

SEPTEMBER 6 - LABOUR DAY: In Canada we celebrate Labour Day on the first Monday of September. It is one of the special days observed as a 'Day of Prayer in the Dioceses of Canada'. Though this day is a time for relaxation, it is also an opportune time for reflection. Church teachings rightly remind us of the value of work. Among other things, work enhances our human dignity, it is needed in order to form and maintain a family, and it contributes to the common good of our local, national and global communities. On this day we are called to recognize the value of human work and to realize more fully our responsibility to defend the dignity of working people, to encourage all to be responsible in their work, and to celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation. This Labour Day, let us take time to reflect on the value of work and the importance of recognizing and respecting the dignity of all workers. Let us pray too for all workers and also for those who are without work that they may find gainful employment.

SEPTEMBER 8 - FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the fifth century. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus.

September 9 - Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest: Born in 1580 near Barcelona, Spain, Peter Claver joined the Jesuits in 1600. Inspired to work in the missions in the New World, he was sent to Cartagena (now Columbia) in South America. Cartagena was then the centre of the slave trade and Peter tended to newly-arrived Africans with food, water, and medicine. For nearly forty years, he ministered to the slaves and pleaded with their owners to treat them humanely. Peter died in 1654 and was canonized in 1888. He is a patron of Columbia and of all missions to black people.

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen



St. Ignatius Parish

St.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we see Jesus healing a deaf man with a speech impediment. The key words spoken by Jesus are "Be opened". The result is: "And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly". This Gospel speaks to us as modern-day disciples, calling us to reflect upon the importance of openness and to discern the many ways in which we can be more open to God's presence in our lives. Often, distractions and doubts cause us to be blind to recognizing Jesus at work in our midst and deaf to hearing his voice. In private prayer and at Eucharist, we need to ask Jesus to heal our blindness and deafness just as he did in today's Gospel so that we can speak the truth about him and glorify God in the particular circumstances of our daily lives.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily masses Mon September 6 – Fri September 10

Mon – 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church----- Walter Farrell

Tues – 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church ---- Elizabeth & Sandy Macdonald

Wed – 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Cecil Organ (Mary)

Thurs- 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church----- Charmaine Howse

Fri- 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church----- Greg & Nick Organ

Weekend Liturgy: Sat September 11 and Sun September 12

St. Alban's-Sat 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church—Pauline Hoskins

St. Alban's-Sun 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church—**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church---Peter & Sarah Jeddore

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

| DATE | Sacristan | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Music |
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| Sept 04 | Mary S Patsy M | MonicaW | Father Patrick | Recorded |
| Sept 05 | Mary S Patsy M | Lydia W | Father Patrick | Recorded |
| Sept 11 | Edith O | Edith O | Father Patrick | Recorded |
| Sept 12 | Edith O | Mark W | Father Patrick | Recorded |

Weekly Parish Income

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| St. Ignatius Church | \$629.00 |
| St. Anne's Church | 82.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 55.00 |
| Funeral Stipend | 400.00 |
| Certificates | 15.00 |
| 50/50 Fundraiser | 3050.00 |

Congratulations to Richard Haggerty, winner of the August 28th 50/50 Fundraiser.(\$1525.00)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese) Certificates (copy)

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| Funerals | \$200.00 | Baptism | \$5.00 |
| Weddings | \$200.00 | Confirmation | \$5.00 |
| Baptism | \$25.00 | Communion | \$5.00 |

Marriages

By appointment minimum six months in advance. Marriage preparation course required.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Sarah Jane Willcott their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

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

Sacristans Needed

Sacristans are parishioners who are willing to give up a small amount of time to prepare the Church for the celebration of Mass as well as cleaning up afterwards. If you would like to learn more, please contact the office at 538-3106.

A YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: On December 8th, 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph to mark the 150th anniversary of the proclamation by Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. A webpage dedicated to Celebrating the Year of Saint Joseph is available on the CCCB website. The webpage contains a number of resources and will be updated periodically throughout the Year of St. Joseph. The website is www.cccb.ca.

Diocesan Policy update regarding wearing masks

Beginning August 14, 2021, wearing masks at Sunday Liturgies, Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms, is strongly recommended while entering the church, moving about in church, during the Communion Procession, and when exiting the church. Once people are seated and physical distancing is established, masks may be removed. All other Covid-19 protocols will remain in place for the time being.

