

DECEMBER 8 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. This dogma states that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin”.

DECEMBER 12 - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS:

Today's feast commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. An imprint of her image was left on a cloak belonging to Juan Diego to whom she twice appeared. This cloak is an object of great veneration and is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centres of North America. Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has grown over the centuries, and in 1946 Pope Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas.

DECEMBER 12 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity

DECEMBER 13 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR: Lucy was born in Syracuse, Italy, and was martyred about 304. Because her name is derived from *lux* ('light'), during the Middle Ages people suffering from eye trouble began invoking Lucy's aid. She is also associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

Knights of Columbus: December 13th 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.

Christmas Flowers: You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias that will be used on our Altar this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Bulletin. Please use an envelope with your name, envelope number and the name of your loved ones with your donation inside and place in the collection basket or drop off at parish office.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's readings speak of peace. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we have a wonderful vision of what the world will be like on that day when “a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse”: “the wolf shall live with the lamb” and “the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den”. Saint Paul in the second reading prays that we will “live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus”. In the Gospel, we are called to “prepare the way of the Lord”. As we prepare ourselves for the birth of the Prince of Peace, we are challenged to do our best in the ‘here and now’ to bring about the vision of peace proclaimed by Isaiah. We can begin by being peace-filled people with all whom we meet on a daily basis.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 6 and Sun. – December 7

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

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Noel F. Jeddore

Weekday Masses Mon. December 8 – Fri. December 12

Mon – No Mass

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Morgan Organ

Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ralph Blake

Thurs--10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel---Mass for Thanksgiving---Mary Strickland

Fri-----10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Kevin Murphy

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 13 and Sun. – December 14

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

Knights of Columbus

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
December 6	Edith O	Edith O	Father Tom Edith O	Kevin O Bill D
December 7	Edith O	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D
December 13	Mary S	Pat/Cameron Pittman	Father Tom Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
December 14	Mary S	Connie W	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$784.00
St. Anne's Church	99.00
Candles	188.00
Christmas Flowers	90.00
Mass Stipend	10.00
Missals	224.00
Donation (IMO Clarence & Roxanne Collier)	100.00
50/50 Fundraiser (November 28)	3480.00

Congratulations to Julie Ann Willcott, winner of the November 2025 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1740.00)

Thank you

A special thank you to Julia Collier for her generous donation to the parish.
Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

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.

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 Christmas Hamper Donations

As we prepare for the Christmas season, our parish is partnering with the **Bay d'Espoir Food Bank** to help support families in need. We are now accepting donations for the Christmas hampers.

If you are able to give, we would greatly appreciate items such as:

*Cans of fruit *Cans of vegetables *Boxes of dressing
 *Cranberry sauce *Canned corn or peas

Your generosity helps bring comfort and joy to local families during the holidays. Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

2026 Parish Envelopes: Are now available for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2025 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2025 but would like a box for 2026, extra unlabelled boxes are also available. If you take an unnamed box, please print your name on the recording sheet opposite the box number you take. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2026.

St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser: St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets will be available at St Alban's Clover Farm. 1st prize - \$500.00, 2nd prize - \$300.00, 3rd prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Friday, December 19th, 2025.

Volunteer Request We will be holding a **church clean-up** on **Monday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m.** in preparation for the Christmas season. We would be grateful for anyone who can lend a hand. Please bring **cloths, brooms, and mops** if you have them. All **cleaning products will be provided**. Thank you for helping our church clean, welcoming and ready for Christmas!

