

Prayer to the Holy Family

O Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
we hail you together,
as the Holy Family,
the model for all Christian families.

As we gather in prayer,
we thank you for the gift of our
family and commend to your
care each and every one of us.

Bless and protect us from all harm.

Make our home like your
humble home of Nazareth,
noted for its love, goodwill,
hospitality, simplicity, and peace.

May we willingly share one
another's burden, be generous in
charity, ever ready to forgive and
overlook each other's faults and failings.

United as one family, may we always
witness the love of the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Happy
New Year*

MAY YOU SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!



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 31st , 2023

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



“When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.”

Luke 2: 22

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

Veritas Books and Gifts: Tuesday (starting Jan 9th) 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (or by appointment)

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday - **See New Year’s Mass Schedule**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm -† Diane Dionne, † Kathleen Akerman

Wednesday, 7:00 pm- † Ernest Falkenham, † Steven Estey

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Wilfred MacDonald

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Magdalene Martin, † Vincent Syliboy

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Winne MacKinnon (SMC)

Sunday, 9:00 am -† Jerry Sullivan

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 30th December

4:00pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

4:00pm - St. Michael’s, Brule

Sunday 31st December

9:00am - Immaculate Conception, Truro

10:00am - St. Kateri, Indian Brook

11:30am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

11:30am - St. Bridget’s, Shubenacadie

Sunday New Year’s Eve

4:00pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

4:00pm - St. Michael’s, Brule

Monday 1st, New Year’s Day

repeats the Sunday Schedule

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 \$6,901.95 : ICC \$ = \$3,401.65; St. Michael’s = \$1,235.00; Sacred Heart = \$310.00; St. Bridget’s = \$567.00; St. Kateri’s = \$1,438.30 and Capital Campaign = \$120.00

Christmas Collection was \$9,428.80: ICC \$ = \$7,514.00; St. Michael’s = \$415.00; Sacred Heart = \$757.80; St. Bridget’s = \$650.00; St. Kateri’s = \$92.00

VERITAS BOOKS AND GIFTS:

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

THANK YOU:

Thank you to you, the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish for your cards, gifts and affections this Christmas. Fr. Andrew, Fr. Phil, Deacon Wilf and Fr. Jim are grateful to serve the body of Jesus Christ in this community. Please, let us continue to pray for each other and for the Holy Spirit’s intercession in building the Kingdom of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastoral Care Ministry is looking for about **6** more people interested to assist the Priest on Wednesday mornings at different Senior Facilities in serving Mass in the new year. If interested contact the Immaculate Conception office at **902-893-7188** or John Aubey at **902-843-0065**. Thank you.

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 the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon all of us.

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.

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!