

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



## DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

April 21, 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of the Octave of Easter,

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With great sorrow we must now face the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis. This sorrow, however, is tempered by great hope.

During the last week, we have accompanied Jesus through his death and into his Resurrection. We mourned for him, and we rejoiced in his rising from the dead. We have celebrated that death is conquered by the love and power of God.

We entrust our faithful and loving Holy Father into the hands of He who raised Jesus from the dead; certain that Pope Francis now celebrates the eternal banquet with his savior and friend Jesus.

Let us pray:

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,  
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,  
whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church,  
may happily enjoy forever in your presence in heaven  
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,  
which he faithfully ministered on earth.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

May he rest in peace.

Most Reverend R. Anthony Daniels  
Bishop of Grand Falls.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



**ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER**

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today, as we celebrate the Octave Day of Easter, we draw comfort from Jesus' words in today's Gospel, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe". We rejoice in our faith which has been passed down to us through a community of believers – those who walked with Jesus after his resurrection and went on to witness to him throughout the world, passing on the faith from one generation to another. As part of a living legacy, we too are called to pass on the faith so that others will come to know Jesus and have hope in the resurrection.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – April 26 and Sun. – April 27

St.Alban's-Saturday-8:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Anne Collier-Hoskins

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church-----Erica Ann Stride

### Weekday Masses Mon. April 28 – Fri. May 2

Mon - 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Barry Cox & Aida Mandal

Tues - 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Thomas Moore Collier

Wed - 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel—Genevieve Smith, Felix Hoskins &  
Shelley Taylor

Thurs- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Nellie Collier

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

### Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 3 and Sun. – May 4

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Angus Croft

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

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

## **MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
<b>April 26</b>	Bernadette C	Pat P	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
<b>April 27</b>	Bernadette C	Cindy B	Father Tom Genevieve T	Logan B Nicolas C
<b>May 3</b>	Edith O	Cameron P	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
<b>May 4</b>	Edith O	Connie W	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O

### **Weekly Parish Income**

St. Ignatius Church	\$939.00
St. Anne's Church	57.00
Easter Flowers	50.00
Lenten Offering	781.00
Easter Offering	650.00
Diocesan Collection (Needs of the Church in the Holy Land)	483.00
Holy Thursday Parish Collection	540.00
Mass Stipend	40.00
Initial Offering	10.00

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

### **Parish Celebration**

Father Tom will be celebrating his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. Everyone is invited to join a special celebration in honour of his milestone birthday on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the St. Alban's Lions Club from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This will be an open house event with music and finger foods. Everyone is welcome to drop by and join the fun!

At Father Tom's request, in lieu of gifts, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item and help support the local food bank.

Let's come together as a parish community to celebrate and show our appreciation for Father Tom!

### **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.

### **Easter Flowers have been donated in Loving Memory of:**

*In memory of Thomas & Georgina Barnes, Jacob Benoit and Philip Cox from Kevin & Ann Benoit*

*In memory of Eric & Nathan Collier and deceased members of the Blake family from Mary Blake Collier*

### **Condolences**

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

