



Immaculate Conception Parish

With the Churches of :

Immaculate Conception Church, Truro; St. Michael's Church, Brule;
St Kateri, Indian Book; Sacred Heart, Millbrook;
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

October 1st, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

WEEKEND MASSES

Monday, 7:00pm - **No Mass**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Socrates Ariosa

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Lynward Peters

Thursday, 7:00pm - † Ann Black

Friday, 12:15pm - † Steven Estey

Saturday, 4:00pm - David and Karen Kearney

Sunday, 9:00am - † Dale Webb

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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, November 24th 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

Sept 24th, 2023 Collection was \$5,932.90 - : ICC = \$4,525.40 ; St. Bridget's = \$585.00; St. Michael's = \$255.00; Sacred Heart = \$392.50; St. Kateri = \$175.00 and Capital Campaign = \$355.00

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

“...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” - Philippians 2: 10 -11

Sycamore is Starting Tuesday October 3rd: An eight week program for introducing seekers to our Catholic faith and for existing Catholics to rediscover their faith. Sessions begin at 6:30 pm each Tuesday in Campbell Hall. Come and enjoy videos, fellowship, conversation and food...Invite a friend! Register on-line or you can also find registration forms at Church Entrances.

ICLA and Foodbank - Our parish will be accepting donations of the following items to be donated to the Colchester Food Bank at Christmas time. From now until Oct 15 - **toothpaste and toothbrushes**. Donations can be left in the baskets at any Church entrance after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The 2023 Assembly of the People of God: What are you doing November 4th? Gather with you family of faith at this year's Assembly of the People of God. This is a day to gather a whole diocesan family to pray together, learn from one another, and discern how we will continue to be a Church that proclaims Jesus and makes disciples! Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro is one of three hosting sites while the Assembly is held at McNally Auditorium at Saint Mary's University. This means we'll welcome people to our parish to attend the Assembly. Everything happening in Halifax will be livestreamed to the hosting sites. We hope this allows as many people as possible to be a part of it. For more information and to register visit: www.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly

Life Shared Summit, an Atlantic Canada event by Alpha, will take place at Groundswell Church in Truro NS on October 27th. Our Church is participating by having Senior Leaders attend and by offering one of our meeting rooms. Sycamore, which our parish is currently offering is much like Alpha. These programs are instrumental in reintroducing Christianity to millions of people worldwide. Please pray that our community and our Churches will indeed experience a renewal of faith.

Vacation: Fr. Jim is away on vacation from **September 25th to October 6**. Fr Andrew and Fr Phil are available to fill in as necessary. Please pray for our priests that our Lord will protect and strengthen them to serve his people.

Nova Scotia United For Life, are once again hosting a "Unite the clans" pro life Town hall at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dartmouth, Saturday, October 14, from 8:45 am to 1 pm. Join us for a morning of inspiring talks, receive tools to effectively, engage others, and enjoy a free lunch, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. To register contact David Palmer at davidpalmer62@gmail.com

Bible Study will re-commence **Thursday 12th October** at **10:00** am for 1 hour in Campbell Hall, continuing the St. John's Gospel. No Bible knowledge required. All are welcome! Contact Tony Harvey at **902-977-0808** for more information.

Memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary: On Saturday, 7th October, the Church celebrates the Memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Join us at the Immaculate Conception Church for 9:00 am Mass, followed by the Rosary and Devotions in honour of Our Blessed Mother.

Knights of Columbus will be having their Fall time **Cellar to Attic Sale** on **Saturday 21st October** in Campbell Hall. Anyone interested in donating items for the sale can drop them at the Church during the day on **Friday 20th October**, or call Gerry Newall at **902-305-0251**.

Life Chain 2023: Across Canada, on **Sunday October 1st at 2:00 pm**, Pro Life Groups will gather. Our group will meet on Willow St. near Sobey's Wholesale Store and Needs Store. We believe in the sacredness of life from conception, until natural death. This is a family event at which children are welcome. Please join us. Margaret Mead once said. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world." For more information contact: **Gordan Mac Intyre -902-895-2614** or **Gail Munro - 902-895-2296**

Family Faith Formation (FFF) News

The Team has been meeting, praying and gearing up for a great year of growing deeper in Jesus and the Church. Ann Huntley has volunteered to step into the coordinating position of the Program until the end of May. The Program begins right after Thanksgiving. See below.

Levels 1-6 Sunday, 15 October 10:00 - 11:15 am (bi-weekly)

Levels 7-12 Monday, 16 October 7:00 - 8:30 pm (weekly)

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday, 15 October During Mass (weekly)

Parent Meeting Start-Up Session:

Levels 1-6 Sunday, 15 October 10:00 am

Levels 7-10 Monday, 16 October 7:00 pm

(please be sure to attend)

Registration

If you haven't already registered your child(ren), registration is ongoing on-line or in-person at the Office (M-TH from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm). Feel free to contact Ann Huntley (annhuntley@hotmail.com) or Carla (Office) with any questions.

Volunteers!!!

As revealed in last week's reading from Matthew 20:1-16, ***"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. About nine in the morning, ... out again about noon, and about three in the afternoon, he did the same thing, ... about five ..."*** The Lord (landowner) is always looking for workers. The asking never stops. His desire for us to be a part of His work remains steadfast! We find the owner of the vineyard going to the marketplace several times during the day seeking out those who will join in the cultivating of the vineyard. God is asking ... in what way do you see yourself volunteering this year? Wine is a symbol of JOY!! The reward of volunteering in the vineyard is JOY. Come join in the JOY – volunteer in some capacity this year! The FFF Team meets this Monday night (2nd October @ 7:30 pm). You are welcome to come and see how you can get involved. Love to see you there!!!

A time to speak

Ecclesiastes 1:7

Saturday October 14, 2023 8:45am - 1:30pm
St. Vincent de Paul Church, 320 Flying Cloud Drive in Dartmouth

A morning of inspiration and learning regarding all aspects of the pro-life truth and recent successes and challenges which will leave you more motivated and confident to speak out!

**Archbishop Emeritus
Martin Currie**
Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth



Deacon Larry Worthen
*Exec. Director, Christian Medical and
Dental Association of Canada*



Heather Hughes
*Executive Director
NB Right to Life*



Bill Davenport
*Executive Director
Valley Pregnancy Center*



Margo Burke - Michelle Lowe
Project Rachel - Post abortion healing



This is a no-charge event. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating
A free Lunch will be provided sponsored by the STVDP Knights of Columbus
To register contact David Palmer at davidjpalmer62@gmail.com or call 902-423-3114