

OCTOBER 4 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Born in Assisi, Italy, Francesco Bernardone responded to a call to serve God and the poor. His zeal for God won many disciples who numbered 5000 by 1219. At Christmas 1223, Francis built a crèche, beginning the Christmas Crib custom which has spread throughout Christendom. His visionary leadership inspired thousands to lead lives of poverty, simplicity, and humble service, delighting in creation and consumed with love for Christ. Francis is also recognized as being the first to teach that the earth itself is holy. Francis died in 1226, was canonized in 1228, and is a patron of Italy and of ecologists.

October 6 - Memorial of Saint Bruno, Priest: About the year 1030, Bruno was born in Cologne, Germany. An eminent scholar, he became professor of Theology and Grammar at Rheims. In 1080, filled with the desire to live a contemplative life, he gave up his riches and, with six companions, began to live as a hermit. In 1084, the group was given land high in the Chartreuse mountains. This was the beginning of the Carthusian Order, of which Bruno was the founder, and of the great abbey which is its Motherhouse. In 1101, after founding a second monastery, he died, leaving no rule, but a spirit of prayerful simplicity which still lives on.

OCTOBER 7 - MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY: This feast was celebrated in the late fifteenth century by some confraternities of the Rosary, and in 1571 was solemnized by Pope Pius V in thanksgiving for a battle victory. In 1716 the celebration of this feast was extended to the universal Church by Pope Clement XI

October 9 - Memorial of Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs: Denis was the first bishop of Paris. During a third century persecution, the missionary Denis was preaching in the area now known as Paris when he and two companions suffered martyrdom. Later a chapel was built over their tomb on Montmartre, "the mount of martyrs"; this chapel grew into the great abbey of Saint Denis. Denis is patron saint of France.

October 9 - Memorial of Saint John Leonardi, Priest: John Leonardi, born in 1550 during the Catholic Reformation, was an assistant pharmacist when he decided to study for the priesthood. After ordination in 1572, he worked with the sick and imprisoned in Italy. His way of life soon attracted others and together they decided to form a new congregation, the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God. John also helped establish the forerunner to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. He died in Rome in 1609, having caught the plague from those he tended.



1 St. Ignatius Parish

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

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we hear *The Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard*. In this parable, Jesus tells of a landowner (God) who places his vineyard (God's Kingdom - Israel) in the hands of tenant workers (Israel's religious leaders). The landowner sends his servants (God's prophets) to collect the produce but they are either beaten, rejected, or killed. Finally, the landowner sends his beloved son (Jesus Christ) but the tenants kill him too. Today the vineyard is the Church, the great vineyard that the Lord cultivates and cares for and that is entrusted to us, his servant disciples. Many people, however, continue to reject God's Son and fail to work his vineyard. Yet the Church continues to grow because it is built on a sure foundation, the chief cornerstone – Jesus Christ. This week let us reflect on our part in building up the Church. How are we working the vineyard and producing the fruits of the Kingdom, thus helping it to grow as God desires?

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – October 3 and Sun. – October 4

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Maureen Hoskins

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

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

Weekday Masses Mon. October 5 – Fri. October 9

Mon —No Mass

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Brendan Hoskins

Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Gordon, Mary and Patrick Long

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ken Willcott & Aloysius Hoskins

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Audrey Davis

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 - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**

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

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
October 3	Bernadette C	Edith O	Patsy M	Kevin O Bill D
October 4	Bernadette C	Cindy B	Valerie H	Anthony W George D
October 10	Patsy M	Terri/Isla	Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
October 11	Patsy M	Connie W	Mary S	Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$630.00
St. Anne's Church	90.00
Mass Stipend	20.00
Funeral Stipend	400.00
Candles	410.00
Diocesan Collection (Needs of the Church in Canada)	340.00
50/50 Fundraiser (September 28, 2026)	3640.00

Congratulations to Linda Collier, winner of the September 2026 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1820.00)

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.kofcni.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.

Condolences

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

