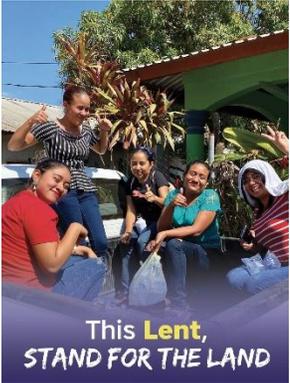


## Standing for the Land in Honduras



Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

### **MARCH 20 - SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF CANADA, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH:**

Joseph was a village carpenter and a descendant of King David. Embarrassed by Mary's pregnancy, Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife. His thoughts of rejecting her were banished and he was faithful to his responsibility as her husband and as foster father of Jesus. Saint Joseph, a model of faithfulness, was declared patron of the universal Church in 1870 and is principal patron of Canada.

**March 23 - Memorial of Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop:** Turibius was born in Spain in 1538. He was ordained Bishop and appointed Archbishop of Lima, Peru. In Lima he was appalled by the attitude of the 'conquerors' who exploited the country and subjected the native peoples to all sorts of tyranny and injustice. Turibius condemned these abuses and provided for the spiritual and physical needs of the people. He established the first seminary in Latin America. Turibius died March 23, 1606, and was canonized in 1726. He is a patron of Latin American Bishops.

### **MARCH 25 - SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD:**

This solemnity is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin: of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and of the virgin who becomes the Mother of God. In the universal Church, the liturgy today celebrates the beginning of redemption and also honours Mary as the 'new Eve', the obedient and faithful woman who generously agrees to be the Mother of God, thus cooperating freely in God's plan of salvation.



## ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

**ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER**

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### ***FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT***

In today's Gospel about the healing of the man born blind, the emphasis is on 'light' and once more we are reminded of our Baptism. The man receives his physical sight early in the story, but the rest of the drama traces the birth of his spiritual sight as he comes to see who Jesus really is. Because of his openness and willingness, the man is drawn to the Light of Christ and is led to believe. Like the man born blind, when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism, we too are transformed from darkness to children of light, and throughout our lives, through divine grace, our faith grows, drawing us into a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus and enabling us to see more clearly who He really is.

### ***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

#### **Daily Masses Mon March 20 – Fri March 24**

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Jenny Nugent

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Audrey O'Quinn

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Albert Cox

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Clare Long

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Robert Gerard Collier

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat – March 25 and March 26**

St. Alban's-Saturday 7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church---Aida Mandal

St. Alban's---Sunday 10:30a.m. St. Ignatius Church—**Parish Family**

Conne River---Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church- Keith Drew

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Mar 18	Edith O	Pat P	Father Patrick	
Mar 19	Edith O	Valerie H	Father Patrick	
Mar 25	Mary S	Gerry C	Father Patrick	
Mar 26	Mary S	Cindy B	Father Patrick	

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$626.50
St. Anne's	65.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Mass Stipends	75.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Gov. Of Canada (GST/HST Rebate)	2678.52

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

### 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 24th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel. All are welcome!

### Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Agatha Barnes their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

### Easter Flowers

Parish members wishing to donate towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the church may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.

### 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 Patrick at 709-280-4904 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 greatly bring them Holy Communion.....Father Patrick Osuji

### 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.

**Knights of Columbus Essay Contest:** This year the Knights of Columbus State Council will be sponsoring the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest is open to all Catholic students in Grades 8,9,10,11 and 12 during the current school year. The deadline for the essay contest is April 20, 2023.

Contestants need to put their name, date of birth, grade and council number (St. Ignatius Council # 13763) on their essay. The essay should be 500 words or more. The title is: How do we Keep Faith and Family Important on the Lord's Day. Prizes will be offered in three categories :

Grade 8 - 9 One prize of \$50.00 for the best essay

Grade 10 -11 One prize of \$100.00 for the best essay

Grade 12 One prize of \$150.00 for the best essay

Send all essays to John Thoms 174 main Street Bishop's Falls, NL A0H 1C0

If you have any questions contact me at phone # 709 - 258 - 5291 or Email :

[john.thoms@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:john.thoms@nf.sympatico.ca)

Thank you, John Thoms

State Community Director

