

ADVENT SEASON: “The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way, Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 39). During Advent, each Sunday’s Gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

DECEMBER 3 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST: Francis was born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain. He was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and spent many years working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa, South East Asia, and Japan. Francis died in 1552 while on his way from Goa to China. He was canonized in 1602 and is a patron of all foreign missions.

December 4 - Memorial of Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor: Born in Damascus about 675, John became a monk and later a Priest near Bethlehem. The last of the Greek Fathers of the Church, John was a renowned scholar. One of his best-known works, *The Fountain of Wisdom*, had a great influence on later theology. John also wrote hymns and homilies in honour of the Blessed Virgin. He died about 750 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1890.

December 6 - Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop: In the early fourth century Nicholas was made Bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey). He was famous for his charity and was so popular that he was chosen joint patron of Russia with Saint Andrew; he is also a patron of sailors and children. In many parts of the world, he still plays a role as Santa Claus.

Christmas Flowers: You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias that will be used on our Altar this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Bulletin. Please use an envelope with your name, envelope number and the name of your loved ones with your donation inside and place in the collection basket or drop off at parish office.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new liturgical year (Year A). There are three aspects of anticipation to Jesus’ coming in the Advent season: the celebration of his birth some 2000 years ago (past), receiving Jesus in our lives today (present), and his coming again at the end of time (future). Today’s readings emphasize the third aspect when Jesus comes again in glory. In the Gospel, Jesus says, “Keep awake . . . for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” Let us take time during this Advent season to examine our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – November 29 and Sun. – November 30

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Fabian Collier

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. December 1 – Fri. December 5

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mildred McDonald

Tues – No Mass

Wed –10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ralph Blake

Thurs--10:30a.m. Parish Chapel-----Albert & Lenora McDonald

Fri-----10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Wilbert Blake

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 6 and Sun. – December 7

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

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

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

| DATE | Sacristan | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Collectors |
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| November 29 | Bernadette C | Ann B | Father Tom Margaret H | FintonO Gerard S |
| November 30 | Bernadette C | Lydia W | Father Tom Valerie H | William M Ivan O |
| December 6 | Edith O | Edith O | Father Tom Edith O | KevinO Bill D |
| December 7 | Edith O | Cindy B | Father Tom Mary S | Anthony W George D |

Weekly Parish Income

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| St. Ignatius Church | \$940.00 |
| St. Anne's Church | 65.00 |
| Certificates | 5.00 |
| Baptism Stipend | 25.00 |
| Mass Stipend | 75.00 |
| Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement | 1600.00 |

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

2026 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

Missals are available at the entrance of the church. Price is \$7.00 per missal.

Advent Offering

Advent Coin Folders are no longer available. If you wish to make an Advent offering, please use an envelope provided at the tables near the main entrance. Please fill in your Name, Donation Amount and your Offertory Envelope #. Thank You for your continued support.

Knights of Columbus: December 13th at 7:00 pm., the Knights of Columbus will have a special Mass for all their deceased members. The Church Christmas tree lighting will take place at this service.

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 Christmas Hamper Donations

As we prepare for the Christmas season, our parish is partnering with the **Bay d'Espoir Food Bank** to help support families in need. We are now accepting donations for the Christmas hampers.

If you are able to give, we would greatly appreciate items such as:

*Cans of fruit *Cans of vegetables *Boxes of dressing
*Cranberry sauce *Canned corn or peas

Your generosity helps bring comfort and joy to local families during the holidays. Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

2026 Parish Envelopes: Are now available for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2025 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2025 but would like a box for 2026, extra unlabelled boxes are also available. If you take an unnamed box, please print your name on the recording sheet opposite the box number you take. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2026.

St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser: St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a 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 19th, 2025.

Volunteer Request We will be holding a **church clean-up** on **Monday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m.** in preparation for the Christmas season. We would be grateful for anyone who can lend a hand. Please bring **cloths, brooms, and mops** if you have them. All **cleaning products will be provided**. Thank you for helping our church clean, welcoming and ready for Christmas!

