NOVEMBER 9 - FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA: Originally known as the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour, this Church is called Saint John Lateran because it was built on property owned by the Laterani family and given to the Church and because it was served by monks from the monastery of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Divine. The Church is the cathedra (chair) of the Bishop of Rome, presently Pope Francis. In a sense, because it is the Pope's Church, the Lateran Basilica is the spiritual home of all Catholics. On an ancient plaque at the entrance, there is a Latin inscription which translates as *'The Most Holy Church of the Lateran, the Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the World'*, and so the whole Church rejoices in its dedication.

NOVEMBER 10 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR: Leo was Pope from 440 until his death in 461. He is well-known for his peacekeeping efforts, in particular for his encounter with Attila the Hun when he persuaded Attila not to plunder Rome. Later, during another attack, he managed to save the city from being burnt and subsequently worked alongside the people to rebuild the city and its Churches. He is the first Pope whose sermons and letters have been preserved in extensive collections, and his teaching has had a lasting influence on the life of the Roman Church. Saint Leo the Great was made Doctor of the Church in 1754.

NOVEMBER 11 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP: Martin, born to pagan parents, became a Christian catechumen and was baptized at 18 years of age. Later he pursued his vocation as a monk. He was joined by disciples and together they founded the first monastery in Gaul (France). In 371 he was proclaimed Bishop of Tours by the people. He served as a bishop-monk and converted pagans to the faith until his death in 397. He is usually depicted on horseback, offering his cloak to a poor man. Martin is a patron of France, soldiers, and vintners.

NOVEMBER 11 - REMEMBRANCE DAY: Today Canadians pause in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day also to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. It is a day too for a believing community to rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes (*Matthew 5.1-12*).





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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear Jesus telling the parable of the ten bridesmaids who "took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom". However, while they were awaiting his arrival, they all fell asleep, only to be awakened at midnight by a shout announcing the arrival of the bridegroom. As we hear in the Gospel, five of the bridesmaids were foolish; because they had no oil for their lamps, they were unprepared to go and meet the bridegroom. Five of the bridesmaids, however, were wise; because they had plenty of oil, they were prepared to meet the bridegroom upon his arrival and so "went with him into the wedding banquet". In the New Testament, Jesus refers to himself as the Bridegroom. The whole point of the parable then is the importance of being vigilant and ready for the coming of Jesus, the Bridegroom at the end of time. Let us keep in mind the words which bring today's Gospel to a close: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" and let us ask ourselves, "Are we living our lives in harmony with the ways of God? Are we ready to meet our Lord? Let us prepare ourselves well so that we can look forward to the festivities in store for us when we meet Jesus, the Bridegroom, in the hope of being invited to the Heavenly Banquet.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – November 7 and Sun. – November 8

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch----------Marie Poullett

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

ConneRiver-Sunday - 2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church--- John Nick & Pauline Jeddore

Weekday Masses Mon. November 9 – Fri. November 13

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel---------Barry Cox and deceased members of the Wheeler & Long families

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel----------Maureen Williams

Wed – No Mass

Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel----------Loretta McCarthy

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel----------Gordon, Mary & Pat Long

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

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St. Ignatius Church-------Brendan Hoskins

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

ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church---------Gabriel Jeddore

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	*Sacristan*	*Reader*	*Eucharistic Minister*	*Collectors*
November 7	Bernadette C	Terri-Isla	Christina H	Finton O Gerard S
November 8	Bernadette C	Lydia W	Genevieve T	Anthony W Ivan O
November 14	Patsy M	Ann B	Margaret H	Kevin O Gerard S
November 15	Patsy M	Valerie H	Valerie H	George D Rona H

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	$765.00
St. Anne's Church	85.00
Candles	365.00
Mass Stipend	60.00
Religious Articles	20.00

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

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Anne's Church and St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Joseph Bernard Benoit of Conne River, their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser: St. Alban's Clover Farm is having their annual 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 18th, 2026.

Wreath Laying Ceremony: Will be taking place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday November 11, 2026 at the Veterans Memorial. _1



"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me"

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

Parish Council – New Members Welcome

Our Parish Council is looking for new members! This is a wonderful opportunity to become more involved in parish life, share your ideas and help support the continued growth and well-being of our parish community. If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Office (709-538-3106). We welcome and encourage your participation!

Cemetery Donations – Thank You for Your Support

We sincerely thank those who have contributed to our cemetery fund this year. Your generous donations will be used to purchase three brush saws and replacement blades. These tools are essential for maintaining our cemeteries, particularly for cutting alders and clearing overgrown areas. Your continued generosity helps us ensure that our cemeteries remain tidy, respectful and well-maintained places of remembrance for our loved ones.

Confirmation Registration – Grades 9 & 10

Registration is now open for students in Grades 9 and 10 who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents and guardians are asked to contact the Parish Office to register their child.

Registration Deadline: Saturday, November 14, 2026.

We encourage families to register before the deadline so preparations for the Confirmation program can begin.

Temporary Change to Mass Locations – January to Holy Week

Due to the rising cost of heating fuel, we will be making a temporary adjustment to our Mass locations during the winter months. Beginning the weekend of **January 2-3, 2027,** Saturday evening Mass will continue at its regular time of 7:00 p.m., while **Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Chapel.**

This arrangement will remain in place from **January until Holy Week**.
We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to manage parish expenses while continuing to provide opportunities for worship and fellowship within our parish community