

DECEMBER 12 - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,

PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS: Today's feast commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. An imprint of her image was left on a cloak belonging to Juan Diego to whom she twice appeared. This cloak is an object of great veneration and is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centres of North America. Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has grown over the centuries, and in 1946 Pope Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas. *The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.*

DECEMBER 13 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR:

Lucy was born in Syracuse, Italy, and was martyred about 304. Because her name is derived from *lux* ('light'), during the Middle Ages people suffering from eye trouble began invoking Lucy's aid. She is also associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

DECEMBER 14 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS,

PRIEST, DOCTOR: Born in Spain in 1542, John later entered the Carmelite community and was ordained in 1567. With the great Carmelite mystic, Teresa of Avila, he worked for the reformation of his order and helped found the reformed ('Discalced') Carmelites. He wrote many spiritual classics, notably *the Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul,* and *The Living Flame of Love.* John died in 1591, was canonized in 1726, and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1926.

Christmas Eve Mass: Saturday December 24th

St. Anne's Church Conne River 6:00pm
St. Ignatius Church St. Alban's 8:30pm

Christmas Day Mass: Sunday December 25th

St. Ignatius Church 10:30am

New Year's Eve Mass: Saturday December 31st

St. Ignatius Church 7:00pm

New Year's Day Mass: Sunday January 1st

St. Ignatius Church 10:30am



St. Ignatius Parish



St.

Ignatius Church-St. Alban's St. Anne's Church- Conne River

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. The Entrance Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.* This joyful aspect orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have every reason to rejoice!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon December 12– Fri December 16

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Frances Fewer
Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel----Susie Collier (Hubert)
Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Max Davis
Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Albert Morris (Anne)
Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Goretta Pierce

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – December 17 and Sun – December 18

St.Alban's-Saturday7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Edward, Veronica, Patrick
& Sylvester Lambert

St.Alban's-Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church—**Parish Family**
Conne River-Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—Ricky John

Penitential Service

Monday December 12th – St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Dec 10	Monica K	Edith O	Father Patrick	
Dec 11	Monica K	Cindy B	Father Patrick	
Dec 17	Patsy M	Ann B	Father Patrick	
Dec 18	Patsy M	Mark W	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$935.00
St. Anne's Church	125.00
Mass Stipends	55.00
Christmas Flowers	55.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Donation	50.00
Certificates	5.00
Missals	56.00
EFT (November 2022)	1027.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Advent Folders

Advent Folders are now available on the table located near the main entrance.

Christmas Flowers: You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias that will be used on our Altar this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Bulletin. Please use an envelope with your name, envelope number and the name of your loved ones with your donation inside and place in the collection basket or drop off at parish office.

Christmas Choir: We are hoping to have a community choir for Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested please come to the practice on December 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome.

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

The Bay D'Espoir Foodbank is preparing for Christmas Baskets and the Christmas season. Please help ensure all our community members have access to the necessities they will need over the holiday season. Some of the main items which we need to build on include:

Sugar Tea Can Vegetables
Milk Coffee Dish Detergent
Flour Butter Can Fruit

Toilet Paper

Large and small items of the above listed items would be greatly appreciated. Your generosity over the year has been greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness. Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

For more information please contact:

Connie : 538-6096
 Brenda : 538-6504
 Audrey: 572-5609
 Cindy : 538-8930

St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser: St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets are available at St Alban's Clover Farm. 1st prize - \$500.00, 2nd prize - \$300.00, 3rd prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022.