

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper which marks the start of the Easter Triduum. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. It has a twofold purpose: it helps catechumens to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, and it invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at Easter. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

March 9 - Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious: Frances was born in 1384 in Rome. She was happily married and had three children. The death in infancy of two of her children taught Frances compassion for others who were grieving and less fortunate. She took food to the poor and visited the sick and the needy. Frances gathered other women who lived a life of prayer and cared for others, and founded the Benedictine Oblates. When her husband died, Frances joined their community. She died in 1440 and was declared a saint in 1608. She is a patroness of widows.

MASS OF CHRISM: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26th, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Grand Falls-Windsor. This celebration is one of the most important days of the year as Priests gather around the Table of the Eucharist and renew their priestly commitment before the People of God. It is a time of unity and communion of Priests with their Bishop. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity for the lay faithful to show support for the Priests who minister to them throughout the year. Following Mass there will be a lunch at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bishop's Falls. All are invited.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Scholarship

The application deadline for the K of C Supreme Scholarship is **March 15**. It used to be May 1. All information and application re the scholarship can be found at www.kofc.org/scholarships. The Canadian Scholarships are the scholarships NL students in Grade 12 this year would apply for.



St. Ignatius Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel relates the encounter at the well between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The intense conversation with the woman, initiated by Jesus with the words "Give me a drink", is indicative of God's great thirst for us – it is God who first seeks us, desiring only what is good for us. In turn, we are led to the realization that, just as in the case of the Samaritan woman, nothing can really quench our spiritual thirst except that same "living water" offered to the woman – the "life-giving water" of Baptism which gives us new birth into the divine life through the power of the Holy Spirit, and which can refresh us throughout our lives, becoming in us "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (*John 4.14*). As we continue our Lenten journey, let us give thanks for the gift of our Baptism and pray for all Catechumens who will receive this Sacrament at Easter.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – March 7 and Sun. – March 8

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Fabian Collier

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

ConneRiver-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church---Edwin & Lucy Jeddore
and their deceased children

Weekday Masses Mon. March 9 – March 13

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----William Snook (Ethel)

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Wallace & Sarah Willcott

Wed -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Bessie Sheppard

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Linda Organ

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Nicademus & Beatrice McDonald

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – March 14 and Sun. – March 15

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Anne Collier-Hoskins

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

ConneRiver-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Leonard John

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
March 7	Bernadette C	Ann B	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
March 8	Bernadette C	Cindy B Lydia W	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O
March 14	Edith O	Pat P	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
March 15	Edith O	Connie W	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$885.00
St. Anne's Church	155.00
Candles	362.00
Diocesan Collection (CMIC Ash Wednesday)	20.00
Diocesan Collection (Ecclesiastical Students' Fund)	5.00
Lenten Offering	20.00
Mass Stipend	70.00
50/50 Fundraiser (February 2026)	3555.00

Congratulations to Lisa Pope, winner of the February 2026 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1777.50)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Lenten Offering

Lenten Coin Folders are no longer available. If you wish to make a Lenten offering, please use an envelope provided at the tables near the main entrance. Please fill in your Name, Donation Amount and your Offertory Envelope # or indicate if you are signed up for EFT. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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.

2025 Charitable Donation Receipt: If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2025 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during the Lenten Season at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 20th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel.

All are welcome!

Easter Flowers

Parish members wishing to contribute towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the Church Altar may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.

