

FEBRUARY 2 - FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Today's feast honours both Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the temple as well as Mary's purification as she re-enters the temple to present her Son to God. The observance of this feast began in fourth century Jerusalem. In the Middle Ages, a tradition began of blessing candles and holding a procession of light on this day. As a result, this feast is also known as "Candlemas", Christ our light has come to us. The Gospel presents this epiphany to us as Jesus is revealed as "a light of revelation to the Gentiles". The challenge for us, as we welcome the light of Christ into our hearts and lives, is to become bright beacons in our world, radiating the warmth of Christ's light to everyone we meet.

FEBRUARY 2 - WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Today is also the "World Day for Consecrated Life". The purpose of this day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels", as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Pope John Paul II, 1997).

February 3 - Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop: Ansgar, who was born near Amiens about 801, was later sent to study at a nearby monastery and became a monk in order to preach to the pagans. He had an extraordinary talent for preaching and converted many to the Christian faith. Known as the Apostle of the North, he died in 865, greatly venerated for his charity and sanctity. Ansgar is a patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland.

FEBRUARY 5 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR: It is alleged that Agatha was sent to a brothel to force her to give up her faith. After she was tortured, the Apostle Peter is supposed to have appeared and cured her. However, as a result of new cruelties, she died in prison the following day. Her intervention was credited with stilling the eruption of Mount Etna the year after her burial. She died during the time of the Decian persecution (249-251) and is considered a patron of miners, alpine guides, and nurses.

FEBRUARY 6 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS: Paul Miki joined the Jesuits in 1580. On February 6, 1597, he and 25 companions – clergy and lay – died for their faith in Nagasaki, Japan. They were suspended on crosses and killed with spears thrust through the heart. Their persecution was triggered by a nationalist fear of foreigners; for almost the next 200 years, Japan would be closed to the rest of the world. Despite this isolation, the faith survived without any Priests and with only the Sacrament of Baptism. Paul Miki and his companions were canonized in 1862.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins his "Sermon on the Mount" with the Beatitudes, giving people the new commandments from the mountaintop. We learn that true happiness comes from our life with God. As people of the Beatitudes, we are to be humble, meek, merciful, hungry for justice, clean of heart, peacemakers, and willing to suffer persecution. As we try to follow the Beatitudes, let us remember that we are blessed with God's Spirit as we try to live God-centered lives as followers of the Lord Jesus.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – January 31 and Sun. – February 1

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Jennifer Howse Budd

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

ConneRiver-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Roger John

Weekday Masses Mon. February 2 – February 6

Mon – No Mass

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Blaise Howse

Wed-10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel---Genevieve Smith and a Special Intention

Mass for Terri-Lynn Organ Benoit requested by Edith Organ

Thur-10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Special Intention Mass requested by

Stella Barnes

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Alfred & Marie Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – February 7 and Sun. – February 8

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Olive Smith-Davis

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

ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Pauline & John

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MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
January 31	Bernie C Loretta C	Pat P	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
February 1	Bernie C Loretta C	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D
February 7	Bernadette C	Edith O	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
February 8	Bernadette C	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$680.00
St. Anne's Church	80.00
50/50 Fundraiser (January 2026)	3420.00

Congratulations to Martin Willcott, winner of the January 2026 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1710.00)

Thank 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 Elizabeth Hoskins (Charles), of St. Alban'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

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.

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.

