

**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 reading 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.

**Advent Folders:** available on the table at the back of the church.

**DECEMBER 9 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. This dogma states that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin”. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is our Diocesan Feast Day. This year the date is moved to December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Children’s Christmas Pageant:** December 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

**Penitential Service:** December 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

**Christmas Community Choir:** Anyone who wishes to sing on Christmas Eve with the choir, there will be only **ONE** practice this year on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm

#### **Christmas Eve Mass December 24<sup>th</sup>:**

St. Anne’s Church Conne River 6:00pm  
St. Ignatius Parish St. Alban’s 8:30pm

**Christmas Day Mass December 25<sup>th</sup>:** St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

**New Year’s Eve December 31<sup>st</sup>:** St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

**New Year’s Day January 1<sup>st</sup>:** Chapel 10:30am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** On the first Friday of each month, there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Parish Chapel at 10:30 am. Mass to follow at 11:00 am. **Please note: Date change from Dec 6<sup>th</sup> to Dec 13<sup>th</sup> as Fr. Patrick will be away.**



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



**ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN’S**

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### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Advent is a time of waiting and the readings today call us to change; to undergo an interior transformation. Just as we prepare in practical ways for the Christmas season, so too must we prepare our hearts, creating a place for the Lord Jesus to dwell, and examining our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face. The Gospel reading invites us to reflect on our lives so that we can best “prepare the way of the Lord”. Let us reflect on how we are called to change so that God may more easily come to us. John the Baptist suggests one way — turning away from sin and starting anew.

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

#### **Weekday Mass Schedule: December 9– December 13**

Mo	11:00 a.m. ----	Parish Chapel----	Thomas Farrell, Joan & Charles Willcott and Greg Organ
Tues-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel----	Chris Sutton, Bernadette Sutton and Edmund, Shirley & Palmer Sutton
Wed-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel----	Mervin Walsh, Beth Willcott, Ken Willcott and Eileen Willcott
Thurs-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel----	Dave & Kate Collier, Ann Collier (Michael) & Theresa Collier (George)
Friday-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel ----	Everest Barnes, Hubert, Susie & Linus Collier, John & Dorothy Barnes and Eli & Veronica Organ

#### **Weekend Liturgy: December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.-St. Ignatius Church-----Jaydon Strickland and Cory Collier

Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**

Sun. -- 2:00 p.m.-St. Anne’s Church-----Florailda and Samuel Collier

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Dec 7th	Mary Patsy	K of C	Kevin O Gerard S Finton O	K of C	K of C	Folk Group
Dec 8th	Meg Genny	Cindy B	Clarence D George D Mike S	Calvin Collier	Irena Mary	Folk Group
Dec 14th	Meg Genny	Monica W	Kevin O Gerard S Finton O	Jessica S	Jenny Mary	Lenora Lambert
Dec 15th	Teresa Ann	Lydia W	Clarence D George D Mike S	Ralph B	Kevin Mark	Jessica W Children's Pageant

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$917.75	Candles	\$188.80
St. Anne's Church	\$141.00	Mass Stipend	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$120.00	Missals	\$100.00
Funeral Stipend	\$200.00	Parish Dues	\$110.00
Parish Dues: Raymond Collier, Edith Collier, Loretta Organ, Pius & Mary			

### **Christmas Flowers:**

*In Loving Memory of Gert Farrell & deceased family members*  
*In Loving Memory of Damien, Melva & Richard Benoit by Mary & Christa Benoit*  
*In Loving Memory of Barbara Willcott & Alice Collier by Marie & Julie*  
*In Loving Memory of Bill & Dean Kelly by Beth*  
*In Loving Memory of Nicodemus McDonald and Dulcie McDonald by Callistus & Brittany McDonald*  
*In Loving Memory of Rita Sutton & Norma Sutton Rotchford by Sadie Sutton*  
*In Loving Memory of John & Winnfred Willcott & Margurite French by Marie & Julie*  
*In Loving Memory of Laura Gale Collier*  
*In Loving Memory of Finton & Mona Willcott*  
*In Loving Memory of deceased parents by Donna & Calvin Collier*  
*In Loving Memory of the Dollimont & Sutton Families by Margaret Dollimont*

**Father Patrick Home Visit:** Father Patrick will be returning to his home for a visit in January. The children and parents of the Finding God religion program have decided that we wish to do some fundraising to support his community parish (St. Andrew's Catholic Mission Umueze, Ezimba Uboma). They have a small parish there but they do not have a floor. We will be raising some money for him to bring back to his parish. If anyone would like to donate to this cause, you can include a separate envelope and highlight on it that it is a donation for Father Patrick. (Picture of the floor will be posted on our website).

**2020 Parish Envelopes** By now, you should have picked up your 2020 envelope box. If you are either new to the parish or did not use envelopes during 2019 but would like a box for 2020, there are a number of blank boxes on the table at the back. If you take one of those, don't forget to record your name opposite the box number you took. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2020.

**The 2020 Living with Christ Sunday Missals** are available Saturday mass see Ellen Nugent and Sunday mass see Brenda Pelley Davis. Price is \$6.00 per missal.

**Special thank you** to the Knights of Columbus for decorating the Parish and two Christmas trees, inside and outside.

**The Bay d'Espoir Food Bank** is currently available to clients on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30, located in the basement of Christ Church in Milltown.

**The children of the Finding God Religion program** are collecting non-perishable items for this food bank and we kindly ask all parishioners to bring a non-perishable item to mass during the Advent season.

Any people who need to avail of this service but may have difficulty traveling to Milltown on Thursday evenings, please contact the Parish Office at 538-3106 or Connie Willcott at 538-3299. Your information will remain confidential. If you leave a message, please leave the following details – the total number of members in the family and number of children with any dietary restrictions. Delivery arrangements to location in St. Alban's can be made for Mondays or Fridays.

**Christmas Flowers:** You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Flowers that will be used on our Alter 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.