continuing to serve his community and Church. **Please consider joining the Fourth Degree now.**

St. Ignatius Parish will be starting A 50/50 Fundraiser

Tickets \$5.00 each drawn on the 28th day of each month

Tickets can be purchased from members of our parish Council

This monthly fundraiser will be used to help cover the cost of the annual insurance fees, the diocesan assessment as well as help contribute to covering the monthly expenses of the Parish. Each month we continue to use funds earned during the Chase the Ace Fundraiser however it is our goal to reserve that fund for emergency funds and repairs as needed for the church.

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