

JANUARY 1 -THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF

GOD: This feast of Mary falls exactly one week after Christmas, at the end of the octave of Christmas. The solemnity is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and hence also a celebration of Mary as the Mother of God. Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honour we can give Mary, and celebrating her divine maternity during the Christmas octave makes complete sense in that the celebration is connected closely to Christ's birth. In his encyclical, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI further noted the connection to New Year's Day and Mary's role as Queen of Peace. Thus it is fitting that January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is also observed as World Day of Peace. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

JANUARY 1 - WORLD DAY OF PEACE: The World Day of Peace was established in 1968 by Pope Paul VI who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come". Today we celebrate the 57th World Day of Peace. This is a special day set aside to pray for peace in the world, for goodwill among nations, and for light and guidance for civil and world leaders. It is a time for each of us to reflect on our individual responsibility to work and pray for peace. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, it is also an appropriate time to ask Mary, Queen of Peace, to intercede on behalf of the world for world peace.

JANUARY 2 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS:

Basil (329-379) and Gregory (329-390) were born in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Both studied in Athens, which was then the great university city of the Greek-speaking world. Both were ordained priests and later became bishops, then archbishops. Basil was Archbishop of Caesarea, and Gregory was Archbishop of Constantinople. They preached bravely against the Arian heresy which denied that Jesus is God. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen, along with Gregory of Nyssa, make up the trio of Cappadocian Doctors of the Church.

JANUARY 3 - Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus: The name of Jesus has been honoured since New Testament times. Saint Paul, in his letter to the people of Philippi, writes that ". . . at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (*Philippians 2.10-11*). The veneration of the Holy Name was extended to the entire Roman Catholic Church on December 20, 1721, during the pontificate of Pope Innocent XIII.



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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

This feast, instituted in 1921, is observed on the first Sunday following Christmas, unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30. Devotion to the Holy Family flourished during the Renaissance, and leading artists of the time – Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few – often portrayed the Holy Family in their work.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat.-Dec. 30 Sun.-Dec. 31 and Mon. Jan. 1

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-James.Lambert

St.Alban's-Sunday-**3:00 p.m.**St.IgnatiusChurch—*ParishFamily*

Conne River-Sunday-**No Service**

St.Alban's Monday-**10:30 a.m.** Parish Chapel- *Parish Family*

Daily Masses Tue. Jan. 2– Fri. Jan. 5

Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Christopher Cobb

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Linus Collier

Thur-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mary Hoddinott

Fri ---11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Mervin Walsh & Claude MacDonald

Weekend Liturgy: Sat.-Jan. 6 and Sun.-Jan.7

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-Cecil.(Mary)&Johnny

Organ

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
Dec. 30 7:00 p.m.	Patsy M	Pat P	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O
Dec. 31 3:00 p.m.	Mary S	Mitchel W Matthew W	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D
Jan. 1 10:30 a.m.	Mary S	Valerie H	Father Tom Mary S	
Jan. 6 7:00 p.m.	Edith O	Edith O	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
Jan. 7 10:30 a.m.	Edith O	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$1822.80
St. Anne's	190.00
Donations (Knights of Columbus)	1000.00
Donations (St. Alban's Clover Farm)	300.00
Donations (Fr. Tom)	100.00
Donations	20.00
Mass Stipend	60.00
Christmas Flowers	140.00
Funeral Stipend	400.00
Christmas Offering	885.00
Advent Folders	727.50
St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser	1500.00
Parish Dues	20.00
50/50 Fundraiser (December 2023)	3330.00

Congratulations to Pauline Benoit, winner of the December 2023 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1665.00)

Thank You: St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to the Knights of Columbus for its generous donation of \$1000.00

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

Thank You: St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to Fr. Tom Duffenais for his generous donation of \$100.00

Thank You: St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to St. Alban's Clover Farm for its generous donation of the \$300.00 2nd prize in the St. Ignatius Christmas Fundraiser.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Christmas Flowers have been donated in Loving Memory of:

In memory of Thomas & Geogina Barnes, Jacob Benoit & Philip Cox from Ann Benoit

In memory of Basil Barnes and deceased members of the Organ, Barnes, & Burke families from Stella Barnes

In memory of Almeda & Cecil Cox and Iris & Cyril Organ from Gerard Cox

In memory of Elizabeth & Sandy McDonald from family

Thank You:

St. Ignatius would like to thank Brenda Pelley-Davis for her personal donation of Christmas Poinsettias for the Church Altar and also for her countless hours in decorating the Church in preparation for the Christmas Season. St. Ignatius would also like to thank all who helped in decorating both the interior and the outside Church grounds.

Also, a big Thank You to Mary Strickland and all others who helped in the numerous fundraising initiatives in support of the parish throughout this past year. Your tireless efforts are greatly appreciated.

Lastly, but not least, thank you to all volunteers from Parish Council members, Sacristans, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, etc who with their donation of their time allow for the smooth workings of the Parish.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !!



