

**HOLY WEEK:** Holy Week is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, and it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. Holy Week ends on Holy Saturday with the beginning of the Easter Vigil. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem and culminating with his Passion and Death on the Cross. Though Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it anticipates the Easter joy of Christ's resurrection which brings new life to all who believe.

### **SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the *Triduum* (Latin for 'three days') opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, reaching its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday. During these days, we gather a number of times and we hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and Scripture readings. There are two important points to keep in mind regarding the Triduum:

First, it is the highpoint of the liturgical year, an event which, though it spans three days, is really **one** major unified celebration.

Secondly, the focus from start to finish is on "the glory of the Cross". This defining theme, inherent throughout the Triduum, is first expressed in the entrance antiphon of Holy Thursday's Mass: "*We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.*" These words set the tone for the whole Triduum event – we gather "to glory in the Cross of Christ".

**Day 1 (Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening):** The Church celebrates "Christ as Sacrifice" as Christ offers his Body and Blood in the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and then on the Cross of Calvary on Good Friday.

**Day 2 (Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening):** The Church is united with "Christ in the Tomb". There is no principal liturgical celebration. On this day the Lord sleeps; on this day we wait at the Lord's tomb and make every effort to enter into God's rest. Prayer, fasting, and silence are the order of the day.

**Day 3 (Holy Saturday evening to Easter Sunday evening):** The Church celebrates "Christ Being Raised Up". "Alleluias" ring out in welcome to our Risen Saviour. There is joy in Christ's journey from death to life, a journey we hope to share with Him.



## **ST. IGNATIUS PARISH**

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### ***PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD***

The beginning of today's Mass recalls the messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete his Paschal Mystery. In the Passion Narrative we see the model for all love – the sacrificial love of Jesus which continues to be available for each of us. This love is made manifest as Jesus, the Suffering Servant, is condemned unjustly and is subjected to great torment and agony as he is led to his crucifixion and death on the cross – the culmination of his great love for our salvation. Such great love ought to guide our personal and communal life as Christians and as Church.

### ***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

#### **Daily Masses Mon April 3 – Fri April 7**

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-Special Intention- George Organ (Stella Barnes)

Tues -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel----- Joe Willcott (Betty)

Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Aloysius, Margaret, & Ally Collier

Thurs- 7:00 p.m St. Ignatius Church.-----Muriel Benoit

**Penitential Service** : Monday, April 3 – St. Ignatius Church 7:00pm

**Holy Thursday April 6** – St. Ignatius Church 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday April 7** – St. Ignatius Church 3:00 p.m.

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat – April 8 and April 9**

St.Alban's-**EasterSaturday-8:00p.m.**St.IgnatiusChurch-Joclyn Crant

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

Conne River-**EasterSunday-2:00 p.m.** St. Anne's Church- Florailda & Samuel N Collier

**MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
<b>April 1</b>	Monica K	Edith O Pat P	Father Patrick	
<b>April 2</b>	Monica K	Valerie H Lydia W	Father Patrick	
<b>April 6 Holy Thurs.</b>	Patsy M	Ann B	Father Patrick	
<b>April 7 Good Friday</b>	Patsy M	Ann B Monica W	Father Patrick	
<b>April 8 Easter Vigil</b>	Edith O	Pat P Gerry C Edith O	Father Patrick	
<b>April 9 Easter Sunday</b>	Edith O	Cindy B Mark W	Father Patrick	

**Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$792.00	St. Anne's	70.00
Easter Flowers	230.00	Mass Stipends	40.00
Candles	71.35	Baptism Stipend	25.00
Diocesan Collection (Devel & Peace)	180.00	Certificates	5.00
Donations (Survivor Group)	5000.00	50/50 Fundraiser	3280.00

**Thank You:** To all who participated in the Survivor Group

**Congratulations** to Geraldine Cribb, winner of the March 2023 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1640.00)

**Thank you for your continued support to the parish.**

**Easter Flowers**

Parish members wishing to donate towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the church may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.

**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*

**Knights of Columbus Essay Contest:** This year the Knights of Columbus State Council will be sponsoring the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest is open to all Catholic students in Grades 8,9,10,11 and 12 during the current school year. The deadline for the essay contest is April 20, 2023. Contestants need to put their name, date of birth, grade and council number (St. Ignatius Council # 13763) on their essay. The essay should be 500 words or more. The title is: How do we Keep Faith and Family Important on the Lord's Day. Prizes will be offered in three categories :

Grade 8 - 9 One prize of \$50.00 for the best essay

Grade 10 -11 One prize of \$100.00 for the best essay

Grade 12 One prize of \$150.00 for the best essay

Send all essays to John Thoms 174 main Street Bishop's Falls, NL A0H 1C0

If you have any questions contact me at phone # 709 - 258 - 5291 or Email :

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Thank you, John Thoms

State Community Director

**Stations of The Cross:** Will occur at St Anne's Church in Conne River on Good Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. Also, a reminder there will be a collection for the **Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.**

**Walk For Life and Stations of the Cross:** The Walk for Life will occur at 10:30 a.m. on Good Friday, meeting at the front of St. Ignatius Church. Following the Walk for Life will be Stations of the Cross in St. Ignatius Church. All are welcome.

**Holy Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration:** Many parishes offer Eucharistic Adoration after the Holy Thursday Mass. If you would like to participate in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please sign the sheet provided at the Church entrance. Place your name(s) in one of the assigned time slots. Thank you.

**Holy Thursday:** St Ignatius Parish requires twelve volunteers to perform the washing of the feet. Please sign the sheet provided at the Church entrance.