

OCTOBER 12 - THANKSGIVING DAY: Today, it is fitting for us to offer thanks to God for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ (*Ephesians 1.3-10*). God also desires that we share the goods of the earth with all people. Thanksgiving Day is observed as a Special Day of Prayer in the Dioceses of Canada.

October 14 - Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr: From his early years, Callistus was the slave of a Christian. Honest and intelligent, Callistus was put in charge of a bank which eventually failed. For this and other incidents he was arrested and sentenced to forced labour in Sardinian mines. He later became a free man, and about 199 Pope Zephyrinus appointed Callistus his deacon and counsellor and put him in charge of the first official Christian cemetery in Rome. In 217, Callistus was elected Pope by a majority vote of the Roman clergy and laity. He met a violent death about 222, probably during an uprising against Christians, and was buried on the Via Aurelia.

OCTOBER 15 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR: Teresa (1515-1582) was born in Avila, Spain. She is one of the many women who exercised leadership roles in the Church. She founded the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite Orders of nuns and friars. She wrote several works which are considered classics of spiritual literature, including *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*. A great mystic, and a strong, intelligent and active leader, Teresa was canonized in 1622 and became the first woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. She is patroness of Spain.

OCTOBER 16 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE, RELIGIOUS: Marie-Marguerite was born in Varennes, Quebec, on October 15, 1701. She married in 1722 but her husband died eight years later, leaving her with enormous debts. When she had overcome her financial difficulties, Marguerite rented a house in Montreal in 1737 where she and three companions, the first Grey Nuns, sheltered needy women. In 1747, Marguerite was given charge of the colony's general hospital which was deep in debt. Trusting in Providence, she worked hard and saved the hospital. In 1765, fire destroyed the hospital, but Marguerite rebuilt it within four years. She died in 1771, was declared blessed in 1959, and was canonized in 1990. She is the first Canadian-born saint.

OCTOBER 17 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR: Ignatius was Bishop of Antioch for 40 years. He was arrested during a time of persecution, condemned for confessing Christ, and brought in chains to Rome. While on this journey, Ignatius dictated seven letters on Church matters which are counted among the treasures of early Christianity. When he arrived in Rome in 107, he was taken directly to the amphitheatre where lions devoured him.



1 St. Ignatius Parish

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

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*. In this parable the wedding banquet represents the great Messianic Banquet which we all are invited to enjoy in eternal life, the king is God the Father, and the son is Jesus Christ. As is the case in the parable, God repeatedly extends an invitation to each person to participate in the Heavenly Banquet. However, many fail to believe in God's Son, thus rejecting God's gracious invitation and refusing the gift of salvation. This week let us reflect on our response to God's call. Are we clothed in the proper "wedding robe", living a life worthy of our calling? Are we wearing the white robe of our baptism each and every day, so that our baptismal vows truly become the framework that guides our lives? With what garment do we clothe ourselves when we share in each Eucharistic Celebration, the foretaste of the Messianic Banquet? With what spirit do we come to Church? Are we wearing the garment of penitence, humility, sincerity, and reverence? Before each Eucharist, let us take time to prepare ourselves for the feast so that we are better prepared to partake of the great Heavenly Feast at the end of time.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – October 10 and Sun. – October 11

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

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

ConneRiver-Sunday - 2:00p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Keith Drew

Weekday Masses Mon. October 12 – Fri. October 16

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Nelson Howse

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John Barnes Jr.

Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mary Kealey

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mary Warren

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Llewellyn Hull

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – October 17 and Sun. – October 18

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church—Deceased members of the

Croft family
 St. Alban's-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**
 ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church----John Joe & Mary H.
 Drew
 and their deceased
 children

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
October 10	Patsy M	Terri/Isla	Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
October 11	Patsy M	Connie W	Mary S	Ivan O
October 17	Patsy M	Ann B	Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
October 18	Patsy M	Lydia W	Genevieve T	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$860.00
St. Anne's Church	No Mass
Mass Stipend	40.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Diocesan Collection (Needs of the Church in Canada)	10.00
Donation (IMO Christina Willcott)	50.00
EFT (September 2026)	907.00

Thank You: Thank you to Margo Culleton of Hamilton, Ontario for her generous donation to the parish in memory of Christina Willcott (Organ).

11Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships:

Available to **all** students who graduated Grade XII - one of which is open to all students who graduated with honours in June 2026 and is attending a post-secondary institution. Application deadline: **October 31, 2026.** Information and

applications under **scholarships** on the State Council website at www.kofcnl.org.

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.

May the Lord's love shine upon your Thanksgiving celebration.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING