ADVENT SEASON: "The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ's First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way, Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation" (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year, 39*). During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

NOVEMBER 30 - FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE: Andrew came from Bethsaida in Galilee and, like his father and his brother Simon, he was a fisherman. A disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew was present at Jesus' baptism. When John stated, "Behold the Lamb of God", Andrew understood and followed Jesus. Going to his brother Simon Peter, Andrew told him that he had found the Messiah. Thus Andrew is known as the first disciple of Jesus. Later, when Jesus chose his apostles, Andrew was among the Twelve. He is a patron saint of Scotland and Russia, of the Greek Church, and of the fishing industry. The cross of Saint Andrew, which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was first associated with Andrew in the tenth century.

DECEMBER 3 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST: Francis was born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain. He was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and spent many years working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa, South East Asia, and Japan. Francis died in 1552 while on his way from Goa to China. He was canonized in 1602 and is a patron of all foreign missions.

December 4 - Memorial of Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor: Born in Damascus about 675, John became a monk and later a Priest near Bethlehem. The last of the Greek Fathers of the Church, John was a renowned scholar. One of his best-known works, *The Fountain of Wisdom*, had a great influence on later theology. John also wrote hymns and homilies in honour of the Blessed Virgin. He died about 750 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1890.





1St. Ignatius Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new liturgical year (Year B). There are three aspects of anticipation to Jesus' coming in the Advent season: the celebration of his birth some 2000 years ago (past), receiving Jesus in our lives today (present), and his coming again at the end of time (future). Today's readings emphasize the third aspect when Jesus comes again in glory. In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." Let us take time during this Advent season to examine our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – November 28 and Sun. – November 29
St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch------George & Pearl Collier
St. Alban's-Sunday - 4:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church----------***Parish Family***
ConneRiver-Sunday - 2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church-----Vera & Donald Skinner

Weekday Masses Mon. November 30 – Fri. December 4
Mon – No Mass
Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel----------Benny Long
Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel----------Audrey Davis
Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel----------Gerard Benoit
Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel----------Michael Hoskins

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 5 and Sun. – December 6
St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St. Ignatius Church---George Organ (Ursula), Loretta McCarthy, and deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
St. Alban's-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-------***Parish Family***

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	*Sacristan*	*Reader*	*Eucharistic Minister*	*Collectors*
November 28	Mary S	Edith O	Patsy M	Kevin O Bill D
November 29	Mary S	Lydia W	Genevieve T	George D Rona H
December 5	Bernie C Loretta C	Terri/Isla	Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
December 6	Bernie C Loretta C	Valerie H	Valerie H	Anthony W Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	$1165.00
St. Anne's Church	100.00
Sunday Missals	270.00
Mass Stipend	100.00
Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1600.00
50/50 Fundraiser (November 28, 2026)	4025.00

Congratulations to Elizabeth Barnes of Come by Chance, NL, winner of the November 2026 50/50 Fundraiser ($2012.50).

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

2027 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

Available at the Church entrance. Kevin will assist you on Saturday evening and Brenda Davis on Sunday afternoon. Price is $7.00 per missal.

Knights of Columbus: December 5th at 7:00 pm., the Knights of Columbus will have a special Mass for all their deceased members. The Church Christmas tree lighting will take place at this service.

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.

Bay d'Espoir Community Food Bank Christmas Hampers

The Bay d'Espoir Community Food Bank is now preparing for the annual Christmas Hampers for those in need. If you are able to donate any of the following food items, it would be greatly appreciated: Cranberry Sauce, Stove Top Stuffing, Spilt Peas, Can Corn or Can Peas. There is a Christmas donation box to place your items at the main Church entrance.
Thank You for your support!

Advent Offering

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

Condolences

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