

**SEPTEMBER 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION:**

In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1 as the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*. In his Letter, dated August 6, 2015, in which His Holiness instituted September 1 as the date for this annual celebration, Pope Francis says, “The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live”. Pope Francis chose September 1 as the date for this celebration as it is the date on which the Orthodox Church has been celebrating this event since 1989.

**SEPTEMBER 2 - LABOUR DAY:** In Canada we celebrate Labour Day on the first Monday of September. Though this day is a time for relaxation, it is also an opportune time for reflection. Church teachings rightly remind us of the value of work. Among other things, work enhances our human dignity, it is needed in order to form and maintain a family, and it contributes to the common good of our local, national and global communities. This Labour Day, let us take time to reflect on the value of work and the importance of recognizing and respecting the dignity of all workers. Let us pray too for all workers and also for those who are without work that they may find gainful employment.

**September 2 - Memorial of Blessed André Grasset, Priest, Martyr:** Blessed André Grasset was born in Montreal in 1758, but his family returned to France after the Battle of Quebec. Ordained a Priest, he was serving at the Cathedral in Sens at the outbreak of the French Revolution. Refusing to sign the Civil Constitution of the Clergy, he and many other Priests and Religious opposing the revolution were imprisoned in 1792 and martyred. As one of a group of 190 martyrs, André was beatified in 1926.

**SEPTEMBER 3 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR:** Gregory was born about the year 540 into a wealthy Roman family. He became a Benedictine monk and used his great wealth to establish several monasteries. In 578 he was ordained deacon and sent to Constantinople as papal ambassador. In 586 Gregory was recalled to Rome, became abbot of his monastery, and in 590 was unanimously elected Pope. His charity in feeding starving Romans, his sense of justice towards his tenants, his protection of Jewish rights, and his political diplomacy helped him earn the title ‘Great’. He maintained contact with all the churches of Christendom, composed numerous liturgical works, and was credited with developing ‘Gregorian Chant’. Gregory died in 604. He is known as the Apostle of England for sending missionaries there, is called the ‘Father of the Medieval Papacy’, and is a Doctor of the Church.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

**ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER**

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### ***TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

In today's Gospel, Jesus enters into conflict with the Pharisees, not because he undervalues the Jewish Law, but because he knows and understands that this Law is primarily about love, peace, mercy, forgiveness, and compassion towards others. Jesus is clearing denouncing hypocrisy, condemning ritual observance that is limited to external aspects only but which does not lead to inner conversion and right living. As we reflect upon this Gospel, we too are led to see beyond the letter of the law and to realize that it is the spirit of the law that is of utmost importance. Though we may attend Mass each Sunday and receive the Sacraments on a regular basis, we may be far removed from that deep personal conversion spoken of by Jesus. Today, let us allow ourselves to be truly open to God's Spirit at work within us, enabling us to be transformed into true disciples who are tolerant, forgiving, compassionate, and loving towards everyone we meet. Then we will truly worship, not only with our lips, but also with our hearts “in spirit and in truth”.

### ***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – August 31 and Sun. – September 1**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Margaret & Larry Hudson

St.Alban's-Sunday – 4:00p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m. St. Anne's Church----George Melvin Drew & Deceased Family Members

#### **Daily Masses Mon. September 2– Fri. September 6**

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Laura O'Keefe

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Aloysuis, Margaret, & Ally Collier

Wed --11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Alfred & Marie Collier

Thurs--11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John & Nora Howse

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Agatha Barnes

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – September 7 and Sun. – September 8**

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

St.Alban's-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sunday2:00p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Leonard John

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Date	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
<b>August 31</b>	Jean K	Pat P	Father Tom Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
<b>Sept. 1</b>	Jean K	Valerie H	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O
<b>Sept. 7</b>	Patsy M	Edith O	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
<b>Sept. 8</b>	Patsy M	Cindy B	Father Tom Genevieve T	Anthony W Nicolas C

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$922.00
St. Anne's Church	45.00
Donation	200.00
Mass Stipends	74.00
Funeral Stipends	400.00
Religious Articles	15.00
50/50 Fundraiser (August 28, 2024)	3085.00

**Congratulations** to Gary Collier winner of the August 2024 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1542.50)

**Thank You:** St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to Yvonne Willcott for her generous donation.

**Thank you for your continued support to the parish.**

**Please note:** Beginning September 2, Parish Chapel masses will all occur at 11:00 a.m. Monday – Friday.

### Congratulations on your Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Laura Rae MacDonald-Freake of Glenwood, NL baptized on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at St. Ignatius Church in St. Alban's. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

### 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 like to 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.

**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Regional Assembly, September 13 – 15, 2024, Peace for all Creation. – Registration is now open!**

Taking place at The Lantern, Barnes Rd, join members and those interested in learning more about the work carried out by the International Development Organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. A full day youth retreat will be taking place in advance of the assembly. Presentations from our Latin America Programs Officer and opportunities to engage in local community development. Registration is \$20 and includes refreshment breaks, lunch, and dinner on Saturday. For information and to register please contact Patricia Walsh Warren - [pwalsh@devp.org](mailto:pwalsh@devp.org).