

**MAY 18 - VICTORIA DAY:** The birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria has been celebrated as a holiday in Canada West (now Ontario) since 1845; it became a national holiday in 1901, the year that Queen Victoria died. Although the Sovereign changed along the years, the day of her/his birthday celebration remained. In 1952, it was established on the Monday preceding May 25. Today it is appropriate to offer prayers for the Queen, for Canada, and for justice and peace in the world.

**May 18 - Memorial of Saint John I, Pope, Martyr:** John I became Pope in 523. At this time Italy was ruled by Theodoric the Goth, who had reversed his policy of tolerance toward Christians because of trouble between Rome and the emperor of Constantinople. When his subjects appealed to him, Theodoric organized a delegation to negotiate with the emperor and ordered a reluctant Pope John to head the mission and to act as mediator between Rome and Constantinople. John did win some concessions, but Theodoric was not satisfied. The Pope and his entourage were imprisoned and John died soon after, probably of starvation.

**May 20 - Memorial of Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest:** Born in 1380 into a noble family, Bernardine was orphaned at age seven and raised by loving relatives who provided him with an excellent education. In 1402 he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained in 1404. Commissioned to preach, Bernardine won converts all over northern and central Italy. A true son of Saint Francis, Bernardine died in 1444 and was canonized in 1450.

**May 21 - Memorial of Saint Eugène de Mazenod, Bishop:** Born in France in 1782, Charles Joseph Eugène de Mazenod was ordained in 1811. He founded the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, a missionary institute of priests and lay brothers, whose particular charism is to minister to those who have never heard of Christ. Their presence extended to Canada where they established the College of Bytown (now the University of Ottawa and St. Paul University) and Novalis, as well as numerous parishes and dioceses from coast to coast. Eugène was superior of the Oblates until his death on May 21, 1861. He was canonized on December 3, 1995. Today, the members of the Oblate community work around the world.

**May 21 - Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs:** Born in Mexico in 1869, Christopher Magallanes entered the seminary at age 19. After ordination, he and his companions worked with the poor and the indigenous people of Mexico. In the 1920's, the anti-Catholic government in Mexico closed all seminaries and Father Christopher started his own seminary, but it was soon forced to close. He opened another, and another, and finally conducted classes in private homes. He was arrested on May 21, 1927, while on his way to celebrate Mass and was falsely accused of promoting armed rebellion. He was executed four days later, along with 21 diocesan priests and 3 laymen. Before his martyrdom, he forgave his executioners. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.



## 1 St. Ignatius Parish

**St. Ignatius Church-St. Alban's St. Anne's Church- Conne River**

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### ***THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD***

The Ascension of Jesus reminds us that we are pilgrims on a journey, that we are “only passing through” on this earth. Meanwhile, we have work to do. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . .” So too we, like the apostles, are challenged to witness to Christ in our daily lives – in our homes, in our churches, in our local community, and, yes, even to the ends of the earth, leading others to become true disciples of the Lord Jesus. As we strive to always be credible witnesses of the Lord Jesus, let us take courage from the words spoken to the first eleven disciples and, yes, even to us today, “And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age”.

### ***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 16 and Sun. – May 17**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Ralph Blake  
St.Alban's-Sunday - 4:00p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**  
ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's-----Madeline John

#### **Weekday Masses Mon. May 18 – May 22**

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Bern Howse & Audrey McNeil  
Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Elizabeth Hoskins (Charles)  
Wed --10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Joan & Ron Kendall  
Thur – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----George Willcott (Eileen)  
Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Norman West & John R. Howse

#### **Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – May 23 and Sun. – May 24**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Audrey Davis  
St.Alban's-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**  
ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church-----Ann Joe

## Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
<b>May 16</b>	Bernie C Loretta C	Edith O	Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
<b>May 17</b>	Bernie C Loretta C	Mark F	Mary S	Anthony W
<b>May 23</b>	Bernadette C	Terri-Lynn/ Isla	Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
<b>May 24</b>	Bernadette C	Cindy B	Genevieve T	William M Ivan O

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$905.00
St. Anne's Church	100.00
Mass Stipend	45.00
Diocesan Collection (Pope's Pastoral Works)	120.00

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

**May 22 - Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious:** Saint Rita was born in Umbria, Italy, in 1386. She wanted to become a nun, but her parents betrothed her to a cruel man whom she married. Eighteen years later, her husband was murdered and her twin sons were determined to avenge his murder. Rita pleaded with them to forgive the murderers, and her prayers prevailed. Eventually, Rita was admitted to the Augustinian Convent at Cascia, living there 40 years in prayer, contemplation and service of the poor. She was canonized in 1900 and is a patron of impossible causes.

### 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.

### Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

### An Invitation:

On May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., there will be a session at the priest's residence to reflect, pray and celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Presentation sisters by Nano Nagle and to consider the many opportunities we have to celebrate God's blessings. To register, please call the Parish office at (709) 538-3106.

