

JANUARY 31 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST: John was born in Piedmont, Italy, in 1815. He studied for the Priesthood and was ordained in Turin. After visiting a prison while still a young Priest and seeing the fate of children imprisoned there, he resolved to devote himself to working among disadvantaged boys. He formed the Salesian Society, named after Francis de Sales, and began educating boys of the poor and working classes. Motivated by charity and gentleness, he always treated his students with kindness and dignity. With the help of Saint Mary Mazzarello, he also established the Salesian Sisters (Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians) to do similar work among girls. John Bosco died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.

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, which we reflect upon in the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, 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 today's world, radiating the warmth of Christ's light to everyone we meet.

FEBRUARY 2 - WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Today is also the "World Day for Consecrated Life". The purpose of this day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels", as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

February 3 - Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr: According to legend, Blaise performed a miraculous cure on a boy who was choking to death and so has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat. During the persecution of Licinius in the early fourth century, Blaise, who was an Armenian Bishop, suffered martyrdom. He is the patron of wild animals, wool-combers, and of all who suffer from afflictions of the throat.

February 3 - Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop: Ansgar, who was born near Amiens about 801, was later sent to study at a nearby monastery and became a monk in order to preach to the pagans. He had an extraordinary talent for preaching and converted many to the Christian faith. Known as the Apostle of the North, he died in 865, greatly venerated for his charity and sanctity. Ansgar is a patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins his "Sermon on the Mount" with the Beatitudes, giving people the new commandments from the mountaintop. We learn that true happiness comes from our life with God. As people of the Beatitudes, we are to be humble, meek, merciful, hungry for justice, clean of heart, peacemakers, and willing to suffer persecution. As we try to follow the Beatitudes, let us remember that we are blessed with God's Spirit as we try to live God-centered lives as followers of the Lord Jesus.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon January 30 – February 3

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Wm. A. Willcott (Ambrose)

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

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----David Organ

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Simon Collier

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Olive Smith Davis

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – February 4 and February 5

St.Alban's--Saturday7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Jason & Corey Willcott.

St.Alban's-----Sunday10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—**ParishFamily**

Conne River-----Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—Ricky John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
Jan 28	Mary S	Edith O	Father Patrick	
Jan 29	Mary S	Cindy B	Father Patrick	
Feb 4	Monica K	Ann B	Father Patrick	
Feb 5	Monica K	Mark W	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$457.00
St. Anne's	127.00
Baptism Stipend	50.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Donation IMO Hubert, Susie, & Linus Collier	300.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Thank you

A special thank you to Joseph and Catherine Collier for their donation in memory of Hubert, Susie, & Linus Collier.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

Funerals	\$200.00
Weddings	\$200.00
Baptism	\$25.00

Congratulations on your Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Hunter Darrell Anthony Drew and Wynter Kimberly Drew, baptized on January 20th, 2023 at St. Anne's Church. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

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 Patrick at 709-280-4904 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 Patrick Osuji

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:

Connie: 538-6096

Brenda: 538-6504

Audrey: 572-5609

Cindy: 538-8930

Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

Blessing Of The Throats Will take place on Saturday February 4, 2023

2022 Charitable Donation Receipt If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2022 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the churches in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank you.

