

FEBRUARY 14 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT CYRIL, MONK, AND SAINT METHODIUS, BISHOP:

Brothers Constantine (later known as Cyril) and Methodius were born in Thessalonika, Greece, in the ninth century. They became missionaries and are sometimes called the Apostles to the Slavs. Both worked to make the Liturgy and the Scriptures available in the vernacular. Methodius was eventually consecrated a Bishop. In 1980 Pope John Paul II declared Cyril and Methodius patrons of Europe.

February 17 - Memorial of The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order: The Order of Servites, a religious community relying solely on charity for support, was founded in 1240. Between 1225 and 1227, seven men from the city of Florence, Italy, joined the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin. Inspired by visions of Our Lady, they decided to dedicate themselves to lives of prayer and service. Later they withdrew to a deserted mountain where they built a Church and a hermitage, living a life of extreme austerity and becoming known as the Servants of Mary, or Servites. Of the original seven, all but one became Priests. Only the lay brother, who lived to be 110, saw the order fully recognized in 1304.

CNEWA Canada launches emergency campaign to aid earthquake survivors

Ottawa, February 9, 2023 — With time running out to find survivors of Monday's devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey, Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers and clothing to more than 2,000 families for three months in northern Syria.

"Although our partners such as the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary have already opened up their doors to receive families who have lost everything, survivors are still processing the shock of the earthquake, searching through the rubble and assisting in rescue efforts," said CNEWA's regional director in Beirut, Michel Constantin, whose team manages emergency programs throughout the region. "There is a general state of panic, exacerbated by the harsh weather, complicating rescue efforts and the capacity to collect and assess data and plan accordingly."

CNEWA's preliminary aid will include helping the Blue Marist Brothers who are sheltering up to 1,000 families in Aleppo, collaborating with the Franciscan Friars and Salesian Fathers.

CNEWA's efforts will also support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which already supports more than 850 families in the Aleppo region devastated by civil war through the local churches' vast network of parishes and schools. CNEWA will provide St. Vincent de Paul staff and volunteers with mattresses, pillows, blankets and food, water and medicines. Milk, nursing formula and diapers will also be provided.

"We join our CNEWA family in asking for the prayerful support of all Canadians," said Dr. Adriana Bara, National Director for CNEWA in Canada. "Please be generous in this emergency campaign. Your support helps us offer life-giving support to victims and will give those affected the ability to rebuild their lives."

Donations can be directed to <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The first reading from the book of Sirach today says, "If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and they will save you". In the Gospel, as Jesus continues to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, we hear the same message. God offers us life, but it is we who choose the way we live. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to try continually to live by the law of love, forgiving those who hurt us and avoiding judging the hearts of others. Only then will we live our lives as summarized in the two fundamental commands on which all else depends: love of God and love of neighbour.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon February 13 – February 17

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Charmaine Howse

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Beatrice McDonald

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Julo, Ann, & Keith Dollimont

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Muriel Benoit

Fri----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Edith Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – February 18 and February 19

St.Alban's--Saturday 7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Barry Cox

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>Music</i>
Feb 11	Patsy M	Pat P	Father Patrick	
Feb 12	Patsy M	Lydia W	Father Patrick	
Feb 18	Edith O	Gerry C	Father Patrick	
Feb 19	Edith O	Valerie H	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$500.00
St. Anne's	115.00
Mass Stipends	85.00
Diocesan Collection (Ecclesiastical Student's Fund)	90.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper which marks the start of the Easter Triduum. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. It has a twofold purpose: it helps catechumens to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, and it invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at Easter. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

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:

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.

2022 Charitable Donation Receipt If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2022 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the churches in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank you.

Previous Year's Palms: Parishioners are invited to return their older palms so as they can be burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Please place them on the table near the main entrance where they will be collected. Thank You.