



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

November 12th , 2023
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm - † Dana Gloade

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Cathy Ramsey, † Helen Flynn

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Ben Syliboy, † Ernest Falkenham

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Holy Souls

Friday, 12:15pm - † Mary Newell , † John Dan MacIsaac

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Leonard Kuniski

Sunday, 9:00am - † Shirley Anne Taylor

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, 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

Previous Week's Collection was - \$5,636.05 : ICC = \$4,153.05; St. Michael's = \$135.00; Sacred Heart = \$520.00; St. Bridget's = \$828.00; and Capital Campaign = \$847.00

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

ICLA and Foodbank: Now until Nov 12th we are accepting donations of **hand soap or bar soap**, for the Colchester Food Bank. Donations can be left in the Baskets at the Church entrances after weekend Masses.

Socks For The Homeless: **St. Bridget's Church** will be collecting socks for the homeless until November 20th. They can be hand knit or bought and all sizes for men, women and children. Any donation of socks can be left at the Entrance of any of our Churches at weekend Masses. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus **Coats for Kids Program** will be providing coats for youth in our community on **November 14th**. If you would like to add to this project with mitten, caps or even extra coats, we will be collecting on **Saturday November 11th** and **Sunday November 12th** before and after each Mass.

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

Veritas Books & Gifts: Tuesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; or by appointment

“So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.”- Matthew 25:13

MEETINGS:

Parish Leadership Teams from across our Diocese are meeting in Bridgewater on **Saturday, November 18th**. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to enlighten and inspire them on the topic of using our gifts.

Parish Pastoral Council meets on Friday, November 17th to discuss how we survey parishioners' views and hopes for our parish.

Pastoral Care Ministry would like to expand their group of Extraordinary Ministers to form small groups of 2 - 3 people to assist the Pries in serving Masses at several Senior Facilities in the area. These Masses will be held on **Wednesday Mornings** around **10:00 am**, one facility per week. If interested , contact our ICC Office at **902-893-7188**. We are looking for 3 - 4 groups of 3.

ICLA: Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting on **Sunday November 12th** at **2:00 pm** in Campbell Hall. Hope to see you there.

SVDP: Are you interested in becoming a Vincentian? We hold meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Church. There are no membership fees, just come with your desire to help the poor and underprivileged in Truro and surrounding areas. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

Seminarian Update, Morgan Wilson: I am well settled in, with lots of time for prayer and spiritual reading. The philosophy courses continue to be very enjoyable and are going smoothly. We've continued to have great monthly retreats for recollection, too. The weekend of the 11th and 12th is a Come and See for men who are discerning the priesthood to visit the seminary, and we have the maximum number signed up, which is great news. (I have four exams the week after the Come and See, and I won't have any time to study over the weekend, so please pray for me, that I can find the time throughout the week as needed!) I am looking forward to returning home for Christmas so I can see my family and everyone at the Parish. You are all constantly in my prayers.

Book of Remembrance in the foyer of each church throughout November. You're welcome to add the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be remembered at each Mass during November.

SVDP: During the month of November, we take time out of our busy schedules to remember the souls of those who have been called home. We ask you to remember in your prayers the Vincentians of the Truro Conference who are no longer with us whose names are posted in our November Update! Please see the ***Vincentian November 2023 Update***, posted at Church Entrances.

New Missals are available at the back of the church. We ask \$5.00 per book.

Fr. Phil is Away: Safe travels to Father on his vacation from November 15th to 25th. May he be blessed and physically renewed.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:

Family Faith Formation: For parents and children! These sessions are for both the parents and child(ren) as our program involves interaction between parent and child. We ask that if the parent is not able to attend, that the child attend with an adult with whom he/she is comfortable. We meet bi-weekly from **10:00 to 11:30 am**.

Home Lesson next week. If you didn't get a copy yet, you may pick up the Lesson hanging from the double, white doors at the bottom of the stairs to the right of Veritas.

We meet this Sunday following 9:00 am Mass and the **Next Family Gathering** will be Sunday, 26th November. See you in Kinsella I & II.

Youth Night continues with Alpha for Youth (Session 5). We will be exploring *Prayer: How and Why Do We Pray?* The youth are welcome to bring friends. Parents are always welcome!

Confirmation Prep Levels 9: Youth will learn what it means to have a Sponsor in the coming weeks. They will also learn about the Lives of the Saints and will choose one of them as their Patron saint.

Confirmation Prep Level 10: Youth have chosen their 1st ministry to participate in this year. A schedule will be provided soon.

Holy Spirit Retreat (Confirmation Prep - Level 10): Youth are asked to calendar **Saturday, 2nd December** from 10:00 am onward. Youth are currently pondering whether or not they want this Retreat to be an "All-Day" (**10:00 am - 9:00 pm**) or an "Overnighter" (**10:00 am Saturday - Sunday after 9:00 am Mass**). A decision will be made this Monday. All youth are invited to this Retreat.

Volunteer - Thank You to those who are sharing their gifts through volunteering in these ministries! To the parents bringing your youth to Youth Group and Family Gathering, Mass and other church-related activities. It's never too late to become involved!!!