



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 26th , 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm - † Tony Donahue

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Teresa Mantin, † Dana Gloade

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Abe Townsend , † Magdalene Martin

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † John Ballard

Friday, 12:15pm - † Mary McGuire , † Jack McGuire

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Patricia Stewart

Sunday, 9:00am - Hazel Saniga; † Ben Sylliboy (SHC)

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 \$4,333.80 : ICC = \$2,600.50; St. Michael's = \$170.00; Sacred Heart = \$915.75; St. Bridget's = \$528.40; St. Kateri = \$119.15 and Capital Campaign = \$175.00

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** would like to say a Big Thank You to everyone who donated socks for the homeless. The total number collected was **447 pairs** of socks! That's amazing! They have been delivered to Souls Harbor in Truro. Thanks again!

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

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

“...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.”- Matthew 25:40

Meetings:

ICLA: The December meeting for the ICLA will be held on **Sunday, 3rd December**, at **2:00 pm** followed by Pizza Supper in Campbell Hall.

(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 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 to Sacred Heart at **7:00 pm** and St. Kateri at **6:00 pm** for the Feast Day (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

Magnificat Women’s Prayer Brunch - Saturday, 18th November: What a blessed morning we had together. Hoping this will be something we can do again soon. Thank you to the many women who served in different capacities to make this event a holy success. You are so appreciated!!!

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:

Bible Study: **Thursdays** 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.

45’s Card Game: Card Play Sunday is still ongoing. **Sunday evenings** at **7:00 pm** in Campbell Hall. Come and bring a friend!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:

Family Gathering this Sunday: For parents and children! The Foundation Program 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 am to 11:30 am**. If you didn't get a lesson copy from last week yet, you may pick up the Lesson hanging from the double, white doors at the bottom of the stairs to the right of Veritas.

Next Family Gathering: **Sunday, 3rd December** following **9:00 am** Mass. It is the First Sunday of Advent -- the beginning of a new Church year and we will celebrate. See you in Kinsella I & II.

Children's Mass: **Sunday, 3rd December (first Sunday of each month) at 9:00 am**. The children will practice their ministries during our gathering this Sunday (26th). There will be a sign up sheet for interested children in Kinsella I & II.

Sacramental Preparation (First Reconciliation & First Holy Eucharist): Home Lesson #1 was to be completed at home last week. Children are asked to bring their Home Lesson Booklet to each class. There will be a Home Lesson Schedule distributed this Sunday in class to help families plan their home lessons.

Youth Night continues with Alpha for Youth (Session 6). We will be exploring the Bible: *How and Why Do We Read The Bible?* The youth are welcome to bring friends. Parents are always welcome!

Youth Mass: **Monday 11th December at 7:00 pm (tentatively)** will be celebrated once a month as part of the Youth Night Program and Confirmation Preparation. Join us any time!

Confirmation Prep- Level 9: Youth continue to 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 this week.

Holy Spirit Retreat (Confirmation Prep - Level 10): **Saturday, 2nd December** from **10:00 am to 9:00 pm** at Campbell Hall. Other youth attending the Youth Night are welcome to attend.

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



*“Love begins in our home
By praying together.”*

Mother Teresa