

**NOVEMBER 21 - MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** This feast, which was entered into the Roman calendar in 1585, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin when Mary's parents brought their three-year-old daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer her to God, as was the custom. Today the feast celebrates the recognition of Mary as a temple where God lives. *It is also the Feast of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**NOVEMBER 22 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR:** Cecilia is patron saint of musicians. Her association with music stems from a story that at her wedding feast she sang to God in her heart. It is recorded that "while the profane music of her wedding was heard, Cecilia was singing in her heart a hymn of love for Jesus, her true spouse". Cecilia, her husband Valerian, as well as his brother Tiburtius, were martyred for their faith. She is one of seven women, besides the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorated by name in *Eucharistic Prayer I*.

**November 23 - Memorial of Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr:** Pope Clement I is recognized as third in succession to Peter. Tradition has it that Clement was a contemporary of Peter and Paul; he was martyred in exile about AD 99. Clement's fame rests in a letter he wrote to the Church of Corinth when Christians there revolted against their leaders. Intervening as Bishop of Rome, he clearly expects obedience. This attitude demonstrates the primacy of Rome at an early date.

**November 23 - Memorial of Saint Columban, Abbot:** Born in Ireland, Columban was one of the greatest of the Irish monks who carried Celtic Christianity throughout Europe at a time when paganism threatened to extinguish the faith. At age 40, Columban, along with twelve companions, founded ten monastic foundations in Gaul (France) over a period of ten years. Following this, Columban spent the rest of his life in Europe preaching and building new foundations which survived for centuries.

**NOVEMBER 24 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DÜNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS:** In the 16<sup>th</sup> century Christian missionaries went to live among the people of Vietnam. From the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, some 130,000 Christians were martyred. Andrew Dúng-Lac and Peter Thi, Vietnamese priests, were beheaded on December 21, 1839. In June 1988, Pope John Paul II declared 117 Vietnamese martyrs as saints of the Church.

**November 25 - Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr:** Catherine was a woman of learning in fourth century Alexandria, Egypt. At 18 years of age she converted to Christianity. She was imprisoned for speaking publicly against the Emperor Maximinus' persecution of Christians. While in prison, she was visited by the Empress and the leader of the armed forces, both of whom she converted. For this, she and they were martyred. Tortured by being strapped to a spiked wheel, Catherine was eventually beheaded. She is a patron of librarians, teachers, students, jurists, nurses, unmarried girls, philosophers, those who work with wheels (i.e., potters, spinners, mechanics, etc.), the dying, and several other groups.

**ST. CATHERINE'S RENEWAL CENTRE-Grand Falls-Windsor:** You are invited to celebrate the life, ministry and closing of St. Catherine's Renewal Centre before it enters a new existence as Presentation Centre, housing the Lionel Kelland Hospice. The Prayer Ritual of Thanksgiving and reception will take place on *Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 2:00 p.m.* We ask you to let Sister Martina (489-2823) or [moreillygfw@yahoo.ca](mailto:moreillygfw@yahoo.ca) know by Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> whether you plan to attend so that we have some idea of numbers. **ALL ARE INVITED.**



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### 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Today, as we hear Jesus telling The Parable of the Talents, we see that those who used their talents were given more, whereas the one who hid his talent had it taken away. The lesson is clear – God offers us gifts and talents and, according to our ability, desires us to use them without fear or competition. The challenge for us then is to acknowledge that the talents, gifts, and blessings we receive from the Lord are accompanied by great responsibilities. The one who is spiritually open will enjoy God's ongoing blessings, whereas the one who is not will miss the opportunities that are offered. As the parable draws to a close, there is a reference to the 'end times'. As we near the end of this liturgical year, this appropriately turns our focus to the return of Christ and the fulfillment of the Kingdom, when God's people will be called to account for the responsibilities brought by the great blessings received.*

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Weekday Mass Schedule: Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Monday----- No Mass  
Tuesday----- 7:00 p.m.----- Parish Chapel-----Marie Hull, Mercedes Snook  
Wed. ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel-----Mona & Finton Willcott  
Thurs----- 7:00 p.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Henry & Willie P. Collier, Magdalene Collier  
Friday ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Special Intention for Terry Brown & Family

**Weekend Liturgy: Saturday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

St. Alban's-----Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.—St. Ignatius Church----- Johnny Organ (Cecil)  
St. Alban's----- Sun. ---10:30 a.m.--St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**  
Conne River---- Sun. ---2:00 p.m.—St. Anne's Church----- Emily Benoit

**Gluten Free Hosts:** Some people have an allergy which can be triggered by wheat. As you know, the Sacred Hosts which we receive in Holy Communion are made from wheat. Recently, we have purchased a small number of gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive Holy Communion with a gluten free host, we ask you to please phone the parish office at 538-3106, so we can be prepared beforehand.

**MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Nov. 18	Jenny Maggie	Edith Organ	Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith Finton Organ	Juanita Organ	Jenny Mary W.	Kennedy Willcott Tracy Perry
Nov. 19	Mary Strickland	Lydia Walsh	Mike Snook Perry Cox Helena Thornhill	Genevieve Tremblett	Jean Gould Mary S.	Mary Organ
Nov. 25	Mary Strickland	Monica Willcott	Elizabeth Murphy Gerard Smith Finton Organ	Christine Howse	Margaret Ellen	Julie Ann Willcott Chrissy Farrell
Nov. 26	Mary Organ	Valerie Hoskins	Mike Snook Perry Cox Helena Thornhill	Mary Strickland	Anthony Kevin	Jessica Willcott

**Weekly Parish Revenue**

St. Ignatius Church – offertory -----	\$935.00	St. Anne’s Church – offertory ----	\$222.75
Mass Stipends: -----	\$120.00	All Souls Day: -----	\$25.00
Funeral Stipends: -----	\$400.00	Chase The Ace Proceeds: -----	\$232.50

**Chase The Ace: The Ace of Spades was drawn on Friday evening, Nov. 10/17. The lucky winner was Valerie Hoskins.**

**Card Party:** The Knights of Columbus will be holding a card party on Sat. Nov. 18 at the Lions Club at 8:00 pm. Cash Prizes to be won!!!!

**Christmas Tickets:** *St. Ignatius Christmas tickets are on sale now at St. Alban’s Clover Farms. All the prizes were donated by St. Alban’s Clover Farms. Hurry and get your tickets for a chance to win some beautiful prizes for Christmas.*

**Sunday Missals:** New 2017-2018 Sunday Missals will be needed for the new liturgical year which begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (First Week of Advent). These missals will be sold at the weekend masses for the next several weekends. The cost per missal is **\$6.00**. *Please try to have the correct amount with you when making your purchase.* Thank you.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sun...	Dec. 5...	Family Mass
Sat...	Dec. 9...	Church Tree Lighting
Thurs...	Dec. 14...	Penitential Service
Sun...	Dec. 17...	Christmas Pageant

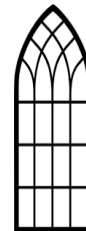
**ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Food Drive Reminder:** This weekend -Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - I am asking our people to bring donations of food which will help those who are in need. At the weekend Masses, after the collection has been brought to the altar, I am asking the people to bring forward their gifts of food. *“I was hungry, and you gave me to eat.”*

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** *Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated in the Cathedral in Grand Falls-Windsor, on Friday, December 8, at 5:15 p.m.* Parishioners from the various parishes of the Diocese are encouraged to attend this Mass to pray for the needs of the Diocese and to give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us through the years. Bishop Daniels will celebrate the Mass, and a number of Priests throughout the Diocese will also be in attendance. *Following Mass, all are invited to an informal social which will be held at the main entrance of the Church.*

**Army Cadet Christmas Bonanza:** Number 2922 Vimy Ridge Army Cadet Corp. will be holding a Christmas Concert Bonanza. This night of entertainment will take place on Thursday night, Dec. 7, starting at 6:30 pm. This will be a night of songs and skits and maybe even line dancers. At the gathering, soup and tea and coffee and cookies and cheesecake will be served. This special Christmas event will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion. And you may be lucky in the ticket draw. We wish the Cadets every success, and we promise a happy night for all.

**A New Parish Council Member:** On Thursday night, we welcomed our newest Parish Council Member. We welcomed Corina Willcott to this very important group. Corina has agreed to become the secretary of our Parish Council. The work of the Parish Council is to give leadership to our faith community. Although we are trying to help all to grow in faith and in love, a parish council must concern itself with keeping the church buildings in good repair, in finances, in bringing good ideas to help make the Good News more alive in the hearts of the people. We have a very dedicated group of people on our Parish Council. I sincerely thank them for their wonderful work and I warmly welcome our newest member to our Parish Council.



**Church Windows:** As you are aware, we had a very successful ‘Chase The Ace’ fundraiser last year. We are hoping to use the proceeds from this fundraiser to repair the windows in our church. A man who is a window and door salesperson visited St. Alban’s some time ago. He took time to visit our church and look at the windows. Although we thought vinyl windows may be a better choice for the future, he insisted that the wooden window frames that we now have could be repaired and/or replaced, and this renovation would last for many years to come. This man is from Fortune Harbour, and he told us that their church windows are very large (and old) and they have recently been completely repaired. A couple of men from our parish council will make a trip to Fortune Harbour to learn as much as possible about the repairs needed for our church. If possible, we could begin work on our own windows in the spring.

**Is the Pope open to married Priests?:** Responding to a request from many South American Bishops, Pope Francis has decided to open a discussion to have married men ordained to the priesthood in the remote parts of the Amazon. Those chosen to be ordained to the priesthood would be men of proven commitment and faith (in Latin ‘viri probati’). Pope Francis has opened a door where priests who are married may now serve in remote places where it is most difficult to find ordained celibate priests. Although the Pope remains committed to the vows of celibacy which young men must take before ordination, this is a new approach to bringing the Good News and the Eucharist to people who may live in very remote regions. The vow, or obligation of celibacy, was introduced in the Church in the eleventh century by Pope Gregory 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Family Prayer:** In the family, through the faith and love of parents, children first experience the love of Jesus in their lives. Through their parents, especially through prayer, children learn to know and love God. Parents can pray with little ones, and read Bible stories to them, and teach little ones to bless themselves. The parents can also teach their children prayers like the ‘Our Father’ and the ‘Hail Mary’. Meal time is also an important time to ask God’s blessing and to give thanks. It would be a beautiful blessing for families to spend some time each day, or each evening, praying together and asking God’s help.

**What They say about our church:** The most beautiful treasure of the South Coast of Newfoundland is our Church here in St. Alban’s. It is breathtaking. It is a joy to bring visitors to our Church, as they are overwhelmed at the workmanship and its gracious dignity. Sometimes a stranger helps us to appreciate something we overlook or take for granted. Here are a few comments from our visitor’s book which is at the back of the Church:

*“A beautiful Masterpiece” “Awesome, His Holy Presence is Here” “The most beautiful Church.” “Absolutely amazing Work.” “Glad to be home, I love my church.”*

Isn’t it a wonder that all this work was done with hand tools only, as there were no power saws or electricity when this church was built. Each morning when I go to open the Church, the same thought comes to me: *‘Oh, Lord, I love the beauty of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.’*

**Children’s Sunday Liturgy:** *The children’s liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years.*

**Baptism Registration Form:** This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at [www.stignatius.net](http://www.stignatius.net). Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email [st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca) the parish office to have a registration form emailed to you. **Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

#### **Sunday Humor**

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on their way to church service, “*And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?*” One bright little girl replied, “*Because people are sleeping.*”

#### **STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)**

FUNERAL:	\$200.00
Wedding:	\$200.00
Baptism:	\$25.00

Once again, to lead me Home.

**Readers at Funeral Masses:** One of the most sacred parts of a Funeral Mass is the reading of the Word of God. Family members and friends of the deceased person look for comfort and hope in sacred scripture. If the proclaiming of the Word of God is not done well, those listening feel they have lost something precious. At our Funeral Masses, the proclaiming of God’s Word should be done by our regular readers. These people have been formed over time by the Word of God, and in many cases, they are better suited to proclaim the Word and the intercessions. Both funeral directors have received a letter from the parish asking their assistance in this matter. Thank you and God bless you.

**Bus Lane:** During the school week, from Monday to Fridays, people are asked not to drive along in front of the school. In other words, that lane is reserved for buses and for students and teachers to walk safely to and from the school. All cars are asked to use ONLY the main church parking lot for vehicular traffic.

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**Weddings:** Please allow at least 6 months notice before the date of the wedding. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement. Please contact the parish office for more information.