

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.

SEPTEMBER 3 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR: Gregory was born about the year 540 into a wealthy Roman family. He became a Benedictine monk and used his great wealth to establish several monasteries. In 578 he was ordained deacon and sent to Constantinople as papal ambassador. In 586 Gregory was recalled to Rome, became abbot of his monastery, and in 590 was unanimously elected Pope. His charity in feeding starving Romans, his sense of justice towards his tenants, his protection of Jewish rights, and his political diplomacy helped him earn the title ‘Great’. He maintained contact with all the churches of Christendom, composed numerous liturgical works, and was credited with developing ‘Gregorian Chant’. Gregory died in 604. He is known as the Apostle of England for sending missionaries there, is called the ‘Father of the Medieval Papacy’, and is a Doctor of the Church.

September 4 - Memorial of Blessed Dina Bélanger, Virgin: Born in 1897, Dina was the only daughter of well-to-do parents in Quebec City. A gifted student, Dina had remarkable musical talent and, after studying at the New York Conservatory, could have pursued a career as a concert pianist. However, she was always keenly aware of the role of others, notably her parents, in supporting her faithful response to the call of the Gospel. Dina professed final vows with the Religious of Jesus and Mary at the age of 25. Her spirit of praise and generosity inspired her motto, “to refuse God nothing”. Her simple life in the convent as musician and educator is glowing testimony to the value of living daily our call to sainthood in whatever setting we find ourselves. Dina died on September 4, 1929 and was beatified in 1993. Today, members of the Religious of Jesus and Mary work in many parts of the world, in over 20 different languages.



St. Ignatius Parish

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, Jesus challenges his disciples to come to terms with the mystery of the Cross. Because they were having difficulty with the fact that He must endure suffering and death, Christ teaches Peter and the other disciples this crucial principle of discipleship, “If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” This “taking up of the cross” is a daily, life-long calling. It is a call of dying to self and of absolute surrender to Christ. In today’s world many Christians actually face death because of their faith. For most of us it simply means total commitment, being willing to face death or to suffer anything, even ridicule, rather than deny Him. It means standing up for Christ and making choices based on the teachings of our faith. Following Jesus is easy when life runs smoothly; true commitment to Him is revealed during difficult times. The Lord Jesus, by dying on the Cross, gave His all for each one of us. Let us take up our cross and give our all for him – not just with a willingness to die for Him, but with a commitment to live for Him!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. –August 29 and Sun. –August 30

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Marie Haggerty

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

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

Weekday Masses Mon. August 31– Fri. September 4

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Maureen Hoskins

Tues –10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel—Jeremiah & Amelia Sutton and deceased family members

Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Alice & Wallace Collier

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Audrey Davis

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Glen Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – September 5 and Sun. – September 6

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Adonis Benoit

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Linda A McDonald

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
August 29	Bernadette C	Edith O	Edith O	FintonO Gerard S
August 30	Bernadette C	Cindy B	Mary S	Ivan O
September 5	Patsy M	Terri/Isla	Patsy M	Kevin O Bill D
September 6	Patsy M	Connie W	Genevieve T	Anthony W

Weekly Parish Income	Ignatius Church	\$820.00
	St. Anne's Church	70.00
	50/50 Fundraiser (August 2026)	3155.00
	Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1600.00

Congratulations to Erin Collier, winner of the August 2026 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1577.50)

11Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Christina Willcott of St. Veronica's their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

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.

Daily Mass Scheduling:

Currently, daily Masses are offered at 10:30 a.m. Monday – Friday. If you would like to request a daily Mass to be offered at 7:00 p.m., please know that Fr. Tom is happy to accommodate evening Masses when needed. To make arrangements, please contact the parish office. Thank you, and may God bless you for your devotion and prayerful intentions.

