

AUGUST 28 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE , BISHOP,

DOCTOR: Augustine (354-430), born in North Africa, abandoned his Christian faith but later embraced it, thanks to the prayers of his mother Monica and the influence of the great Bishop Ambrose whose sermons convinced him of the truth of Christianity. At Easter 387, Augustine was baptized by Ambrose. In 391 he was ordained a Priest, and in 396 he became Bishop of Hippo, where he spent the rest of his life, working and writing. His intelligence and pastoral concern shaped the thought of Western Christianity and guided the Church for over a thousand years. Augustine is one of the greatest Fathers of the Church.

AUGUST 29 - MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE

BAPTIST: After John's birth, his father Zechariah spoke Isaiah's prophecy ('Benedictus'), saying that his son John would prepare the way of the Lord. John did just that; he traveled around the countryside, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In his zeal, John reproved Herod for living with his brother's wife, Herodias, so Herod had John imprisoned. When Salome, the daughter of Herodias, impressed Herod with her dancing, Herod promised her whatever she wanted. Salome consulted her mother who told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod could not refuse to honour his oath. The news of John's death soon reached his disciples who came for the body and laid it in a tomb.

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 - 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.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The significant moment in today's Gospel occurs when Peter answers the important question asked by the Lord Jesus, "But who do you say that I am?" His response, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", is indeed a wholehearted, faith-filled declaration. Today Jesus poses the same question to each of us: "Who do you say that I am?" As modern-day disciples, we answer that question by responding to Christ's will each and every day, wholeheartedly involving ourselves in his life and mission. In today's world, where many people do not seem to know who Christ really is, this call and mission come to us with compelling urgency. Each time we come together to celebrate Mass, we profess our faith in Jesus as God's only Son, our Lord and Redeemer, and each time we are sent forth from Eucharist to put into practice what we have proclaimed. Called to become involved in "the new evangelization", we reveal to others on a daily basis who Christ really is by our every word and action, thus living out our belief in Christ, the Son of the living God.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat-August 26 and August 27

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Hubert.Collier.(Joseph)

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

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

Daily Masses Mon August 28 – Fri September 1

Mon -7:00 p.m. Parish Chapel-----Evelyn & Reg Organ

Tues-7:00 p.m. Parish Chapel-----Alfred & Marie Collier

Wed -7:00 p.m. Parish Chapel-----Martha Eavis

Thurs-7:00 p.m. Parish Chapel-----Joclyn Crant

Fri ----7:00 p.m. Parish Chapel-----Walene Benoit Sr.

Weekend Liturgy: Sat- September 2 and Sun- September 3

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Beatrice McDonald

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Date	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
August 26	Edith O	Ann B	Father Patrick	Kevin O Monica K
August 27	Edith O	Mark W	Father Patrick	Anthony W Perry C
Sept 2	Mary S		Father Patrick	Finton O Gerard S
Sept 3	Mary S		Father Patrick	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$658.25
St. Anne's	52.00
Donation (Cecil & Bridget Kelly)	200.00
Mass Stipends	14.00
Religious Articles	10.00

Thank you

St. Ignatius would like to thank Cecil & Bridget Kelly for their generous donation.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

Announcements:

- **Daily Mass held in the Parish Chapel will be returning to 11:00 a.m. commencing Monday, September 4, 2023**
- The Parish Council of St. Ignatius has positions available for anyone who may have an interest in joining.

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.

Congratulations on your Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Romyn Ronald Pelley-Stride of Conne River, baptized on August 20th, 2023 at St. Anne's Church. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late William “Bill” Bennett of Deer Lake, NL their profound sympathies. Mr. Bennett was a long time educator, former principal, and served a four year term as mayor in St. Alban's. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

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