

Immaculate Conception Parish



April 16th, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm - †Arthur Chaisson

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- †Bill Lake, †Martin Whelan

Wednesday - 7:00pm - †Arthur MacCharles, †Genoara

Thursday, 7:00pm - †Sheila Hennessey

Friday, 12:15pm - †Maxima, †Gordon MacKinnon

Saturday, 4:00pm - †Morris & Arnold MacNeil

Sunday, 9:00am - †Richard & Sophia Wytrykowsi

WEEKEND MASSES

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

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, May 26th from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Kinsella Room.

COLLECTION UPDATE

April 9th, 2023 Collection was \$6,534.35 (Budgeted \$4,442.30) ICC = \$4,083.80, St. Michael's = \$400.00 Sacred Heart = \$740.35 St. Bridget = \$807.00, St. Kateri = \$353.20 and Capital Campaign = \$150.00

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Apr. 15th @ 10am: Level 10 *Spirit Day Retreat*

Apr. 16th @ 10am: Levels 1 to 3 and 5 & 6

Apr. 16th @ 10am: *God's Gift Eucharist Child & Parent Session*

Apr. 16th @ 6:30pm: Levels 7 & 8 class

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Christ is risen, and life reigns.

St. John Chrysostom

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day is April 17 - Baptized at age 20 as Catherine (Kateri in Mohawk) Tekakwitha. She was born in 1656, probably Ossernenon, New Netherland [now Auriesville, New York, U.S.] and died April 17, 1680, Caughnawaga, Quebec [now in Canada]. Canonized October 21, 2012, she's the first North American Indian saint in the Roman Catholic Church. The child of a Mohawk father and a Christianized Algonquin mother, at age four she was the only member of her family to survive smallpox, which affected her own health. Staying with her anti-Christian uncle, she was deeply impressed at age 11 by the lives and words of three visiting Jesuits, and began to lead a life inspired by their example. Harassed, stoned, and threatened with torture in her home village, she fled 200 miles (320 km) to the Christian Indian mission of St. Francis Xavier at Sault Saint-Louis, near Montreal. There she came to be known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" in recognition of her kindness, prayer, faith, and heroic suffering. (Sourced from Encyclopedia Britannica). **Feast Day Mass is April 17th at 6:00pm at St Kateri Church in Indian Brook, followed by a Blessing and Prayer for Healing with the Relic of St. Kateri.**

Knights of Columbus Council Meeting - is scheduled for Tuesday evening April 18th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Kennedy Room.

ICLA - regular meeting is April 16th at 2pm in Campbell Hall.

Divine Mercy Divine Mercy Sunday - On April 16th we are celebrating *Divine Mercy Sunday* beginning at 3pm with devotions, prayer, adoration and veneration of the *Divine Mercy* image. The opportunity to go to confession will also be available that afternoon. To learn more about *Divine Mercy Sunday* view this 10 minute video <https://youtu.be/4R2tOEFddig> called- *Divine Mercy Sunday Explained: How to Receive the Graces*. In preparation for *Divine Mercy Sunday* we invite you to continue to pray the Novena which started on Good Friday and continues for nine days ending on Saturday April 15.

Spring Conference - *Show us Your Face Lord* with Fr Mark Cherry at Between the Hearts Renewal Centre. Spring Conference April 21, 22 & 23 Call Rhonda Lynn at 902 448-3660 to register

CURSILLO - A Spirit filled Weekend. St Michael's Basilica in Miramichi N. B. is holding a Cursillo Weekend 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.

The Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for the **Council Scholarship** application, it 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.

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.