

JANUARY 24 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP,

DOCTOR: Born in 1567, Francis, after obtaining doctorates in both canon and civil law, rejected opportunities for a brilliant career, choosing religious life instead. He was ordained in 1593 and appointed Bishop of Geneva in 1602. He lived a life of austerity and simplicity, sharing his abundance with the poor. In his ministry, he emphasized both the loving kindness of God and the human capacity for love. He was also one of the principal leaders of the Catholic Reformation. Francis died in 1622, was beatified the same year, and was canonized in 1665. He is a Doctor of the Church and patron saint of the deaf, of writers, and of the Catholic press.

JANUARY 25 - FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE

APOSTLE: Paul's conversion was a turning point in the history of the early Church and a cause for celebration that one who formerly persecuted Christians was converted to Christianity. Saul, as Paul was first known, zealously persecuted the followers of Christ until he experienced a profound conversion when he was struck down amidst a blinding light from heaven while travelling on the road to Damascus. According to the account in the *Acts of the Apostles* (9.1-22; 22.3-16; 26.12-18), a voice asked, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Following the instructions he was given, Saul headed into Damascus and began proclaiming Jesus. Paul's zeal for the Risen Jesus led him to become a passionate follower of Christ and later a teacher of the nations. The letters, or epistles, of Saint Paul offer us a window into the early Church.

JANUARY 26 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT TIMOTHY AND SAINT TITUS,

BISHOPS: Timothy and Titus were disciples of Saint Paul, and Paul's letters to them are part of the New Testament. Each worked with Paul and each became a leader of a Pauline community. Timothy became Bishop of Ephesus, and Titus, Bishop of Crete. It is believed that Timothy was stoned to death around 67 AD and that Titus died of old age.

JANUARY 28 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST,

DOCTOR: Born near Aquino, Italy, about 1225, Thomas was educated at the Benedictine Monastery at Monte Cassino from the age of five. At nineteen he joined the newly-formed Dominicans and, with his teacher Albert the Great, he developed the theological 'Scholastic method', which dominated Catholic teaching for centuries. He wrote many books, his most famous work being *Summa theologiae*. Many of his hymn texts, such as *Pange lingua* and *Tantum ergo*, are still in use today. A man of towering intellect, Thomas was also a very humble mystic. He died in 1274, was canonized in 1323, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1567. In 1880, he was proclaimed patron saint of universities and schools. His intellect and insight have had a profound influence in the Church.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel continues the theme of Christian discipleship begun last Sunday. As the passage begins, Jesus is in Galilee, proclaiming the 'good news of God' and announcing the nearness of 'the kingdom of God'. Then he calls his first disciples – the brothers Simon and Andrew, and the brothers James and John. Called abruptly from their daily work of fishing, they respond immediately to the summons of Jesus, leaving behind their work and family ties. Just as Jesus called these first disciples, so too he calls us, each and every day, to be his disciples. We need only hear the voice of the Lord Jesus saying to us as he did the first disciples, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people". The response is then up to us. The call to be disciples of the Lord Jesus is a call to continue the mission that Jesus began, thus sharing in the work of proclaiming 'the good news of God' and in building up 'the kingdom of God' in our midst.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Please Note: Daily Chapel will take place at 10:00 am on Monday, Jan. 23

Daily Masses Mon January 23 – January 27

Mon - 10:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ross Willcott

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Finton Collier

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Max Davis

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

Fri----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Leonard Smith

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – January 28 and Sun – January 29

St.Alban's--Saturday 7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—John Murphy Jr.

St.Alban's-----Sunday 10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—**Parish Family**

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Jan 21	Edith O	Monica W	Father Patrick	
Jan 22	Edith O	Valerie H	Father Patrick	
Jan 28	Mary S	Edith O	Father Patrick	
Jan 29	Mary S	Cindy B	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$610.00
St. Anne's	140.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
Initial Offering	15.00
Parish Dues	20.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Missals	85.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

Thank You

St. Ignatius Parish would like to offer their sincere gratitude to the local chapter of the St. Alban's Lions Club for the donation of a new amplifier for the Church Chimes.

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.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Regina (Jenny) Nugent their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you. Funeral service will take place Monday, January 23, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.