

JANUARY 8 - FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Today, as Jesus is baptized, we have another epiphany (manifestation) or theophany (the revelation of God to humanity) when Jesus is named the Beloved Son of God. In actuality, Jesus had no need of the Sacrament of Baptism since he had no sin. However, in submitting himself humbly to his baptism by John the Baptist, Christ provided an example for all his followers. Jesus' baptism marks his initiation into public ministry. With this celebration we are called to recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated into the Church through our baptism, we too are commissioned to proclaim Good News to the world by the way we live.

ORDINARY TIME

(January 9 - February 13, 2024)

Ordinary Time encompasses that part of the liturgical year that does not fall within the distinctive seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Catholic Church celebrates two periods of the year as Ordinary Time: the first following the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and continuing until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday; the second following Pentecost Sunday until the evening before Advent. There are about 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time, depending on the year. In actuality, however, there are fewer Sundays of Ordinary Time because major feasts honouring the Trinity, Corpus Christi, Christ the King, and others replace a particular Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is important to remember that Ordinary Time celebrates "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects".

JANUARY 12 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS,

VIRGIN: Marguerite was born in France in 1620 and she made her first voyage across the Atlantic in 1653. Her mandate was to develop educational opportunities for the aboriginal children and for the families of the French settlers in Montreal. Other women eventually joined her, and the group formed an institute of uncloistered Sisters. Inspired by the life of Our Lady, the group chose the name 'Congrégation Notre-Dame'. Marguerite died in 1700 and was declared a saint in 1982. Her work continues today in many parts of the world through the efforts of the community which she founded.

January 13 - Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor:

Hilary was born in Gaul (France) in 320. As an adult, he converted to Christianity and was chosen as Bishop about 350. He is best known for his valiant defence of Christianity against the Arian heresy. He continued his confrontation with Arianism until his death about 368. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek noun "epiphaneia" which means "shining forth", "manifestation", or "revelation". The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revelation or manifestation of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah, and Saviour of the world. There is great joy in the proclamation that God is made known to the entire world in Christ Jesus; on the other hand, this brings with it a great challenge for us to be open and accepting of others, to ensure that all people are welcome, and that all needs are met.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat.-Jan. 6 and Sun.-Jan.7

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-Cecil.(Mary)&Johnny
Organ

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

Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church----Ricky John

Daily Masses Mon. Jan. 8 – Fri. Jan. 12

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Jason Sutton

Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ethel Burt

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Earl Willmott

Thur--11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mary Hoddinott .

Fr ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----George & Janet Organ

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Jan. 13 and Sun. - Jan.14

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Special.Intention-Anne
Collier Hoskins

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—John Joe & Mary Hannah Drew
and their deceased children

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Jan. 6	Edith O	Edith O	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
Jan. 7	Edith O	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O
Jan. 13	Mary S	Ann B	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O
Jan.14	Mary S	Lydia W	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$725.00
St. Anne's	No Mass
Initial Offering	230.00
New Year's Offering	362.00
Christmas Offering	55.00
Advent Folders	89.00
Donations	100.00
Parish Dues	25.00
Christmas Flowers	10.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

Funerals	\$200.00
Weddings	\$200.00
Baptism	\$25.00

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Helen Caines of St. Alban's 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 Tom at 709-674-1503 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 Tom Duffenais

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.

Christmas Flowers have been donated in Loving Memory of:

In memory of deceased members of the Farrell & Kelly families from Beth Kelly

Visitations In Central NL: Fr. Patrick will be in Grand Falls-Windsor from Monday, August 14 until Friday, August 18. If anyone from the Bay D'Espoir area has a family member or someone they know residing in a retirement complex or healthcare facility and would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the Parish office at (709)-538-3106 on Monday or Tuesday, August 14 and August 15 to arrange a visitation. Please leave a message and your call will be returned. The required information will be the person's name, residing address, a preferred time for the visit, and telephone number if applicable. Visitations can be arranged for facilities located in Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishops Falls, and Botwood.

SOWING THE SEEDS