



SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

AUGUST 28 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR: Augustine, born in North Africa, abandoned his Christian faith but later embraced it, thanks to the prayers of his mother Monica and the influence of the great Bishop Ambrose whose sermons convinced him of the truth of Christianity. At Easter 387, Augustine was baptized by Ambrose and later was ordained a priest, becoming Bishop of Hippo in 396. Augustine successfully defended the Christian faith against several heresies. His intelligence and pastoral concern shaped the thought of Western Christianity and guided the Church for over a thousand years. Augustine is one of the greatest Fathers of the Church and is known as the Doctor of Grace.

AUGUST 29 - MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST: After John's birth, his father Zechariah spoke Isaiah's prophecy ('Benedictus'), saying that his son John would prepare the way of the Lord. John did just that; he traveled around the countryside, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In his zeal, John reproved Herod for living with his brother's wife, Herodias, so Herod had John imprisoned. When Salome, the daughter of Herodias, impressed Herod with her dancing, Herod promised her whatever she wanted. Salome consulted her mother who told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod could not refuse to honour his oath. The news of John's death soon reached his disciples who came for the body and laid it in a tomb.

From A Letter of Saint Ignatius: Only in recent years, since I came to St. Alban's, have I learned of some of the writings of our own dear Saint Ignatius of Antioch. This is an excerpt from a letter to his much younger friend, Saint Polycarp, who was also a bishop.

"I was so happy to see your face. May I ever enjoy the sight of it in eternity. Press forward on your journey, and exhort all men to salvation. Always have great concern for the spiritual and daily needs of your flock. Let unity, the greatest of all good, be your preoccupation. Carry the burdens of all, as the Lord carries yours. Have patience with all in charity, as indeed you do. Give yourself to prayer continually. Ask for wisdom greater than you now have. Speak to each person individually, following Jesus example. Bear the weaknesses of all, like a perfect athlete of God. The greater the toil, the richer the reward. If you love only your good disciples, you gain no merit. Rather, you must win over the more troublesome by kindness. I'm everything, I am your devoted friend- I and my chains, which you have kissed."

Reading the Word at Funeral Masses: At every Mass, the Word of God should be read with the greatest clarity and reverence and dignity. At every Mass, the Word of God should be proclaimed well. At Funeral Masses, the family and the people attending are most attentive to the Word to find comfort and peace at a very difficult time in their lives. I will speak to both funeral directors in our parish, and a list of readers will be provided so that the family of the deceased can choose readers who have had experience and training in reading of the Word of God. This way, the family do not have to choose family members to read the Word of God.

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The significant moment in today's Gospel occurs when Peter answers the important question asked by the Lord Jesus, "But who do you say that I am?" His response, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", is indeed a wholehearted, faith-filled declaration. Today Jesus poses the same question to each of us: "Who do you say that I am?" As modern-day disciples, we answer that question by responding to Christ's will each and every day, wholeheartedly involving ourselves in his life and mission. In today's world, where many people do not seem to know who Christ really is, this call and mission come to us with compelling urgency. Each time we come together to celebrate Mass we profess our faith in Jesus as God's only Son, our Lord and Redeemer, and we are sent forth to put into practice what we have proclaimed. Called to become involved in "the new evangelization", we reveal to others on a daily basis who Christ really is by our every word and action, thus living out our belief in Christ, the Son of the living God.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: August 28th –Sept. 2nd

Monday-----				No Mass
Tuesday-----	7:00 p.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----		Susan Collier, Rod Willcott
Wed. -----	10:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----		Clifford, Lorraine, & Shelly Hoskins
Thurs.-----	10:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----		John & Terry Murphy
Friday -----	10:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----		Special Intention for Terry Brown and Family
Saturday -----	2:00 p.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----		Wedding Ceremony

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Sept. 2nd and Sunday, Sept. 3rd

St. Alban's-----	Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----		Gordon Collier
St. Alban's-----	Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----		Parish Family
Conne River----	Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.-----	St. Anne's Church-----		Alphonsus & Angela Collier

Prayer for Health

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I come to ask you for the gift of restored health, that I may serve you more faithfully and love you more sincerely than in the past. I want to be well and strong if it is your will and rebound to your glory. If, in your divine wisdom I am to be restored to health and strength, I will strive to show my gratitude by a constant and faithful service rendered to you.

Grace before meals: *“Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER TO ST. ANNE

Remember, O glorious and Good Saint Anne, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, behold, I cast myself at thy feet, and beseech thee, by thy great prerogative of being the Mother of the Queen of Heaven and the Grandmother of Jesus, come to my aid with thy powerful intercession, and obtain from Almighty God through the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, this special favor which I beg of thee.....Cease not to intercede for me until, through Divine Mercy, my request may be granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace one day to behold my God face to face and with thee and Mary and all the Saints praise and bless Him through all eternity. Amen.

Bus Lane: During the school week, from Monday to Fridays, people are asked not to drive along in front of the school. In other words, that lane is reserved for buses and for students and teachers to walk safely to and from the school. All cars are asked to use ONLY the main church parking lot for vehicular traffic.

A prayer to the Holy Family: This is a beautiful prayer to the Holy Family, and we could say this prayer, asking God to bless and help our own family.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
In you we contemplate
The splendour of true love
To you we turn with trust
Holy Family of Nazareth,
Grant that our families too
Will have places of prayer and peace
Holy Family of Nazareth,
May our families never again
Experience violence and division
May all who have been hurt
Find ready comfort and healing

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Make us more mindful
of the sacredness of the family
and its beauty in God’s plan
Jesus Mary and Joseph
Please hear our prayer
Amen

SUMMER HOLIDAYS BLESSING

*Lord God,
We put ourselves into your hands
And pray that you will bless us
And our families during the wonderful months of summer.
May we all help make our home a place of relaxation,
Joy, love and peace and safety
May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
But helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen*

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
August 26	Mary Organ	Pat Pittman	Iris Greenham Nellie Collier Charlie Mayo	Matthew Willcott	Edith Juanita	Julie Ann Tracy Perry
August 27	Jenny Maggie	Valerie Hoskins	George Davis Clarence Davis Mike Snook	Genevieve Tremblett	Matthew Mitchell	Lenora Lambert
Sept. 2	Jenny Maggie	Ann Benoit Audrey Davis	Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ Francis MacNeil	Mitchel Willcott	Maggie Pat	Mary Organ
Sept. 3	Mary Strickland	Philomena Sutton	Perry Cox Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont	Mary Organ	Jenny Brenda Davis	Tiffany Hoskins

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – offertory ----- \$1150.00 Mass Stipend ----- \$5.00
 Wedding Stipend-----\$200.00

Gratefully acknowledged donation, In loving memory of Ed, Veronica and Patrick Lambert, by the Lambert family.

Website Update

The St. Ignatius Parish website is up and running and updates are done on a regular basis. The bulletin is posted there each week. Please help share the word, especially to friends and family who are living away. You can visit the website at www.st.ignatiusparish.net

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca the parish office to have a registration form emailed to you. ***Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.*** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

Weddings: Please allow at least 6 months notice before the date of the wedding. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Banns of Marriage: There is a promise of marriage between Megan Croke and Devon Strickland. The wedding Ceremony will take place on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 at St. Ignatius Church.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The Newfoundland Flag: The pink in the Newfoundland flag started as a symbol of the English Protestant in the late 1830's. The pink represented the English Tudor Rose-The Irish Catholic immigrants responded by flying a green flag bearing the Celtic harp. In the 1840's, the division between these two groups continued, with frequent religious strife. In 1843, a delegation of religious leaders went to the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John's, the Reverend Michael Fleming who was widely respected. After pondering the problem, the bishop took the two flags, the pink and the green, and placed a white hanger chief between them, which he said represented the white of peace from the flag of St. Andrew. The bishop handed the flag, pink, white and green to the group and said ***“Go in peace”***. The new native flag became the Newfoundland flag, flown throughout the island. Captain Bob Bartlett planted the pink, white and green flag just a few miles from the North Pole when he accompanied Admiral Perry on his 1909 Polar expedition. The Newfoundland flag gave way to England's Union Jack flag during the 1900's. But the pink, white and green still remained the true flag of Newfoundland in the hearts of many islanders. The flag of the common man, once made from dyed flour sacks, still resonates with Bishop Fleming's blessing ***“Go in Peace”***.

A New Walkway: People visiting the Parish Office at the Parish house will see a big improvement in our property. A beautiful brand new walkway. The old concrete path was terribly damaged, and in the winter was difficult to clean of snow and ice. Sometimes ice gathered on the path and made it unsafe. Now we have a new walkway, which will be easier to clean of ice and snow. This beautiful work was done by Gerry Collier, Father Brophy and Danny Farrell. Also, Anthony Willcott and George Davis helped. A great big 'Thank You' to all these men.

Marriage: This is the season of marriage. Many young couples have decided to enter into this beautiful union, to which the angels assent, and the heavenly Father recognizes. Christ himself recognized the dignity and beauty of marriage when he attended a wedding in Cana of Galilee. In marriage, a couple joyfully promise to love and honor each other, in good times and in bad, until the end. How beautiful. To promise love, to give a pledge of love even to the end. From the very beginning, God blessed them and told the young couple to increase and multiply. For this reason, a man leaves his father and mother, and is joined to his wife!! I feel that it is a great honor for me, as a priest, to be present at a wedding, and to bless the young couples as they start their new lives together.

Congratulations: The worshipping community of St. Ignatius Parish wishes good luck and God's rich blessings for Martine Drew and Roger Ziegenfuss on the occasion of their recent marriage.

ay for a sick priest: Father Frank Alyward has cancer of the bones. In the past, he has asked his brother priests to pray for him. He asks now for the people's prayers. Father Frank has given up his parish and has returned to King's Cove where he grew up, and where some of his family still live. He would be comforted if he knew that some people were praying for him.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL: \$200.00
Wedding: \$200.00
Baptism: \$25.00

Who decides the Time of Death ? Sheila Elson lives in St Anthony , and she is the mother of a sick child . Her daughter, Candice has several medical conditions including Spina Bifida and Cerebral Palsy . During a hospital stay in St Anthony last November when Candice was very sick , her mother said that a doctor told her that her daughter , who is 25 years old , was dying , and that she had the option to end her life . In the presence of the sick woman the doctor said assisted suicide was legal in Canada . The mother said " I was shocked and I told him I wasn't interested. He told me I was being selfish" . One thing that made the mother upset was that the doctor suggested assisted suicide in the presence of her daughter while the young woman was in earshot . God has given life, and life is sacred from before the time of birth, even life in the womb, and God should decide when it is time for us to die as well.

The Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre: Possibly the most important shrine in Canada is the Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre. In 1658, a labourer, Louis Guimont was suffering from terrible back pain. He came to help with the construction of the first chapel dedicated to Saint Anne. He was immediately and miraculously healed. Some years later in 1665, an Ursuline nun wrote "There is a village here called the 'The Little Cape', where there is a Church dedicated to Saint Anne. Here, Our Lord is working great marvels in favour of the holy mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here, the paralyzed walk, the blind can see, the sick are healed from every kind of illness." Even today, Saint Anne de Beaupre is a place of grace and miracles. Each year, up to one million pilgrims and visitors go there to ask the help of Good Saint Anne.

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WEDDING: \$200.00

BAPTISMS:\$25.00

Baptismal Congratulations: We welcome into the parish community, *Logan Jerome Power* who will be baptized at St. Ignatius Church on Sunday. We wish Logan and his family all God's blessings.

PRAYER TO ST. ANNE

Good St. Anne, you were especially favored by [God](#) to be the mother of the most holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Savior. By your power with your most pure daughter and with her divine Son, kindly obtain for us the [grace](#) and the favor we now seek. Please secure for us also forgiveness of our past sins, the [strength](#) to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of [Jesus](#) and Mary. Amen.

Cremation in the Catholic Church: Many people are inquiring about cremation in the Church, and some people are choosing to have their body cremated after death. The first thing all must know is that cremation is permitted in the Catholic Church. Some large cities are finding difficulty in obtaining large pieces of ground for new cemeteries and cremation may be a partial solution to this problem. Also, some people die far from home, and the cost of sending home the body in a casket is very expensive compared to sending an urn with a loved ones ashes. Cremation should take place after the funeral Mass. The ashes of the deceased person should be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. As in life, the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, so in death the ashes of the deceased person should not be scattered but should be buried in a holy place where we await the resurrection to new life.

The Five Finger Prayer: You may find this prayer helpful. And it is always close to you. All of us could make this five finger prayer a part of our lives.

Your thumb

is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'

The next finger

is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

The next finger

is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators.. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

The Fourth Finger

is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble Or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

And lastly comes our little finger

the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says " The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind You to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.