August 7 - Memorial of Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs: Sixtus succeeded Stephen I as Pope in the year 257. That same year persecution of Christians began, and the next year Sixtus, in order to prevent the arrest of many others, offered himself and was beheaded while sitting in his chair, speaking to the assembly. Six deacons were also martyred. Sixtus was buried in the papal tomb, and his relics are located and venerated in the old Church of Saint Sixtus in Rome.

<u>August 7 - Memorial of Saint Cajetan, Priest:</u> Born in Vicenza in 1480, Cajetan joined a confraternity called the Roman Order of Divine Love in 1516 and was ordained the same year. He devoted himself to serving the poor and the sick. His work made him aware of the desperate need for reform in the Church and, in 1524, he and others formed a society called the Theatines. When Spaniards plundered Rome in 1527, they tortured the Theatines in the mistaken belief that they had hidden treasure. The community left Rome and set up houses in Venice and Naples. Cajetan gained a reputation as a saint even during his lifetime. He died in Naples in 1547.

AUGUST 8 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST: Dominic founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). Priests of this order were highly educated and could be sent where the need was greatest, fighting heresy and preaching the importance of the Sacraments. Dominic died in 1221, was canonized in 1234, and is a patron saint of the Dominican Republic (named after the Latin word for Sunday), astronomers, scientists, and falsely accused persons.

August 9 - Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr: In 1891, Edith Stein was born into a large Jewish family in Breslau, Germany (present-day Poland). A remarkable student, she received her doctorate at age 25. She was drawn to Catholicism and was baptized in 1922, spending the next 12 years teaching at Catholic institutions. In 1934 she joined the Carmelites in Cologne, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. However, by 1938, Nazi antisemitism was widespread, and in 1942 Edith was arrested by the Gestapo and deported to Auschwitz where she died in a gas chamber. She was canonized in 1998 and is co-patroness of Europe.

AUGUST 10 - FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR: Lawrence suffered martyrdom in 258. A defender of the Church in Rome, he was one of the most venerated Roman martyrs of the early Church and is a patron of Rome. He is mentioned in the Canon of the Mass (Eucharistic Prayer I).

AUGUST 11 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN: At the age of 18, Clare heard a sermon by Francis of Assisi and committed herself to a life of gospel poverty. At age 19, she received the religious habit and at age 22 she was made abbess of the Poor Clares who modeled their life on the ideals of St. Francis, thus practising radical poverty. Greatly respected as a "new leader of women", Clare received papal approval for her own rule — the first rule for religious women written by a woman for women. Credited with many miracles, she was canonized two years after her death.





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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE TRANSFIGURTION OF THE LORD

The Transfiguration is an awe-inspiring indication of the resplendent glory that belongs to Jesus Christ as God's unique Son. Having been led up a high mountain by the Lord Jesus, "Peter and James and his brother John" experienced a sudden change in Jesus. As they looked on, "... his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white". Suddenly they heard a voice from a cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" For a brief moment Jesus enabled them to have a glimpse of his radiant glory, thus revealing his true identity to them. It was as if they were for the first time seeing Jesus as truly the Son of God. However, having left the glory of eternity to come to earth to die for sinners, Jesus, as God's only Son, laid aside that glory and emptied himself to the point of death for our salvation. Thus, following his transfiguration, Jesus moves steadily towards his death. As followers of the Lord Jesus, let us not lose sight of the broader message: we may enjoy spending time on the mountain in prayer with Jesus, but we must bring the knowledge of who Jesus really is into the ordinariness of our daily lives – listening to him, doing his will, and being willing to renounce glory in exchange for suffering.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat-August 5 and August 6

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch--Barry.Cox St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch--*ParishFamily*

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church- James & Hannah Benoit

<u>Daily Masses Mon August 7 – Fri August 11</u>

Mon----7:00 p.m.Parish Chapel-------Rose "Rosie" McDonald Tues---7:00 p.m.Parish Chapel-------Genevieve Smith

Wed ---7:00 p.m.Parish Chapel------Donald Snook

Thurs------David Organ

Fri------Geraldine Farrell

Weekend Liturgy: Sat- August 12 and Sun- August 13

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St. IgnatiusChurch—Kenneth Hoskins (Ann)

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Date	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
August 5	Mary S	Gerry C	Father Patrick	Finton O Gerard S
August 6	Mary S	Valerie H	Father Patrick	William M Ivan O
August 12	Monica K	Monica W	Father Patrick	Kevin O Monica K
August 13	Monica K	Cindy B	Father Patrick	Anthony W Perry C

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$769.00
St. Anne's	87.00
St. Anne's (St. Anne's Day)	187.00
Mass Stipends	14.00
Candles	148.15
Diocesan Collections (Peter's Pence)	5.00
50/50 Fundraiser (July 2023)	3400.00

<u>Congratulations</u> to Libby Organ, winner of the July 28, 2023 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1700.00)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Announcements:

- Due to an increase in costs, mass intentions purchased with a Mass card will now cost \$7.00. Mass intentions without a Mass card will remain \$5.00.
- The Parish Council of St. Ignatius has positions available for anyone who may have an interest in joining.
- Knights of Columbus now has the Relic of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney in our Parish. The Relic will be on display at the Altar on Saturday, August 5 during Mass until 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 7. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Relic will be made available to sick members of our Parish who want it brought to their home overnight. For further information, call Pat Pittman (709)538 3719.

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: The Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank now has its own telephone #: (709) 538-7936. Messages can be left on an answering service. Please leave your name and telephone number and someone will return your call during the hours of operation. Thank you. Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

Some items that are in need include teabags, coffee, and canned vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

Visitations In Central NL: Fr. Patrick will be in Grand Falls-Windsor from Monday, August 14 until Friday, August 18. If anyone from the Bay D'Espoir area has a family member or someone they know residing in a retirement complex or healthcare facility and would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the Parish office at (709)-538-3106 to arrange a visitation. Office hours are Wednesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The required information will be the person's name, residing address, a preferred time for the visit, and telephone number if applicable. Visitations can be arranged for facilities located in Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishops Falls, and Botwood.