Immaculate Conception Parish

April 23rd, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm - †Ambri White

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- †Margaret Stegner, †Bill Lake

Wednesday - 7:00pm - †Socrates Ariosa, †James Howe

Thursday, 7:00pm - Theresa VanZutphen

Friday, 12:15pm - †Catherine Hasiuk, †Bill Lake

Saturday, 4:00pm - Scott MacKenzie & Family

Sunday, 9:00am - †Barbara Wytrykowska

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

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

<u>Sunday</u>

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.

<u>Baptisms Celebrated during Mass</u> - 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.

<u>Baptism Preparation Session</u> – 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

<u>April 16th, 2023 Collection</u> was \$4,665.20 (Budgeted \$4,442.30) ICC = \$2,970.20, St. Michael's = \$125.00, Sacred Heart = \$365.00, St. Bridget = \$525.00, St. Kateri = \$0.00 and Capital Campaign = \$680.00

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Apr. 22nd @ 9:30am: God's Gift Eucharist Child & Parent Meeting Apr. 30th @ 10am: Levels 1 to 6 Apr. 30th @ 6:30pm: Levels 7 & 8 class May 1st @ 5pm: Level 9 class

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Email: office@icctruro.org

Christ is risen, and life reigns.

St. John Chrysostom

<u>Memorial Mass</u> - On Wednesday, April 26, @7:00pm there will be a Memorial Mass for Archer MacCharles. The infant passed away in March and his funeral Mass took place in Mabou, Cape Breton. Many in our parish were praying for him and his family over the past several months as he battled for his life. Please join us as we offer our condolences to the MacCharles family.

<u>Our Parish Vision</u> - Where will we be in five years? What would we hope to see for our parish in five years time? In 10 years? What is God's Will? Come, help us dream and shape our future in a **Visioning Session on Saturday, May 13**. We'll begin with breakfast at 8am and end by 11:30. There'll be prayer, song, brainstorming, videos and small group discussions as we begin to identify our purpose and hopes as a Christian community. This initiative of our Pastoral Council is the beginning of a series of "thinking" sessions as we call upon the Holy Spirit's guidance.

<u>Filipino Fiesta</u> on Saturday, May 27 at Immaculate Conception Church, following 4pm Mass. Filipinos in our parish area are invited to join us for prayer, song, a pot-luck meal, and a teaching to help discover the richness, power and help of the Holy Spirit for families in our challenging culture.

<u>CURSILLO</u> - 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.

<u>The Knights of Columbus</u> 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 <u>worksrandy99@gmail.com</u> or 895-0489.

<u>Monsignor Martin Memorial Scholarship</u> - 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 <u>seaceltns@yahoo.ca</u> or delivered to our parish office.

Learn Gregorian Chant - Wednesday evenings following Mass. Dan Langan, a visitor to our parish until late summer, invites any skilled or unskilled in singing, to come and learn the ancient plain tones of the official music of our Church.

<u>Spring Conference</u> - 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.

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

<u>Prayer Ministry</u> -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.

<u>Class Action Suit</u> - 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.