



Immaculate Conception Parish

July 16th, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm - **NO MASS**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Dan Hickey

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - Special Intentions

Thursday, 7:00pm - Unborn Child

Friday, 12:15pm - † Martin Whalen

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Shawn Maloney

Sunday, 9:00am - † Gregory Hodges

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 30 mins prior to weekday Masses or by appointment

Holy Rosary: In prayerful support of all our ministries, the rosary will be offered before every Sunday 9:00 am Mass, from 8:20 - 8:40 am. Everyone is invited to join us.

Baptism Preparation: If you plan to celebrate the Baptism of your child this coming year, we invite all parents and godparents to attend the Baptism Preparation session on Friday, July 28th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Kinsella Room. Please pre-register as you'll be required to watch videos prior to the session.

COLLECTION UPDATE

July 9th, 2023 Collection was \$5,912.80 - ICC = \$4,485.90; St. Michael's = \$342.00; Sacred Heart = \$262.95; St. Bridget = \$527.00; St Kateri = \$114.95 and Capital Campaign = \$180.00.

Please see Bulletin Notices for the semi-annual report.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

“To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.” Matthew 13:12–13

ICLA: Because of the generosity of you our parishioners during our fund raisers, we were able to buy a wheel chair for the Parish. It will enable those who need it to attend Mass and other functions in the Church. It will be stored by the glass doors outside the office and it is not to be removed from the Church property at any time. We ask that you return it to this location after you use it. Thanks for your cooperation, Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary.

Conference at Our Lady of Grace: Monastery July 21, 22 and 23 with Fr. Mark Cherry; theme **“Show Us Your Face Lord”**. Cost is \$180.00 for on site accommodations and meals. To register and for more information contact Lucille Fougere at **902-623-0075**.

NAIG Games: NAIG sport and culture events are open to the public. Over 5,000 athletes and participants representing 756 from across Turtle Island arrive in Kijipuktuk to compete and celebrate in the 2023 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). The excitement is building and we are ready! From July 15 - 23, NAIG 2023 will host 16 sporting competitions in venues across the HRM, Millbrook First Nation and Sipekne'katik, including three traditional Indigenous sports - box lacrosse, canoe/kayak and **3D Archery at Millbrook First Nation** ! Of course, NAIG 2023 will also be hosting a huge number of cultural celebrations through the week of the Games.

Responsible Ministry: We are updating our Responsible Ministry files, as directed by the Archdiocese of Halifax/Yarmouth. If you are a Lector who reads on Saturday or Sunday Mass please see Jane Allen in Campbell Hall following the Saturday or Sunday mass (8th or 9th July, 2023). You will each be given a Staff/Volunteer Request for Information Form. We request you complete the form as soon as possible, put it back into your folder and either take it to the Parish Office or give it directly to Jane Allen.

Veritas Books & Gifts: Open every **Tuesday from 10:00 am to 4:00pm**, or by appointment.

FFF : Family Faith Formation Catechist Meeting following Sunday Mass on July 23rd.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday, July 23, 2023. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help “treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation”. This year’s theme is “His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50), raising the relational interconnection between the old and the young.

St Bridget of Sweden Feast Day is July 23rd, a Sunday this year. (c. 1303 - 23rd July 1373). She was a Swedish widow, mystic, saint and the founder of the Brigettines. Outside Sweden, she was also known as the Princess of Nericia and was the mother of Catherine of Vadstena. Bridget is one of the six patron saints of Europe, together with Benedict of Nursia, Cyril of Methodius, Catherine of Siena and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. (Credit :Wikipedia). Please join us for a social following Mass at St. Bridget.

Financial Update 2023 to the end of May - Immaculate Conception Parish:

| | 2023 Actual | 2023 Budget | 2022 Actual |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Income | \$192,203 | \$138,775 | \$190,053 |
| Expense | \$196,046 | \$157,066 | \$233,206 |
| P/L | \$6,157 | -\$18,291 | -\$43,153 |

Our Income has remained steady but our expenses are still up compared to Budget.

We are working to get our heating expenses under control. Our next update will be in September.