

April 24 - Memorial of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr: Mark Roy was born in Sigmaringen, Swabia (Germany) in 1578. He held doctorates in philosophy, canon law and civil law. Known as the “lawyer of the poor”, he gave up practising law to enter the Capuchins in Switzerland in 1612, and accepted the name Fidelis of Sigmaringen. A dynamic preacher, he was appointed by the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith to preach to the Calvinists in Switzerland. However, he met with much resistance and was assaulted and slain in 1622. He is a patron saint of lawyers.

APRIL 25 - FEAST OF SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST: John Mark, known simply as Mark, was a member of the first Christian community in Jerusalem and he is the author of the earliest and shortest Gospel. His mother, Mary, owned a house in Jerusalem, which the Christians used as a place of prayer during Peter’s imprisonment under Herod Agrippa I (*Acts 12.12*). When Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch in Syria from their visit to Jerusalem, they took Mark back with them. Later they brought him along as their assistant on a missionary journey. After this journey, Mark returned to Jerusalem. In Christian art Mark is often depicted with a winged lion. He is a patron of notaries, of Egypt and Venice.

April 26 - Memorial of Our Lady of Good Counsel: This title honouring Mary appears early in Christian history. In return for financial assistance in renovating the Church of Saint Mary Major in Rome, Pope Sixtus III (432-440) granted land to the people of Genazzano, Italy. Eventually, a Church consecrated to Our Lady of Good Counsel was built there. Many healings and miracles have been attributed to Our Lady of Good Counsel’s intervention. Under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mary is honoured as the patron of many women’s groups, including the Catholic Women’s League of Canada and the Christian Mothers of America

APRIL 29 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR: Born in Siena, Italy, in 1347, Catherine joined the Dominican Third Order in 1365 and spent some years in seclusion from the world, fasting and praying. A few years later she felt called to bring Christ’s love to others. She cared for the poor and tended the sick, was a renowned peacemaker, and corresponded with people from all walks of life. She is especially remembered for her spiritual reflections. This great Christian mystic died in 1380, was canonized in 1461, became patroness of Italy in 1939, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. She is co-patroness of Europe.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. While in their midst, he interprets the Scriptures and shares a meal with them. This account reminds us of the Church’s celebration of the Eucharist. Through the ages, at each Eucharistic liturgy, Christians have come to recognize the Risen Christ in their midst as the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Eucharistic meal is shared. What we celebrate during the Easter season – the Paschal sacrifice of Christ – his dying and rising – is present to us in each Mass, with its saving power.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon April 24 – Fri April 28

Mon -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Ethel Snook

Tues -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----John Murphy Jr.

Wed -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Helena & William Crant

Thurs-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Barry Cox

Fri ----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel----Special Intention for Ralph Blake

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – April 29 and April 30

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch- Donald Snook

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church- Erica Ann Stride

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
April 22	Monica K	Edith O	Father Patrick	
April 23	Monica K	Lydia W	Father Patrick	
April 29	Patsy M	Ann B	Father Patrick	
April 30	Patsy M	Valerie H	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$595.75
St. Anne's	97.00
Mass Stipends	110.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Holy Thursday (Parish Collection)	5.00
Easter Offering	48.00
Diocesan Collections (Good Friday-N of the C in Holy Land)	10.00
EFT (March 2023)	877.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

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..

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.

Spring Cleanup: Sweeping of the Church parking lot will take place April 24 – 28 if necessary starting at 6:00 p.m. Monday evening, April 24. All are invited to come out and lend a hand. More hands make light work.

There will also be a Community cleanup of St. Ignatius Cemetery on Saturday, May 6, starting at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to come out and help.

Lastly, there will be a Community cleanup of Chapel Hill Cemetery starting on Monday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing on through to Friday, May 12 if needed. Again all are invited to come out and lend a hand.