

February 17 - Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order:

Between 1225 and 1227, seven men from the city of Florence, Italy, joined the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin. Inspired by visions of Our Lady, they decided to dedicate themselves to lives of prayer and service. Later they withdrew to a deserted mountain where they built a Church and hermitage, living a life of extreme austerity, and becoming known as the Servants of Mary, or Servites. Of the original seven, all but one became Priests. Only the lay brother, who lived to be 110, saw the order fully recognized in 1304.

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper which marks the start of the Easter Triduum. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. It has a twofold purpose: it helps catechumens to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, and it invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at Easter. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

FEBRUARY 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY: On this day we begin our Lenten journey. *Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and of abstinence from meat.* As Catholics, we observe the Lenten fast by limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals. *The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older.*

February 21 - Memorial of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor: Peter was born in 1007 in Ravenna, Italy. He became a hermit monk and was eventually chosen as the superior of his community. In 1057 he was appointed the Bishop of Ostia. Throughout his life he fought for clerical reform. Later he received permission from Pope Alexander to return to the simple life of a monk. Known for his work for reform and renewal, Peter died in 1072 and is a Doctor of the Church.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The first reading from the book of Sirach today says, "If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and they will save you". In the Gospel, as Jesus continues to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, we hear the same message. God offers us life, but it is we who choose the way we live. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to try continually to live by the law of love, forgiving those who hurt us and avoiding judging the hearts of others. Only then will we live our lives as summarized in the two fundamental commands on which all else depends: love of God and love of neighbour.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – February 14 and Sun. – February 15

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

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

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

Weekday Masses Mon. February 16 – February 20

Mon– 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ross Willcott

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Gerard Lambert

Ash Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church---Michael Davis

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

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Glen Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – February 21 and Sun. – February 22

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Edith Collier

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

| DATE | Sacristan | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Collectors |
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| February 14 | Edith O | Ann B | Father Tom Edith O | Kevin O Bill D |
| February 15 | Edith O | Connie W | Father Tom Genevieve T | Anthony W George D |
| February 21 | Mary S | Pat P | Father Tom Christine H | Finton O Gerard S |
| February 22 | Mary S | Lydia W | Father Tom Valerie H | William M Ivan O |

Weekly Parish Income

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| St. Ignatius Church | \$935.00 |
| St. Anne's Church | 115.00 |
| Diocesan Collection (Ecclesiastical Student's Fund) | 15.00 |
| Initial Offering | 5.00 |
| New Years Offering | 5.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 5.00 |
| Mass Stipend | 80.00 |
| Certificates | 20.00 |
| Religious Articles | 140.00 |
| Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement | 1600.00 |

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Gerard Lambert, formerly of St. Alban's and son of the late Edward & Veronica Lambert, 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

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.

2025 Charitable Donation Receipt: If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2025 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the churches in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 20th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel. All are welcome!

