

March 17 - Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop: At age 16, Patrick was carried off in a pirate raid and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was made a swineherd, living in solitude on a mountain. This radical change in his life forced him to rely on his Christian training, and his prayer and asceticism marked him forever. After six years, Patrick escaped and returned to his parents in Britain. Later, he returned to Gaul to study for the priesthood, eventually becoming a bishop. After some time, Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary. By the time of his death in 492, Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland, and churches and monasteries had been established to receive the constant stream of converts. Patrick is best known for evangelizing the Irish.

March 18 - Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor: Cyril was born in Jerusalem about 315. He became a biblical scholar and a cleric in the Church of Jerusalem. Ordained about 342, he became Bishop of Jerusalem in 350. His famous Lenten instructions, *Catecheses*, outline his beliefs and the theological traditions of the Jerusalem community. Cyril died in Jerusalem in 387, having contributed greatly to the theological understanding of the early Church.

MARCH 19 - SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF CANADA AND 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.

Penitential Service

Penitential Service will be offered during the regular Masses on the weekend of March 21st(Saturday – 7:00 p.m.) and March 22nd(Sunday – 4:00p.m.).



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

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

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**

Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Leonard John

Weekday Masses Mon. March 16 – March 20

Mon– 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Joan & Ron Kendall

Tues –10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Michael Hoskins

Wed -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Linda Organ

Thur–10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mervyn Walsh & Leonce Ferland

Fri -- 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Hubert & Susie Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – March 21 and Sun. – March 22

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Kevin Murphy

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

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m. St. Anne's Church--Alphonsus & Angela Collier

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
March 14	Edith O	Pat P	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
March 15	Edith O	Connie W Lydia W	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D
March 21	Mary S	Edith O	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
March 22	Mary S	Lydia W	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$925.00
St. Anne's Church	105.00
Lenten Offering	30.00
EFT (February 2026)	850.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Lenten Offering

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

Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late George Willcott, 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.

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

Bayd' 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.

MASS OF CHRISM:The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26th, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Grand Falls-Windsor. This celebration is one of the most important days of the year as Priests gather around the Table of the Eucharist and renew their priestly commitment before the People of God. It is a time of unity and communion of Priests with their Bishop. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity for the lay faithful to show support for the Priests who minister to them throughout the year. Following Mass there will be a lunch at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bishop's Falls. All are invited.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during the Lenten Season at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 20th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel.

All are welcome!

Easter Flowers

Parish members wishing to contribute towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the Church Altar 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.

