

**JANUARY 1 - WORLD DAY OF PEACE:** The World Day of Peace was established in 1968 by Pope Paul VI who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come”. Today we celebrate the 56<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace. This is a special day set aside to pray for peace in the world, for goodwill among nations, and for light and guidance for civil and world leaders. It is a time for each of us to reflect on our individual responsibility to work and pray for peace. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, it is also an appropriate time to ask Mary, Queen of Peace, to intercede on behalf of the world for world peace. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year’s World Day of Peace is “*No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace*”.

**JANUARY 2 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS:** Basil (329-379) and Gregory (329-390) were born in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Both studied in Athens, which was then the great university city of the Greek-speaking world. Both were ordained priests and later became bishops, then archbishops. Basil was Archbishop of Caesarea, and Gregory was Archbishop of Constantinople. They preached bravely against the Arian heresy which denied that Jesus is God. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen, along with Gregory of Nyssa, make up the trio of Cappadocian Doctors of the Church.

**JANUARY 3 - Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus:** The name of Jesus has been honoured since New Testament times. Saint Paul, in his letter to the people of Philippi, writes that “. . . at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (*Philippians 2.10-11*). The veneration of the Holy Name was extended to the entire Roman Catholic Church on December 20, 1721, during the pontificate of Pope Innocent XIII.

**JANUARY 7 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS:** Born in Quebec in 1845, Alfred Besette joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross in 1870, taking the name Brother André, the name by which he is known to many in Montreal. In the course of his duties as porter at Collège Notre-Dame in Montreal, he welcomed the sick and afflicted, praying with them through the intercession of Saint Joseph, and was credited with extraordinary favours and with healings. Across from the college, he erected a statue of Saint Joseph on a mountain and later was responsible for building a wooden chapel there which grew into a basilica. Today Saint Joseph’s Oratory welcomes more than two million visitors each year. Brother André lived to be 91. He was beatified in 1982 and was canonized on October 17, 2010.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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### ***THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD***

This feast of Mary falls exactly one week after Christmas, at the end of the octave of Christmas. The solemnity is a celebration of Mary’s motherhood of Jesus and hence also a celebration of Mary as the Mother of God. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honour we can give Mary, and celebrating her divine maternity during the Christmas octave makes complete sense in that the celebration is connected closely to Christ’s birth. In his encyclical, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI further noted the connection to New Year’s Day and Mary’s role as Queen of Peace. Thus it is fitting that January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is also observed as World Day of Peace. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Daily Chapel Mass:** Daily Mass intentions will be private next week as Fr. Patrick is away.

**Daily Masses Mon January 2– Fri January 6**

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Private-----Ethel Snook

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Private----Ron Loveless Sr.

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Private-----Geraldine Farrell

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Private-----Michael Farrell

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Private---Edward, Veronica, Patrick, & Sylvester Lambert

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat – January 7 and Sun – January 8**

St.Alban’s--Saturday7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch--Aloysius,Margaret,&

Ally Collier and Clare Long

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

Conne River-Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church—Frank & Elizabeth Drew

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
<b>Dec 31</b>	Mary S	Monica W	Father Patrick	
<b>Jan 1</b>	Mary S	Mark Fader	Father Patrick	
<b>Jan 7</b>	Monica K	Pat P	Father Patrick	
<b>Jan 8</b>	Monica K	Mark W	Father Patrick	

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$1221.60
St. Anne's Church	60.00
Advent Folders	503.50
Mass Stipends	65.00
Christmas Offering	781.25
Parish Dues	20.00
Candles	120.00
Christmas Fundraiser- St.Alban`s Clover Farm	1500.00
Donations	1300.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Religious Articles	79.10
Sunday Missals	14.00
50/50 Fundraiser (December 28, 2022)	3080.00

**Congratulations** to Olive Willcott, winner of the December 2022 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1540.00)

**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

### 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.

**2023 Initial Envelope** The first envelope in your box is labeled **INITIAL OFFERING**. This envelope has two purposes: 1) the proceeds are meant to help cover the parish cost currently about \$5 per box of envelopes and 2) by putting your name on this envelope, it allows us to check the accuracy of our parish records by comparing this name with the name on file. **If you DO NOT use the initial envelope, then please put your name on the first 2023 envelope that you DO USE.** Thank you.

### Christmas Flowers have been donated in Loving Memory of:

*Norman west, Lori Gardiner, Randy Cranford, Nora & John R Howse, Jake, Blaise, John, & Charmaine Howse, and Evelyn & Reginald Organ by Don, Rona, & Christopher Howse*

*New Year begins,  
let us pray that it will be a year with New Peace,  
New Happiness and abundance of new friends in Christ Jesus,  
God bless you through out the New Year."*

