

May 10 - Memorial of Saint John of Avila, Priest: Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he travelled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people. He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages. He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

MAY 12 - CANADA HEALTH DAY: Canada Health Day is celebrated in thousands of health care facilities and community services across the country. All Christians should celebrate and pray for the gift of health – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. The day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. “Health” means concern for the health of our communities, respect for God's creatures, and the nurturing of the whole earth.

May 13 - Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima: This title was given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after she appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, between May 13 and October 13, 1917. The three messages or ‘secrets’ of Fatima stress the importance of repentance, conversion of heart, and dedication to Our Lady, especially through daily praying of the Rosary.

MAY 14 - FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE: According to the Acts of the Apostles (1.15-26), Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Quoting a psalm, Peter told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who could join them in bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and Matthias was chosen.



1 St. Ignatius Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel Jesus assures us that we will never be forsaken by God. Once again, showing his love for us, Jesus promises that we will receive the Spirit, whom he calls “Advocate”, to be with us forever. An advocate is a friend or advisor, someone who speaks up for us and is always on our side. Our Advocate, the Holy Spirit, is always with us, helping us on our journey of faith to follow the way of the Lord Jesus at all times. Just as the Holy Spirit is our Spiritual Advocate, we are called to be advocates for one another, helping each other in time of need. The Holy Spirit – our Helper, our Advocate – lives and works in us, enabling us to put the teaching of the Lord Jesus into action in our daily lives, loving God and one another.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 9 and Sun. – May 10

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Matilda Collier (Owen)
St.Alban's-Sunday - 4:00p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**
ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's-----Roger John & Erica Ann Stride

Weekday Masses Mon. May 11 – May 15

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Benny Long
Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Genevieve Smith & Basil Barnes
Wed --10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Michael Hoskins
Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Joclyn Crant
Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Everest Barnes

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 16 and Sun. – May 17

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Ralph Blake
St.Alban's-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**
ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church-----Madeline John

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
May 9	Mary S	Pat P	Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
May 10	Mary S	Valerie H	Valerie H	William M Ivan O
May 16	Bernie C Loretta C	Edith O	Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
May 17	Bernie C Loretta C	Cindy B	Mary S	Anthony W

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$925.00
St. Anne's Church	No Mass
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Mass Stipend	15.00
New Year's Offering	10.00
Diocesan Collection (Pope's Pastoral Works)	15.00

11 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 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.

Blessing of Mothers on Mother's Day (May 10th)

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Happy Mother's Day!

