

**JANUARY 9 - FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Today, as Jesus is baptized, we have another epiphany (manifestation) or theophany (the revelation of God to humanity) when Jesus is named the Beloved Son of God. In actuality, Jesus had no need of the Sacrament of Baptism since he had no sin. However, in submitting himself humbly to his baptism by John the Baptist, Christ provided an example for all his followers. Jesus' baptism marks his initiation into public ministry. With this celebration we are called to recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated into the Church through our baptism, we too are commissioned to proclaim Good News to the world by the way we live.

**ORDINARY TIME**

**(January 10 - February 21, 2023)**

Ordinary Time encompasses that part of the liturgical year that does not fall within the distinctive seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Catholic Church celebrates two periods of the year as Ordinary Time: the first following the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and continuing until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday; the second following Pentecost Sunday until the evening before Advent. There are about 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time, depending on the year. In actuality, however, there are fewer Sundays of Ordinary Time because major feasts honouring the Trinity, Corpus Christi, Christ the King, and others replace a particular Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is important to remember that Ordinary Time celebrates "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects".

**JANUARY 12 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS,**

**VIRGIN:** Marguerite was born in France in 1620 and she made her first voyage across the Atlantic in 1653. Her mandate was to develop educational opportunities for the aboriginal children and for the families of the French settlers in Montreal. Other women eventually joined her, and the group formed an institute of uncloistered Sisters. Inspired by the life of Our Lady, the group chose the name 'Congrégation Notre-Dame'. Marguerite died in 1700 and was declared a saint in 1982. Her work continues today in many parts of the world through the efforts of the community which she founded.

**January 13 - Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor:** Hilary was born in Gaul (France) in 320. As an adult, he converted to Christianity and was chosen as Bishop about 350. He is best known for his valiant defence of Christianity against the Arian heresy. He continued his confrontation with Arianism until his death about 368. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851.



**ST. IGNATIUS PARISH**

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***THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek noun "epiphaneia" which means "shining forth", "manifestation", or "revelation". The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revelation or manifestation of Christ's identity as true God, Messiah, and Saviour of the world. There is great joy in the proclamation that God is made known to the entire world in Christ Jesus; on the other hand, this brings with it a great challenge for us to be open and accepting of others, to ensure that all people are welcome, and that all needs are met.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Daily Masses Mon January 9– Fri January 13**

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

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Gerald Organ

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Joclyn Crant

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Muriel Benoit

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel---Ralph Blake (Special Intention)

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat – January 14 and Sun – January 15**

St.Alban's--Saturday7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Brian Organ

St.Alban's--Sunday10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—***ParishFamily***

Conne River-Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—Peter & Sarah Jeddore  
and deceased children

## **MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
<b>Jan 7</b>	Monica K	Pat P	Father Patrick	
<b>Jan 8</b>	Monica K	Mark W	Father Patrick	
<b>Jan 14</b>	Patsy M	Gerry C	Father Patrick	
<b>Jan 15</b>	Patsy M	Lydia W	Father Patrick	

### **Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$651.10	St. Anne's	No Mass
Provincial Grant (Gov. Of NL)	10,000.00	Mass Stipends	50.00
New Year's Offering	366.00	Christmas Offering	5.00
Initial Offering	285.00	Marriage Stipend	200.00
Baptism Stipend(s)	50.00	Certificates	15.00

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

### **Thank you**

A special thank you to the St. Alban's Knights of Columbus Council for their generous donation of \$1000.00 to St. Ignatius Parish

### **Congratulations**

The worshipping community of St. Ignatius Parish extends wishes of good luck and God's rich blessings for Trevor and Jeannine Organ on their recent marriage.

### **Congratulations on your Baptism**

We welcome into our parish community Timmy Roger Walter McDonald, baptized on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at St. Anne's Church. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

### **Congratulations on your Baptism**

We welcome into our parish community Charlie Brian Benoit, baptized on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at St. Anne's Church. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

## **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 community food bank will reopen to the public on Tuesday January 10, 2023.

### **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.

## **Prayer for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

*Oh, God, faithful rewarder of souls,  
grant that your departed servant Pope Benedict XVI,  
whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your church,  
may happily enjoy forever in your presence in heaven  
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,  
which he faithfully ministered on earth.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives in reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever, and ever. Amen.*