

SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOUR DAY: In Canada we celebrate Labour Day on the first Monday of September. Though this day is a time for relaxation, it is also an opportune time for reflection. Church teachings rightly remind us of the value of work. Among other things, work enhances our human dignity, it is needed in order to form and maintain a family, and it contributes to the common good of our local, national and global communities. This Labour Day, let us take time to reflect on the value of work and the importance of recognizing and respecting the dignity of all workers. Let us pray too for all workers and also for those who are without work that they may find gainful employment.

SEPTEMBER 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1 as the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*. In his Letter, dated August 6, 2015, in which His Holiness instituted September 1 as the date for this annual celebration, Pope Francis says, “The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live”. Pope Francis chose September 1 as the date for this celebration as it is the date on which the Orthodox Church has been celebrating this event since 1989.

September 2 - Memorial of Blessed André Grasset, Priest, Martyr: Blessed André Grasset was born in Montreal in 1758, but his family returned to France after the Battle of Quebec. Ordained a Priest, he was serving at the Cathedral in Sens at the outbreak of the French Revolution. Refusing to sign the Civil Constitution of the Clergy, he and many other Priests and Religious opposing the revolution were imprisoned in 1792 and martyred. As one of a group of 190 martyrs, André was beatified in 1926.

SEPTEMBER 3 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR: Gregory was born about the year 540 into a wealthy Roman family. He became a Benedictine monk and used his great wealth to establish several monasteries. In 578 he was ordained deacon and sent to Constantinople as papal ambassador. In 586 Gregory was recalled to Rome, became abbot of his monastery, and in 590 was unanimously elected Pope. His charity in feeding starving Romans, his sense of justice towards his tenants, his protection of Jewish rights, and his political diplomacy helped him earn the title ‘Great’. He maintained contact with all the churches of Christendom, composed numerous liturgical works, and was credited with developing ‘Gregorian Chant’. Gregory died in 604. He is known as the Apostle of England for sending missionaries there, is called the ‘Father of the Medieval Papacy’, and is a Doctor of the Church.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel is a lesson in humility. As we hear Jesus tell the parable about a wedding banquet, we are challenged to consider, not the menu, but rather the participants. As we consider the theme of “table fellowship” we are exhorted to welcome the poor, those who are disabled, those who cannot repay the favour. Moreover, we are to allow them to take the seats of honour. Is this what we do at our Eucharistic gatherings? How welcoming are we to those who are different in status or wealth? Do we allow others to be fully “at home” in the company of the Lord Jesus? Only by acting in humility and in a spirit of true generosity can we hope to be honoured at the “resurrection of the righteous”.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – August 30 and Sun. – August 31

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Joclyn Crant
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. September 1 – Fri. September 5

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----John & Frances Kealey
Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----James Farrell
Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Thomas Moore Collier
Thurs--10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Nellie Collier
Fri-----10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Kevin Murphy

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

St.Alban's-Saturday -7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Anne Collier-Hoskins
St.Alban's-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----**Parish Family**
ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church—Velma Piercy & Sherry
Lynn Benoit

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
August 30	Bernie C Loretta C	Pat/Cameron Pittman	Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
August 31	Bernie C Loretta C	Valerie H	Father Tom Genevieve T	Anthony W
September 6	Bernadette C	Ann B	Father Tom Margaret H	Finton O Gerard S
September 7	Bernadette C	Lydia W	Father Tom Valerie H	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$835.00
St. Anne's Church	70.00
Mass Stipend	5.00
Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1600.00
50/50 Fundraiser (August 2025)	3505.00

Congratulations to Tammy Davis, winner of the August 2025 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1752.50)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese)

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

Please note: Beginning September 1, Parish Chapel masses will all occur at 10:30 a.m. Monday – Friday.

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.

September 4 - Memorial of Blessed Dina Bélanger, Virgin: Born in 1897, Dina was the only daughter of well-to-do parents in Quebec City. A gifted student, Dina had remarkable musical talent and, after studying at the New York Conservatory, could have pursued a career as a concert pianist. However, she was always keenly aware of the role of others, notably her parents, in supporting her faithful response to the call of the Gospel. Dina professed final vows with the Religious of Jesus and Mary at the age of 25. Her spirit of praise and generosity inspired her motto, “to refuse God nothing”. Her simple life in the convent as musician and educator is glowing testimony to the value of living daily our call to sainthood in whatever setting we find ourselves. Dina died on September 4, 1929 and was beatified in 1993. Today, members of the Religious of Jesus and Mary work in many parts of the world, in over 20 different languages.

