

MAY 21 - THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS: When a disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation in some part of the world, many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. Canada has been consistent in giving such funds to the Holy See, enabling the Pope to be even more generous in times of disaster. Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to the papal collection entitled "The Pope's Pastoral Works" to assist those stricken by natural disasters.

MAY 21 - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives and promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and to reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

MAY 22 - VICTORIA DAY: The birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria has been celebrated as a holiday in Canada West (now Ontario) since 1845; it became a national holiday in 1901, the year that Queen Victoria died. Although the Sovereign changed along the years, the day of her/his birthday celebration remained. In 1952, it was established on the Monday preceding May 25. Today it is appropriate to offer prayers for the Queen, for Canada, and for justice and peace in the world.

MAY 24 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA: This day is designed to express solidarity for Chinese Catholics, with the global Church praying with and for the Church in China. Because the Church in China has had a turbulent relationship with the state, this has created great tension, forcing many Catholics to worship in secret and sending Bishops underground. Introduced by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007, this date was chosen because it is the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, who is honoured at a shrine in Sheshan, just outside of Shanghai.

MAY 26 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST: Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515 and educated by the Dominicans. He worked to re-evangelize Rome where Christianity had declined and was sadly in need of reform. In 1548 he helped found a confraternity of laymen to minister to needy pilgrims. He was later ordained and, as a confessor, was much sought after for his spiritual wisdom. He founded the Congregation of the Oratorians, which was formally approved in 1575. He died at the age of 80, much loved and respected, and is still known as the "Apostle of Rome". Philip Neri is the patron of Canadian home mission work, supported in Canada through the Catholic Missions In Canada.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of Jesus reminds us that we are pilgrims on a journey, that we are "only passing through" on this earth. Meanwhile, we have work to do. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . ." So too we, like the apostles, are challenged to witness to Christ in our daily lives – in our homes, in our churches, in our local community, and, yes, even to the ends of the earth, leading others to become true disciples of the Lord Jesus. As we strive to always be credible witnesses of the Lord Jesus, let us take courage from the words spoken to the first eleven disciples and, yes, even to us today, "And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age".

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon May 22 – Fri May 26

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Evangeline Barrett

Tues -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Eugene & Therese Mandryk (Ralph & Marilyn Blake)

Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Christopher Cobb

Thurs-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----David Organ

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

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – May 27 and May 28

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Kevin.Murphy

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church- Broderick Drew & Mary K John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
May 20	Monica K	Monica W	Father Patrick	Kevin O Monica K
May 21	Monica K	Lydia W	Father Patrick	Anthony W Perry C
May 27	Patsy M	Edith O	Father Patrick	Finton O Gerard S
May 28	Patsy M	Valerie H	Father Patrick	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$729.00
St. Anne's	122.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Donation (IMO Cecil (Mary) Organ)	1000.00
Funeral Stipends	400.00
Candles	20.00

Thank you

A special thank you to Mary Organ for her donation in memory of her husband Cecil Organ.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

May: Month of the Holy Rosary

May is one of the two months that the Catholic Church recognizes as a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the month of May, Fr. Patrick will be reciting the Holy Rosary before each Mass service on Saturday evenings. On Saturday evening, the Holy Rosary will begin at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Mass service at 7:00 p.m.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Peter Farrell 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

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.

Chapel Masses: Beginning Monday May 29th, Chapel Masses will start at **7:00 p.m.** during the summer season

Spring Cleanup: The community cleanup of Chapel Hill Cemetery will now occur on Saturday, May 27, starting at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to come out and help. Bring along your whipper snippers, brush saws, and shears. Also don't forget your gloves.

"To the thirsty I will give water"

Revelation 21:6

The Newfoundland Catholic Renewal together with the Catholic Renewal Services of Canada and **Father Joshua Grandmaison C.C.** of Ottawa will be offering an evening of healing and a message of hope across NL. Celebration of the Mass followed by healing ministry, will be held at the **Sacred Heart Church in Bishop's Falls on June 14th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

