



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

December 3rd , 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm - † Bernadette Brooks

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - **Funeral Mass** for Bernadette Brooks;

† Cynthia Flemming, Alexander McKinnon

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Theresa Townsend-Scholar,

† Barbara Joudrey

Thursday, 7:00 pm - **Immaculate Conception Feast;**

† Special Intention

Friday, 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica; **No Mass at ICC**

† Michael MacNeil, † Magdalene Martin (at St. Mary's)

Saturday, 4:00pm - Collen and Greg Glasgow

Sunday, 9:00am - †Greg Hodges; † Sarah Boutilier (SKC)

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

Holiday Mass Schedule: Regular Mass times will continue throughout the Octave (8 days) of Christmas. Attached is our Schedule for Christmas and other Masses!

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, January 26th, 2024 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

Previous Week's Collection was \$4,829.70 : ICC = \$3,733.70; St. Michael's = \$125.00; Sacred Heart = \$292.00; St. Bridget's = \$679.00; and Capital Campaign = \$15.00

DONATIONS

Kane's Kitchen: Every year, Kane's Kitchen asks for candy donations at Christmas time. This year, the Kane's Kitchen Committee would like to receive boxes of chocolates, instead of candy for the Christmas donation. The box for donation will be at back of the Immaculate Conception Church. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Salvation Army and Warm Items: As the weather turns colder, there are many in our community who are hugely impacted and find life very tough. They are receiving donations of gently used sleeping bags, warm blankets and tents at their office at 14 Outram Street, Truro; Tuesday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

“And yet, Yahweh, you are our Father; we are the clay and you our potter, all of us are the work of your hands.”- Isaiah 64:7

Any Photographers Out There? Our parish has many cherished moments and celebrations in need for capture with photography. If you are skilled with a camera and would like to contribute to this ministry, please contact our parish office or speak with Father Jim.

(Dec 7) Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on the eve of the Solemnity, **Thursday at 7:00 pm** at ICC. This is an important Solemnity for our parish with the same name, recognizing her as our Parish Patroness. The Archbishop Dunn is also inviting all parishioners to our Diocesan celebration on **(Dec 8) on Friday 7:00 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica**. This celebration has to do with Mary being our Diocesan Patroness. A special reverence is offered to Mary. While she was in need of a savior, she was preserved in advance, by her immaculate conception, from Original Sin and therefore lived her life without sin. Please come to both celebrations!

(Dec 12) Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please come to Mass at **10:00 am** at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica with Archbishop Dunn. Across Canada dioceses recognize Tuesday, December 12th, this Feast as the **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous People**. As part of the Mass there will be a special presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe given by the Honorable Graydon Nicholas, former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. All are welcome!

(Dec 12) Tuesday, our parish Mass is moved for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Sacred Heart at **7:00 pm** and St. Kateri at **6:00 pm** (see invitation above for St. Mary's)

(Dec 13) Advent Reconciliation Day. At Immaculate Conception we'll begin at **6:30 pm** with a short reflection and then have five priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, 13th. The whole parish is invited. In addition, at the remaining churches on Sundays throughout Advent, the presiding priest will be available for an hour before Mass. Alternatively, an appointment is possible by calling or emailing a priest for arrangements. His mercy sets us free.

(Dec 13) Wednesday Mass is moved from evening to **9:00 am** to accommodate our Advent Day of Reconciliation

(Dec 17) Simbang Gabi: Our Parish Celebrates with the Filipino Community. For the first time **SIMBANG GABI** (meaning, Night Mass) will take place on **Sunday, December 19th at 6:00pm** at Immaculate Conception Church. At this time, on our Third Sunday of Advent, we include the unique Filipino tradition of a Marian Mass before Christmas. Our aim is to share the rich Filipino Faith-Culture which embraces the Blessed Virgin Mary and continue to build our multicultural community. A festive potluck meal follows Mass with their cultural foods and carols. All Filipino friends are invited!

SVDP: The Truro St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking new members from the parish to help us continue to provide two of our most successful projects in the Truro community. After several years of generous time and assistance, our furniture delivery team is retiring and we are in need of new members to assist with the pick up and delivery of furniture for needy families. Ownership or access to a pickup truck would be an asset. Interested members of the Parish are invited to join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, December 12 2023 at 7:30 pm** in the Kinsella Room at the Immaculate Conception Church.

Gifts for Needy Families: Every Christmas our Immaculate Conception Church helps over 40 needy families through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Once again this year we invite parishioners to share in the joy of making this blessed season a joyous one for our families. We are especially inviting parents to involve children in sharing with those who have less. From **Saturday November 25th to Sunday December 10th**, there will be a small tree in Campbell Hall, with the names of the children from our sponsored families. If anyone would care to help out by selecting and donating a gift to a child, you can talk to one of our St. Vincent de Paul members after Mass. They will assist you in choosing a child's or parent's name and answer any questions that you may have. Wishing you a joyous Christmas season, St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Veritas Books and Gifts: We have a number of new items for Advent and Christmas, along with regular items available. We are open Tuesdays **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**, or by appointment by calling **902-893-7188**. For the month of December we will be opening on Friday the **1st, 8th and 15th** from **10:00 am** until **1:00 pm**.

Reminders:

Special Intention Mass: There will be Masses for **Colleen and Greg Glasgow** on the **9th and 23rd December**, two of our dedicated parishioners, who are in need of our prayers.

Bible Study: **Thursdays at 10:00 am** for 1 hour in Kinsella I & II. We will begin a new study of the **Letters of St. Paul to the Romans**. No Bible knowledge required. All are welcome! Contact **Tony Harvey** at **902-977-0808** for more information.

45's Card Game: Card Play Sunday is still ongoing. **Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm** in Campbell Hall.

Parish Life Survey:

In cooperation with the Diocese we are striving to clarify what Immaculate Conception Parish's mission is in the midst of our active parish and the needs of our community. With a new year dawning and by the grace of God we have many ministries underway and others under consideration. What is our guiding light for choosing a ministry? How do we decide on formation programs? In what way should we reach out to missing Catholics and unchurched? The role of our Pastoral Council is to understand these things and to plan ahead. To start they wish to hear how you feel about your faith, our parish, the needs of our community, and how we fit into the mission of Jesus, the Christ. Therefore, in the new year we will present a survey for parishioners of all ages to complete. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

Christmas Eve Mass Tickets:

Tickets for the **4:00 and 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses at the Immaculate Conception Church**, are available after Weekend Masses from the Vestry. Please see an Hospitality Minister after Mass to collect your tickets. Tickets are also available at the Office during Office Hours. Tickets are free, come get your Mass Tickets, before they are gone, as we have a maximum occupancy per Mass, due to Fire Code Regulations.

Class Action Suit:

As required, during the claims period **December 19, 2022 to December 14, 2023**, copies of the **Short Form Notice** are available at the church entrances, the electronic bulletin and on our webpage.

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia
NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you. If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:

Advent Family Gathering this Sunday. Home Lesson next week. **17th December** - Rehearsal for **Christmas Pageant** in Kinsella I & II from **10:15 - 11:30 am**. Bring your costume if you are providing one.

Youth Night continues every Monday night from **7:00 - 8:30 pm**. **Youth Mass** is **Monday, 11th December**. Please come early so we are settled when Mass begins. Regular Alpha for Youth continues after Mass.

Holy Spirit Retreat Day: Grade 10 youth who were unable to attend the **Holy Spirit Retreat Day** on Saturday, will be sent a link to participate in the videos with their Sponsor or Parent both at home. Another option is to find a date on the calendar when some of the Team could meet in person with you to experience the videos. Stay tuned.

Thank you to all who have said "yes" to this ministry. You are such a gift!!!