

JANUARY 25 - SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: In the Apostolic Letter Aperuit illis, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis, Aperuit illis, 2

JANUARY 26 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT TIMOTHY AND SAINT TITUS, BISHOPS: Timothy and Titus were disciples of Saint Paul, and Paul's letters to them are part of the New Testament. Each worked with Paul and each became a leader of a Pauline community; Timothy became Bishop of Ephesus, and Titus, Bishop of Crete. It is believed that Timothy was stoned to death around 67 AD, while Titus died of old age.

January 27 - Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin: Angela Merici was born in 1474 near Brescia, Italy, and was orphaned at age 10. At 13 she became a Franciscan tertiary and began a life of great austerity. Awakened to the need for education among the poor, she and several friends began to give regular instruction to girls in their own homes in the hope of improving social conditions. Eventually, a religious association was formed under the protection of Saint Ursula, patron of mediaeval universities. It is Angela who is recognized as foundress of the Ursulines. She died in 1540.

JANUARY 28 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR: Born near Aquino, Italy, about 1225, Thomas was educated at the Benedictine Monastery at Monte Cassino from the age of five. At 19 he joined the newly-formed Dominicans and, with his teacher Albert the Great, he developed the theological 'Scholastic method', which dominated Catholic teaching for centuries. He wrote many books, his most famous work being *Summa theologiae*. Many of his hymn texts, such as *Pange lingua* and *Tantum ergo*, are still in use today. A man of towering intellect, Thomas was also a very humble mystic. He died in 1274, was canonized in 1323, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1567. In 1880, he was proclaimed patron saint of universities and schools.

JANUARY 31 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST: John was born in Piedmont, Italy, in 1815. He studied for the Priesthood and was ordained in Turin. After visiting a prison while still a young Priest and seeing the fate of children imprisoned there, he resolved to devote himself to working among disadvantaged boys. He formed the Salesian Society, named after Francis de Sales, and began educating boys of the poor and working classes. His teaching was motivated by charity and gentleness. With the help of Saint Mary Mazzarello, he also established the Salesian Sisters (Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians) to do similar work among girls. John Bosco died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel continues the theme of Christian discipleship begun last Sunday. As the passage begins, Jesus is in Galilee, proclaiming the 'good news of God' and announcing the nearness of 'the kingdom of God'. Then he calls his first disciples – the brothers Simon and Andrew, and the brothers James and John. Called abruptly from their daily work of fishing, they respond immediately to the summons of Jesus, leaving behind their work and family ties. Just as Jesus called these first disciples, so too he calls us, each and every day, to be his disciples. We need only hear the voice of the Lord Jesus saying to us as he did the first disciples, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people". The response is then up to us. The call to be disciples of the Lord Jesus is a call to continue the mission that Jesus began, thus sharing in the work of proclaiming 'the good news of God' and in building up 'the kingdom of God' in our midst.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – January 24 and Sun. – January 25

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

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

ConneRiver-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-- Gilbert & Marion Jeddore and deceased family members

Weekday Masses Mon. January 26 – January 30

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

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

Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Glenda Snook

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Joan & Ron Kendall

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Muriel Benoit

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

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

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
January 24	Mary S	Ann B	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
January 25	Mary S	Lydia W	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O
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

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$1040.00
St. Anne's Church	55.00
New Year's Offering	10.00
Initial Offering	25.00
Mass Stipend	160.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

Funerals	\$200.00
Weddings	\$200.00
Baptism	\$25.00

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful group of volunteers who gave their time in December to clean our church. Your hard work and generosity did not go unnoticed, the church looked beautiful and welcoming for the Christmas season. We are truly grateful for your service and the spirit of care you bring to our parish community.

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.

