

FEBRUARY 6 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS.

MARTYRS: Paul Miki joined the Jesuits in 1580. On February 6, 1597, he and 25 companions – clergy and lay – died for their faith in Nagasaki, Japan. They were suspended on crosses and killed with spears thrust through the heart. Their persecution was triggered by a nationalist fear of foreigners; for almost the next 200 years, Japan would be closed to the rest of the world. Despite this isolation, the faith survived without any Priests and with only the Sacrament of Baptism. Paul Miki and his companions were canonized in 1862.

February 8 - Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest: Born in Venice in 1486, Jerome at first gave very little thought to God. However, after a conversion experience, he gave all his possessions to the poor, became a Priest, and devoted himself to the instruction of orphans and the care of the poor. Jerome was also the founder of the Somascan Fathers and Brothers. He died in 1537 and is the patron of orphans and abandoned children.

FEBRUARY 10 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN:

Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, and she was the leader of a women's community. She is the patroness of nuns, especially Benedictines, and of convulsive children. Scholastica died about 543 and was buried in Benedict's own tomb where he joined her in death soon after.

February 11 - Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes: The veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes arose first in popular devotion and later in the Church's liturgy. In 1858 Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in a cave at Massabielle, near Lourdes in France. Just four years earlier, in 1854, the Church had declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, so when the "beautiful woman" of Bernadette's vision identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, there was initial skepticism. However, an Episcopal Commission, following an official inquiry, stated: "We judge that Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, did really appear to Bernadette Soubirous on February 11, 1858, and on certain subsequent days, 18 times in all, in the Grotto of Massabielle, near the town of Lourdes; that this appearance bears every mark of truth and that the belief of the faithful is well-grounded." A few years later, this date was added to the list of Marian feasts to honour the mystery and beauty of the Immaculate Conception.

FEBRUARY 11 - WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is also "World Day of the Sick". On this day we are reminded that the ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church, and that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. The feast highlights the healing ministry of the Church and recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's 30th World Day of the Sick is "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk. 6.36).



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, as the Sermon on the Mount continues, Jesus calls us "salt" and "light", pointing to our mission in the world. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we live not only for ourselves but for others. By our words and our example, we are called to be "salt and light" people, spreading the message of the Gospel, passing on the faith, and living good Christian lives, thus seasoning and brightening up the lives of others with the flavour of the Gospel and the light of Christ.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon February 6 – February 10

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Hubert & Susie Collier

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Geraldine Farrell

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

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ross Willcott

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Angela Fleming

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – February 11 and February 12

St. Alban's--Saturday 7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church—Theresa Pittman

St. Alban's-----Sunday 10:30a.m. St. Ignatius Church—***Parish Family***

Conne River----Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—Mary K John,

Broderick.Drew., & Brittany. John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
Feb 4	Monica K	Ann B	Father Patrick	
Feb 5	Monica K	Mark W	Father Patrick	
Feb 11	Patsy M	Pat P	Father Patrick	
Feb 12	Patsy M	Lydia W	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$745.00
St. Anne's	115.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Candles	131.50
Initial Offering	10.00
New Years Offering	10.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
KoC Christmas Decoration Payment	108.27
50/50 Fundraiser (January 28, 2023)	3035.00

Congratulations to John MacDonald, winner of the January 2023 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1517.50)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

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.

