

**MAY 3 - FEAST OF SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES:**

Philip and James were apostles of Jesus. Saint John's Gospel records several conversations between Jesus and Philip which show that the latter was present throughout the Lord's public ministry. James, the son of Alphaeus, wrote the Letter of James which is part of the New Testament and he is often referred to as James the Less because he was younger than the other apostle James. Historians write that he was a Christian of high repute who died a martyr's death by stoning about the year 62.

**May 4 – Memorial of Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis, Virgin:** Élodie Paradis was born in 1840 in L'Acadie, Quebec. At age 17 she took vows with the Marianite Sisters (a branch of the Congregation of Holy Cross). In 1877, Mother Marie-Léonie (Élodie's religious name), with 14 young Acadian women, founded the Little Sisters of the Holy Family in Merramcook, NB. She worked tirelessly for others and was known for her generosity and humility. She died in 1912 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II (now Saint John Paul II) in 1984.

**MAY 6 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANÇOIS DE LAVAL, BISHOP, PATRON OF THE BISHOPS OF CANADA:**

François de Montmorency Laval (1623-1708) was the first bishop of Quebec City. Born in France to a noble family, he was educated by the Jesuits and was ordained a priest in 1647. He was made a bishop in 1658 and arrived in New France the following year. In 1663 he founded the Seminary of Quebec (now Laval University) in order to supply priests for his vast diocese which extended to all the French-speaking territories of North America. François was an outstanding educator and administrator, a generous benefactor, a caring bishop, and a pious man. He was beatified by Saint John Paul II in 1980 and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

**May 8 - Memorial of Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, Virgin:**

Catherine de Longpré was born in France in 1632. At the age of 12, she entered the convent of the Hospitallers of Bayeux, a branch of the Augustinians, the first order to send missionaries to Canada. In 1648, she asked to go to Quebec City to help the Sisters in the Hôtel-Dieu hospital, the first to be established in Canada. In the following years, she worked with the poor through famine, conflict and illness, and was known for her kindness and her great love for all. She died in 1668 at the age of 36. Counted among the founders of the Canadian Church, Catherine was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1989.



## St. Ignatius Parish



**St. Ignatius Church-St. Alban's St. Anne's Church- Conne River**

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### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his disciples with the words "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Later Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The words Jesus speaks to his disciples are also words of comfort to us on our faith journey. Amidst the many frustrations, disappointments, and sorrows we face throughout life, we need to recall the words of Jesus, "I am the Way", and rest assured that our faith journey will lead to authentic life if we follow the way of Jesus Christ. In a world where we hear so often the many voices of false hope, we need to hear the voice of Jesus who says, "I am the Truth". Only by following the way of Jesus will we find the truth. Finally, Jesus tells us, "I am the Life". During this Easter season, filled with hope and joy in the Resurrection, we continue to walk in faith, knowing full well that our journey in this life will ultimately lead us to the Father's house where we will be lovingly welcomed and live forever with God.

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat. –May 2 and Sun. –May 3**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Kevin Murphy

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

ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's-----Roger John & Erica Ann Stride

**Weekday Masses Mon.May 4 – May 8**

Mon – 10:30 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Benny Long

Tues–10:30 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Genevieve Smith

Wed --10:30 a.m.Parish Chapel-----Michael Hoskins

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----JoclynCrant

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Elizabeth Hoskins (Charles)

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 9and 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**

**Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
<b>May 2</b>	Edith O	Ann B	Edith O	KevinO Bill D
<b>May 3</b>	Edith O	Lydia W	Genevieve T	Anthony W
<b>May 9</b>	Mary S	Pat P	Christine H	FintonO Gerard S
<b>May 10</b>	Mary S	Valerie H	Valerie H	William M Ivan O

**Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$825.00
St. Anne's Church	95.00
Donation (IMO Genevieve Smith)	250.00
Candles	240.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Mass Stipend	175.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Lenten Offering	20.00
Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1600.00
EFT (April 2026)	907.00
50/50 Fundraiser (April 2026)	3660.00

**Congratulations** to Geraldine Cribb, winner of the April 2026 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1830.00)

**Thank you**

A special thank you to the Gerard Smith his generous donation to the parish in memory of Genevieve Smith.

**11 Thank you for your continued support to the parish.**

**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

**Bayd' 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.

**Condolences**

The parishioners of St. Anne's Church and St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Myra Josephine "Betty" Drew of Conne River, NL, their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

**Spring Cleanup:** The Knights of Columbus will be sweeping the church parking lot on Wednesday May 6 and a cleanup of the St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Cemetery on Saturday May 9, both starting at 9:00 a.m. The general public is invited to join us. More hands make light work. Bring along your deck broom, shovel, rakes and/or wheelbarrow. Don't forget to wear gloves.

