

ORDINARY TIME

(January 12 - February 17, 2026)

Ordinary Time encompasses that part of the liturgical year that does not fall within the distinctive seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Catholic Church celebrates two periods of the year as Ordinary Time: the first following the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and continuing until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday; the second following Pentecost Sunday until the evening before Advent. There are about 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time, depending on the year. In actuality, however, there are fewer Sundays of Ordinary Time because major feasts honouring the Trinity, Corpus Christi, Christ the King, and others replace a particular Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is important to remember that Ordinary Time celebrates “the mystery of Christ in all its aspects”. Pope Paul VI, in his Apostolic Letter approving the Roman calendar (February 14, 1969) says, “The reason for the restoration of the liturgical year is to help believers through their faith, hope and love to share more fully in the entire mystery of Christ as it is unfolding throughout the year.” The Sundays in Ordinary Time are an important part of this unfolding mystery.

January 13 - Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor: Hilary was born in Gaul (France) in 320. As an adult, he converted to Christianity and was chosen as Bishop about 350. He is best known for his valiant defence of Christianity against the Arian heresy. He continued his confrontation with Arianism until his death about 368. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

JANUARY 17 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT: Anthony was born into a wealthy Christian family in Egypt about 251. Both his parents died while he was a teenager and Anthony gave away his inheritance and became a hermit. After years of solitude, he emerged to gather the ascetics who had followed him into a ‘community’. This was the beginning of Christian monasticism. Anthony died on January 17, 356, well-known for his holiness, wisdom and asceticism.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today, as Jesus is baptized, we have another epiphany (manifestation) or theophany (the revelation of God to humanity) when Jesus is named the Beloved Son of God. In actuality, Jesus had no need of the Sacrament of Baptism since he had no sin. However, in submitting himself humbly to his baptism by John the Baptist, Christ provided an example for all his followers. Jesus' baptism marks his initiation into public ministry. With this celebration we are called to recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated into the Church through our baptism, we too are commissioned to proclaim Good News to the world by the way we live.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – January 10 and Sun. – January 11

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

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

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

Weekday Masses Mon. January 12 – January 16

Mon – No Mass

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Fabian Collier

Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel--Special Intention-Requested by Mary
(Cecil) Organ

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Tom & Lori Gardiner

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

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – January 17 and Sun. – January 18

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—George Organ (Ursula)

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
January 10	Bernadette C	Pat P	Father Tom Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
January 11	Bernadette C	Cindy B	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O
January 17	Edith O	Edith O	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
January 18	Edith O	Connie W	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$830.00
St. Anne's Church	70.00
New Year's Offering	20.00
Initial Offering	55.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Christmas Offering	10.00
Parish Dues	20.00
EFT (December 2025)	957.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

(January 18 - 25, 2026)

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The Second Vatican Council invited all Catholics to undertake the work of ecumenism and so overcome the scandal of disunity among Christians. Ecumenism means working to restore unity among all Christians; in a broader sense, it also involves working for better relations with Judaism, Islam, and other non-Christian religions. Saint John Paul II, during his Pontificate, said that working for unity is the responsibility of each of us: *"To work for unity is not simply to follow one's own fancy, one's personal preference; it means being faithful to and truly representative of the position of the Catholic Church"* (23 November 1979).

