



Immaculate Conception Parish

With the Churches of :

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

December 24th , 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 1000 am - **Christmas Day Mass**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm -† Ernest Falkenham

Wednesday, 7:00 pm- † Mike MacIsaac

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Faye Conrad

Friday, 12:15 pm - **Funeral Mass**

Saturday, 4:00pm - John, Scott and † Kathleen Coleman

Sunday, 9:00am - † Roger Arseneau

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. Our Christmas Schedule and other Masses, is attached to our Electronic Bulletin and Website.

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 \$5,918.95 : ICC = \$4,636.70 ; St. Michael's = \$155.00; Sacred Heart = \$412.75; St. Bridget's = \$570.00; St. Kateri's = \$144.50 and Capital Campaign = \$20.00

The Clergy and Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for the Joy of serving you in 2023. We look forward to continuing our mission to build the Kingdom of God in 2024!

"Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." - Luke 1:38

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The parish office will be closed for the week of Christmas, **December 25th to January 1st**. Office hours will resume on January 2nd, 2024.

VERITAS BOOKS AND GIFTS:

Veritas will be closed for the Christmas Season, and will reopen on January 9th, 2023.

ICLA: The Immaculate Conception Ladies' Auxiliary would like to thank our parishioners for your loyal support of our Christmas fundraiser. The block ticket winner of \$1,000.00 was Dorothy Bohez; the gift certificate winner of \$350.00 was Marie Fraser, and the Nativity set was won by Cathy Anderson. Because of your generosity we were able to provide Christmas dinner and gifts for three families through the Christmas Index program.

We were also able to buy flowers to decorate the Altar at Christmas. A special Thank you to Cassandra Arms-worthy who will decorate the Altar for us. Wishing you all a Christmas filled with Peace, Joy and Love.

Family Faith Formation:

Start Up Dates:

Family Faith Formation Gathering (with parents) - Sunday , 7th January

Youth Night - Monday, 8th January

Parent's Meeting (Grades 9 and 10) - Monday, 8th January

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

Not too late to enter! Children and Youth are encouraged to create a poster displaying what it looks like to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Submissions can be sent to the Immaculate Conception Church Office.

Nativity Drama: Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Mass. Cast is to meet in the Hall by 6:15 pm please.

Children's Liturgy (pre-school/elementary):

During 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Children process to Kinsella I & II, where they participate in an age-appropriate reading of the scriptures, reflective discussion on the scriptures, prayers of the faithful, song and an activity if time permits. All children are welcome!

Family Faith Formation:

Usually gather bi-weekly from 10:15 - 11:30 am (but not always depending on the Church season). Schedules are hanging on the white, double doors down the stairs to the right of Veritas. Home Lessons are also available. A parent is strongly encouraged to attend with their child as the Program is designed for the family. If a parent is unable to attend, please send your child(ren) with an adult with whom your child is comfortable.

"Because FAITH is best taught and lived out in the family, the Church calls parents to be the first educators of their children."

Mass Activity Booklet:

A booklet designed to help children grow deeper in their understanding of the Mass. Usually extras are hanging on the white, double doors down the stairs to the right of Veritas by Monday of each week. Help yourself!

Youth Night (Levels 7/8, Levels 9/10, Levels 11/12):

Monday Nights - 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Weekly. All Youth are welcome to attend! Currently journeying through the Alpha for Youth Series. Youth are learning the basics of the Christian Faith in order to equip them to go forth and make disciples of all nations - their Baptismal call and Confirmation mission!