

ADVENT SEASON: “The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way, Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 39). During Advent, each Sunday’s Gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

NOVEMBER 30 - FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE: Andrew came from Bethsaida in Galilee and, like his father and his brother Simon, he was a fisherman. A disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew was present at Jesus’ baptism. When John stated, “Behold the Lamb of God”, Andrew understood and followed Jesus. Going to his brother Simon Peter, Andrew told him that he had found the Messiah. Thus Andrew is known as the first disciple of Jesus. Later, when Jesus chose his apostles, Andrew was among the Twelve. He is a patron saint of Scotland and Russia, of the Greek Church, and of the fishing industry. The cross of Saint Andrew, which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was first associated with Andrew in the tenth century.

DECEMBER 3 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST: Francis was born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain. He was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and spent many years working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa, South East Asia, and Japan. Francis died in 1552 while on his way from Goa to China. He was canonized in 1602 and is a patron of all foreign missions.

Knights of Columbus

December 10th at 7:00 pm., the Knights of Columbus will have a special Mass for all their deceased members. The Church Christmas tree lighting will take place at this service.

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.



St. Ignatius Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new liturgical year (Year A). There are three aspects of anticipation to Jesus’ coming in the Advent season: the celebration of his birth some 2000 years ago (past), receiving Jesus in our lives today (present), and his coming again at the end of time (future). Today’s readings emphasize the third aspect when Jesus comes again in glory. In the Gospel, Jesus says, “Keep awake . . . for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” Let us take time during this Advent season to examine our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon November 28– Fri December 2

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Nora & John Howse

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ron Loveless Sr.

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Finton & Mona Willcott

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Reginald, Lillian, Junien, & Gordon Willcott

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Michael Farrell

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – December 3 and Sun – December 4

St.Alban’s-Saturday7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch--- Theresa Pittman & Betty Hoskins, and Barry Cox

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

Conne River-Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church—George Melvin Drew

Penitential Service

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

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Nov 26	Edith O	Gerry C	Father Patrick	
Nov 27	Edith O	Lydia W	Father Patrick	
Dec 3	Mary S	Monica W	Father Patrick	
Dec 4	Mary S	Valerie H	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$853.00
St. Anne's Church	80.00
Mass Stipends	15.00
Religious Articles	117.30
Diocesan Collection-World Mission Sunday	5.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Certificates	5.00
Missals	195.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

2023 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

Available at back of church. Price is \$7.00 per missal.

2023 Parish Envelopes will be available during the next few weeks for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2022 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2022 but would like a box for 2023, extra unlabelled boxes will be available in December. If you take an unnamed box, please print your name on the recording sheet opposite the box number you take. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2023.

Advent Folders

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

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

Opening Date: Tuesday February 15th, 2022-02-09

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.

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.

