

December 29 - Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr: Born in London, England, about 1118, Thomas was ordained a deacon in 1154 and appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162 by King Henry II. However, Thomas and the king did not agree on matters regarding the Church, forcing Thomas into exile in France. Within weeks of his return, he and the king clashed again. In a fit of rage the king wished aloud to be rid of this “low-born priest”, and four of the king’s men took this to be a command. As a result, Thomas was martyred in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. Upon learning of the archbishop’s fate, the king was shocked and all Europe with him. In 1173, Pope Alexander III declared Thomas a saint.

JANUARY 1 - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: This feast of Mary falls exactly one week after Christmas, at the end of the octave of Christmas. The solemnity is a celebration of Mary’s motherhood of Jesus and hence also a celebration of Mary as the Mother of God. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honour we can give Mary, and celebrating her divine maternity during the Christmas octave makes complete sense in that the celebration is connected closely to Christ’s birth. In his encyclical, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI further noted the connection to New Year’s Day and Mary’s role as Queen of Peace. Thus it is fitting that January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is also observed as World Day of Peace. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

JANUARY 1 - WORLD DAY OF PEACE: The World Day of Peace was established in 1968 by Pope Paul VI who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come”. Today we celebrate the 59th World Day of Peace. This is a special day set aside to pray for peace in the world, for goodwill among nations, and for light and guidance for civil and world leaders. It is a time for each of us to reflect on our individual responsibility to work and pray for peace. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, it is also an appropriate time to ask Mary, Queen of Peace, to intercede on behalf of the world for world peace. The theme chosen by Pope Leo for this year’s World Day of Peace is “*Peace be with you all: Towards an ‘unarmed and disarming’ peace*”.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

This feast, instituted in 1921, is observed on the first Sunday following Christmas, unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30. Devotion to the Holy Family flourished during the Renaissance, and leading artists of the time – Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few – often portrayed the Holy Family in their work.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 27 and Sun. – December 28

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Larry & Margaret Hudson

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

Conne River-Sunday-No Mass

Weekday Masses Mon. December 29 – January 2

Mon – 2:00 p.m. St.Ignatius Church---Funeral Mass – William Snook

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Cecil & Johnny Organ

Wed – New Years Eve-St. Alban's-7:00 p.m.---Michael Farrell

Thurs – New Years Day-St. Alban's-4:00 p.m.---Edith Collier

Fri-----10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mary warren

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – January 3 and Sun. – January 4

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch----Theresa Pittman, Aloysius & Betty Hoskins

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

ConneRiver-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church---John Joe & Mary Hanah

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MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
Dec. 27	Edith O	Ann B	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
Dec. 28	Edith O	Cindy B	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D
Dec. 31 7:00 p.m.	Mary S	Pat P	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
Jan. 1 4:00 p.m.	Mary S	Connie W	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O
Jan. 3	Bernie C Loretta C	Ann B	Father Tom Edith O	Kevin O Bill D
Jan. 4	Bernie C Loretta C	Valerie H	Father Tom Genevieve T	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$815.00
St. Anne's Church	55.00
St. Ignatius Christmas Offering	2018.00
St. Anne's Christmas Offering	55.00
Christmas Flowers	405.00
Advent Offering	615.00
Mass Stipend	90.00
St. Alban's Clover Farm St. Ignatius Christmas Fundraiser	1800.00
St. Ignatius On-Line Auction	1975.00

Thank you

St. Ignatius Parish would like to thank all those who participated in the recent on-line auction. Also, the Parish would like to thank all individuals and local businesses who donated articles or monetary donations to the auction. Your support made the event a huge success.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !!

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

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.

Christmas Flowers have been donated in Loving Memory of:

In loving memory of Eric & Nathan Collier and deceased family members from Mary (Blake) Collier

In memory of Almeda & Cecil Cox and Iris & Cyril Organ from Gerry Cox

In memory of deceased members of the Kelly and Farrell families from Beth Kelly

In memory of deceased members of the Snook & Farrell families from Susan & Dan Snook

In memory of deceased members of the Farrell & Organ Families from Theresa Organ

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late William "Bill" Snook, of St. Alban's, their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

