Immaculate Conception Parish

April 2nd, 2023

Passion (Palm) Sunday

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm- Linda Hubbard

Tuesday, 12:00pm - ***Chrism Mass, Saint Mary's Cathedral***

Wednesday **-** 7:00pm -†Magdalene Michael, †Patsy Martin

Thursday, 7:00pm - **Holy Thursday** - †Richard Johnson

Friday, 3:00pm - ***Celebration of the Lord's Passion***

Saturday, 8:00pm - **Holy Saturday** - †Vincent Syliboy

Sunday, 9:00am - **Easter Sunday** - †Andrew Marr

WEEKEND MASSES

See Attach for Holy Week Schedule

Saturday

4:00pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro
4:00pm - St. Michael's, Brule

Sunday

9:00am - Immaculate Conception, Truro
10:00am - St. Kateri, Indian Brook
11:30am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook
11:30am - St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at ICC on Thursdays @ 6:45 prior to the 7pm mass.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday 10:00 am and 7:00 pm at ICC, and 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart.

Family Masses will be celebrated at 9:00am on the **First Sunday of each month** at Immaculate Conception Church. All families in our parish are invited to this celebration.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursdays after 7:00pm Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 30 minutes prior to weekday Masses or by appointment.

Baptisms Celebrated during Mass - Baptisms are celebrated during weekend Masses, giving the whole community an opportunity to participate, enjoy and welcome the children into our family of God. Parents wishing to celebrate a child's Baptism may fill out & submit the Baptism Request form found on our website at: ***icctruro.org*** under the *Sacraments* tab or begin by filling out a Welcome/Inquiry Card available at each church.
Baptism Preparation Session – parents will be contacted after the Baptism request form has been received (see above). Then parents and Godparents will be asked to watch videos prior to attending a Baptism Preparation session. Our next session is Friday, April 28th from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Kinsella Room.

COLLECTION UPDATE

March 26, 2023 Collection was $4,483.00 (Budgeted $4,442.30) ICC = $3,281.75, St. Michael's = $310.00, Sacred Heart = $405.00, St. Bridget = $0, St. Kateri = $156.25 and Capital Campaign = $330.00

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

April 2nd @ 10am: Levels 1 to 6
April 2nd @ 6:30pm: Levels 7 & 8 class
April 3rd @ 5pm: Level 9 class
April 7th @ 10am: ***Mary's Way of the Cross***

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 3:30 (Lunch Time 12:00 - 1:15)

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday & Easter Monday

A Lenten Prayer

Look with favor, Lord, on your household.
Grant that, though our flesh be humbled by abstinence from food,
our souls, hungering after you, may be resplendent in your sight. - Pope Pius V

Holy Week *- See attached schedule.*

Holy Chrism Mass - Holy Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday of Holy Week, at noon, we will gather at ***St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica*** to celebrate the Mass of Chrism. In this Mass, all priests renew their priestly promises and the Church makes its final preparation for the celebration of the Easter Triduum, blessing the three sacred oils. Parishioners are encouraged to join us in this diocesan celebration.

Mary's Way of the Cross - each year, children & youth of the parish do a dramatization of the *Stations of the Cross* from Mary's perspective. All are invited to join us at 10:00am on Good Friday morning.

Good Friday - Fish Cakes & Baked Beans - Yvonne is making her delicious Fish Cakes that will be available after Mass on Good Friday. $8.00 per order that includes Two Fish Cakes, Baked Beans & Chow. You can purchase your meal after Mass on Good Friday. All proceeds go to Kane's Kitchen.

40 Cans for 40 days of Lent - The Knights of Columbus have placed boxes in Campbell Hall to collect non-perishable food items during Lent. All items collected will be donated to our local Food Bank for Easter.

Divine Mercy Novena – *Divine Mercy Novena* begins on Good Friday, Apr. 7th at 6:45pm (prior to the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm), at Immaculate Conception Church. The daily Novena continues for 9 days until Saturday April 15th. This Novena is in preparation for the great graces of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16th. Divine Mercy pamphlets are available in the church and by linking to the Divine Mercy website (www.thedivinemercy.org),

CURSILLO - A Spirit filled Weekend. St Michael's Basilica in Miramichi N. B. is holding a Cursillo Weeekend for men: May 25 - May 28, and for Women: Jun 1 to Jun 4. If interested, applications for registration can be received by contacting John Aubey (902) 843 - 0065 or Gerry Newell (902) 893-9733.

ICLA (Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary) - will be selling carnations to honour mothers and grandmothers. The carnations will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day weekend. Red for living and white for deceased. Auxiliary members will be in Campbell Hall after the weekend Masses on Apr 1st & 2nd, 15th & 16th, and 22nd & 23rd. The cost is $3 per carnation. All names will be entered in a book to be placed along with the carnations on the altar.

The Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for our State scholarship and Council scholarship. The State scholarship application is due by **April 4** and the Council scholarship application is due by **April 24th**. Applications can be found on the Knights of Columbus section of the Parish website or contact Randy Works at worksrandy99@gmail.com or 895-0489.

Monsignor Martin Memorial Scholarship - Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary will be awarding a $1000.00 scholarship to one graduating student from our parish. Applications will be found on our parish web page throughout the month of April and hard copies will be available at the office. Please note that all applications must be in by May 1 by email to seaceltns@yahoo.ca or delivered to our parish office.

Holy Rosary - In prayerful support of all our ministries, the rosary will be offered before every Sunday 9am Mass, from 8:20 to 8:40am. Everyone is invited to join us. To be part of this ministry, contact Tony Harvey at 902-977-0808

Prayer Ministry -Intercessory Prayer Ministry of Immaculate Conception meets every Tuesday at 1pm in Kinsella. Please feel welcome to join us in person to pray for our families, our church, our ministries and other intentions.

Bible Study - **Thursdays at 10:00am and Fridays at 7:00pm** in Kinsella I. All are welcome.

45s Card Game - What are you doing on Sunday evenings this winter? Come and join us in playing a game of 45s.

Veritas Books & Gifts - Veritas is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am - 4:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am -1:00pm. Veritas will be **closed** on Saturday of Easter weekend.

Class Action Suit - as required, during the claims period Dec. 19, 2022 to Dec. 14, 2023, copies of the *Short Form Notice* are available at the church entrances, the electronic bulletin and on our webpage.

Holy Week

Immaculate Conception Church - Monday, April 3rd - **7:00pm Mass** - Novena to follow

Mass of Chrism

Tuesday, April 4th - 12:00 noon - ***St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax***

Immaculate Conception Church - Wednesday, April 5th - **7:00pm Mass**

Holy Thursday, April 6th

Immaculate Conception Church, Truro - 7:00pm
Adoration to follow until - 10:00pm

Good Friday, April 7th

***Mary's Way of the Cross* for Families** (ICC) - 10:00am
Immaculate Conception Church, Truro - 3:00pm
St. Michael's, Brule - 3:00pm
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie - 3:00pm
St. Kateri, Indian Brook - 3:00pm

Stations Of the Cross

Immaculate Conception Church, Truro - 10:00 am & 7:00pm
Sacred Heart, Millbrook - 7:00pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8th

St. Kateri Church, Indian Brook - 6:00pm
Immaculate Conception, Truro - 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Immaculate Conception Church, Truro - 9:00am
Saint Michael's Church, Brule - 9:00am
St. Kateri, Indian Brook - 10:00a
Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook - 11:30am
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie - 11:30am