



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 19th , 2023
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm - † Special Intentions

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Martin Whelan, † Kathleen Akerman

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Patricia Ann Ripley, † Sarah Boutilier

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Toney Salamy

Friday, 12:15pm - † Socrates Ariosa , † Marjorie Lepper

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Stasia Sweeney

Sunday, 9:00am - † Marie-Catherine Saulnier

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 \$4,856.25 : ICC = \$3,490.70; St. Michael's = \$300.00; Sacred Heart = \$374.00; St. Bridget's = \$503.00; St. Kateri = \$188.55 and Capital Campaign = \$325.00

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 **Dec 3rd** we are accepting donations of **deodorant**, 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!

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

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

“For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”- Matthew 25:29

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.

(Nov 21) Understanding Dementia, a FREE education event at the Truro Library **6:00 -7:00 pm** on Tuesday.

(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 Patron. The Archbishop Dunn is also inviting all parishioners to our Diocesan celebration at **7:00 pm, (Dec 8) on Friday, at St. Mary's cathedral Basilica**. This celebration has to do with Mary being our Diocesan Patron. 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 9) Handel's Messiah: The Cantabile Society presents Handel's Messiah, **Saturday, December 9th at 7:00 pm**, at the First United Church, Prince Street Truro. Tickets are \$25.00; \$5.00 students and are available at [Ticketstripe.com/CantabileHandelsMessiah](https://www.ticketstripe.com/CantabileHandelsMessiah), MacQuarries (Esplanade location) or at the First United Church.

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.

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.

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:

Foundations Program: For parents and children (parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their children as the Program includes family activities and a family prayer time. **Week of 19-25 November - Home Lesson. Sunday, 26 November - Next family Gathering.** I forgot (surprise, surprise) to hand out the **32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Activity Booklet**, so I'll have copies of that hanging on the white double doors at the bottom of the stairs to the left of Veritas for you to take anytime!

Youth Night: Monday, 20th November will start with Mass at **7:00 pm** (please come early, if you can, so that you are settled by the time Mass begins). Alpha for Youth Session to follow in the Hall. Prayer: Why and How Do I Pray? See ya then!

Grade 10 Holy Spirit Retreat: Saturday, 2nd December - 10:00 am to 9:00 pm - Grade 10's are expected to attend. If for some reason you are unable, please let Ann know so that alternate arrangements can be made. Thank you so much!!

Holy Spirit Retreat: Saturday, 2nd December - 10:00 am to 9:00 pm - All youth who attend Youth night are welcome to attend!!

Children's Liturgy of the Word: (offered during Mass -- after opening prayer until after collection) will be offered when volunteers are available to facilitate.. If you have a desire to be with young children and would like to learn more about your faith and the church, this is an excellent way and opportunity to do this. Come join us any Sunday to see what it is all about!