

JANUARY 1 - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

This feast of Mary falls exactly one week after Christmas, at the end of the octave of Christmas. The solemnity is a celebration of Mary’s motherhood of Jesus and hence also a celebration of Mary as the Mother of God. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honour we can give Mary, and celebrating her divine maternity during the Christmas octave makes complete sense in that the celebration is connected closely to Christ’s birth. In his encyclical, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI further noted the connection to New Year’s Day and Mary’s role as Queen of Peace. Thus it is fitting that January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is also observed as World Day of Peace. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

JANUARY 1 - WORLD DAY OF PEACE: The World Day of Peace was established in 1968 by Pope Paul VI who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.

**Charitable Donations
Income Tax Savings – 2017**

Contribution	Federal Tax Credit	Provincial Tax Credit	Donor's Cost After Savings	Percentage Saved
\$200.00	\$30.00	\$17.40	\$152.60	23.7%
\$300.00	\$59.00	\$35.70	\$205.30	31.6%
\$400.00	\$88.00	\$54.00	\$258.00	35.5%
\$500.00	\$117.00	\$72.30	\$310.70	37.9%
\$600.00	\$146.00	\$90.60	\$363.40	39.4%
\$700.00	\$175.00	\$108.90	\$416.10	40.6%
\$800.00	\$204.00	\$127.20	\$468.80	41.4%
\$900.00	\$233.00	\$145.50	\$521.50	42.1%
\$1,000.00	\$262.00	\$163.80	\$574.20	42.6%
\$1,100.00	\$291.00	\$182.10	\$626.90	43.0%
\$1,200.00	\$320.00	\$200.40	\$679.60	43.4%
\$1,300.00	\$349.00	\$218.70	\$732.30	43.7%
\$1,400.00	\$378.00	\$237.00	\$785.00	43.9%
\$1,500.00	\$407.00	\$255.30	\$837.70	44.2%
\$1,600.00	\$436.00	\$273.60	\$890.40	44.4%
\$1,700.00	\$465.00	\$291.90	\$943.10	44.5%
\$1,800.00	\$494.00	\$310.20	\$995.80	44.7%
\$1,900.00	\$523.00	\$328.50	\$1,048.50	44.8%
\$2,000.00	\$552.00	\$346.80	\$1,101.20	44.9%
\$3,000.00	\$842.00	\$529.80	\$1,628.20	45.7%
\$4,000.00	\$1,132.00	\$712.80	\$2,155.20	46.1%
\$5,000.00	\$1,422.00	\$895.80	\$2,682.20	46.4%
\$10,000.00	\$2,872.00	\$1,810.80	\$5,317.20	46.8%

For clarification, there is no advantage to being in a higher tax bracket. The Federal savings is 15% on the first \$200 and 29% on any additional contributions. The Provincial savings is 8.7% on the first \$200 and 18.3% on any additional contributions.

Therefore, if you make donations around \$200 in a year, it is better to save them until the following year, if you do not need the short term cash. That way, additional money will be at the higher rate – 47.3% (federal and provincial together).



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CHRISTMAS SEASON: The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. “Next to the yearly celebration (at Easter) of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ’s birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 32). In the Roman Catholic tradition, the Christmas Season begins with the first Mass of Christmas and concludes with the last Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

DECEMBER 25 - SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: Today we begin the Christmas season which celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. The word *Christmas* literally means *Christ’s Mass or the Mass of Christ*. Historically, Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth to Mary, a young maiden from Galilee. Theologically, Christmas is the celebration of the Incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ – the self-revelation of God to the world in human form for the reconciliation of humanity to God. Liturgically, the Christmas season begins with “Mass During the Night” on Christmas Eve and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

DECEMBER 30 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: This feast, instituted in 1921, is observed on the first Sunday following Christmas, unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30. Devotion to the Holy Family flourished during the Renaissance, and leading artists of the time – Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few – often portrayed the Holy Family in their work.

PEACE ON EARTH WILL COME TO STAY, WHEN WE LIVE CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY. Helen Steiner Rice.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Dec. 22	Jenny Maggie	Monica Willcott	Anthony W. Kevin Organ Francis M.	Matthew Willcott	Margaret Ellen	Julie Ann Chrissy
Dec. 23	Mary Patsy	Philomena Sutton	Necia D. Mary Organ George Davis	Calvin Collier	Edith Patsy	Jessica Willcott
Dec. 24	Mary Patsy	Ann Benoit Brenda Jeddore	Anthony W. Kevin Organ Francis M.	Ann Christine Jessica	Matthew Mitchell	Community Choir Valerie C.
Dec. 25	Mary Patsy	Pat Pittman	Necia D. Mary Organ George Davis	Ralph Genevieve Mary S.	Anthony George	
Dec. 29	Mary Patsy	Gerry Cox Monica Willcott	Anthony W. Kevin Organ Francis M.	Margaret Hoskins	Kevin Willie	Julie Ann Chrissy
Dec. 30	Mary Organ	Mary Organ	Necia D. Mary Organ George Davis	Mary Organ	Jean Mary S.	Mary Organ
Dec. 31	Mary Organ	Christine Farrell Edith Organ	Anthony W. Kevin Organ Francis M.	Elizabeth Edith Mitchell	Brenda J. Maggie	Jessica Valerie Coombs
Jan. 1 CHAPEL	Mary Organ	Cindy Benoit	Clarence D Mike Snook Perry Cox	Valerie Ralph	Matthew Mitchell	
Jan. 5	Mary Organ	Brenda Jeddore	Ed Hoskins Clayton W. Christine H.	Ann Benoit	Christine Mary O.	Julie Ann Chrissy
Jan. 6	Maggie Jenny	Mary Organ	Clarence D Mike Snook Perry Cox	Genevieve Tremblett	Margaret Ellen	Mary Organ

Christmas Message

SOFTLY, EVER SO GENTLY HE COMES. MAY HIS SILENT COMING TOUCH YOU WITH LOVE, ENFOLD YOU IN PEACE AND FILL YOU WITH HOPE.

With best wishes for a joyous Christmas Season and a New Year filled with God's choicest blessings. This is such a beautiful season. The world is quiet, full of an inner joy as we contemplate the birth of the Christ Child. Many people will try to be home, to be with loved ones, as this is an extra long holiday. We pray that it will be a safe and enjoyable holiday for you and your loved ones. We wish you joy and God's richest blessing in this Holy Season.

Christmas Liturgy Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—Dec 24 - 28

Conne River----Christmas Eve -- 6:00 pm---- St. Anne's Church--- **Parish Family**
 St. Alban's----- Christmas Eve--- 8:30 pm--- St. Ignatius Church--- **Parish Family**
 St. Alban's----- Christmas Day-- 10:30 am---St. Ignatius Church ---**Parish Family**
 Wed.- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Corey Collier, Jaydon Strickland
 Thurs.- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Hubert, Susie, Linus Collier
 Fri.-- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- George & Pearl Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Dec. 29 and Sunday, Dec. 30rd

St. Alban's- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.--St. Ignatius Church--- Debbie Way, Ron & Joan Kendall
 St. Alban's--Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
 Conne River- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.-St. Anne's Church----- Gladys Benoit

New Years Liturgy: - Dec.31st and, Jan. 1st - 4th

New Year's Eve- St. Alban's-7:00 p.m.--St. Ignatius Church----- Eileen Burke, Gerald Organ
New Year's Day- St. Alban's- 10:30 a.m.-**Parish Chapel**----- Ralph, Rosaleen Chris & Regina Collier

Wed.- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Joan Haas, Sarah Willcott
 Thurs.- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Henrietta & Aloysius Walsh John & Dorothy Hoskins
 Fri.-- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Robert, Irene, Pauline Snook & family

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Jan. 5th and Sunday, Jan. 6th

St. Alban's----- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church--George, Bessie, Alfreda Harding
 St. Alban's----- Sun.--- 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
 Conne River---- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church----- Roger & Gerald John

Ten Priceless Gifts for Christmas

1. **The gift of listening.** Try giving this to someone in need. And you must really listen. No interrupting, no day dreaming, no planning of our responses. Just Listen.
2. **The gift of affection.** Be generous with your hugs, kisses and gentle squeezes of the hand. Let these tiny actions demonstrate the love inside of you.
3. **The gift of a note.** It can be as simple as "I love you" or as creative as a sonnet. Put your notes where they will surprise your loved ones.
4. **The gift of laughter.** Just count out a cartoon, save a clever article. You gift will say, "I love to laugh with you. "
5. **The gift of a compliment.** A simple "You look good in blue!" or "Good supper!" can be of greatest value to those who may feel they are being taken for granted.
6. **The gift of a favour.** Help with the dishes, run an errand, etc.
7. **The gift of leaving alone.** There are times in our lives when we want nothing more than to be left alone. Become sensitive to those times and give solitude.
8. **The gift of a cheerful disposition.** Try to be cheerful around those you love.
9. **The gift of a game.** Offer to play your loved one's favourite game. Even if you lose, you'll be a winner.
10. **The gift of prayer.** Pray for your loved ones and let them know you care for them.

Parish Council Letter

May God bless you and all of your families, in your home, in your work, in your service to the community and in your faithful life as a parish. We are writing this letter to describe the financial condition of St. Ignatius Parish. As those who receive the weekly bulletin are aware, each month the financial report has been submitted to the parishioners, however, this bulletin includes the year to date financial statement.

The Parish Council would like to highlight the repairs and upkeeps for this year. All twenty stained glass windows have been refurbished, as well as a new window has been put in the vestry. The carpet has been removed from the Priest residence and replaced with laminate flooring. These renovations and repairs have cost \$35,142.28 and these funds were taken from the Chase the Ace fundraiser. In 2019, the priority has been set to replace the front steps of the church. The renovation and repair plans must continue if we are to keep our parish/church.

The Chase the Ace fundraiser was started in 2015 for the purposes of maintaining the general monthly running of the church, and of course, that particular fundraiser was a huge success bringing in approximately \$322,000 (after expenses) in December 2016.

This past year we have used \$52,417.73 to maintain the monthly running of the parish. Each month, there is a shortfall even with the monies raised from the current Chase the Ace fundraiser. At this rate, with continued expenditures these funds will be depleted by 2021.

We are writing to ask you to think through the way you give financially as a household to your church. If each household could begin contributing monthly or increase the monthly contributions, the parish monthly deficit would be reduced or even erased! This would allow the council to use the fundraised monies to cover the cost of future repairs. Giving is quite simple;

the automatic debit forms are attached to this bulletin for your use. In addition, we kindly request that you consider passing this information on to any family members who live away and would like to have the opportunity to keep this parish alive. Our parish is the pride and heart of our community, please, if you have not yet set up a weekly contribution please consider it for the New Year. This contribution is a tax-deductible donation and receipts are provided for the tax season.

We are deeply thankful for all you give in so many ways, but as the Parish Council, we have the responsibility of ensuring that the church lives within the means that God provides. We have been facing a monthly shortfall and with your help, we want to be able to grow our parish and continue to offer much needed programming and services. To that end, it is our wish that you consider supporting St. Ignatius Parish for the 2019 year.

St. Ignatius Parish Council

