



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

January 14th , 2023
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated the Christ).”

John 1 : 41

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

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

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm -† Kathleen Coleman
Tuesday, 12:15 pm -† William Hanlon, † Diane Dionne
Wednesday, 7:00 pm-† Lillian MacPherson;
† Marie MacPherson
Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Patricia Dickson Turcotte
Friday, 12:15 pm -† Magdalene Martin; † Vincent Syliboy
Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Bernadette Brooks
Sunday, 9:00 am - Evangaline Pascual

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, 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 \$4,098.70 : ICC \$3,095.20 = \$; St. Michael's = \$85.00; Sacred Heart = \$356.00; St. Bridget's = \$475.00; St. Kateri = \$87.50 and Capital Campaign = \$865.00

Updated New Year's Collection was **\$1,641.15** : ICC \$ = \$1,369.70; St. Michael's = \$50.00; **Sacred Heart** = \$127.40 \$; St. Bridget's = \$25.00 **St. Kateri's** = \$69.05

WEEKLY EVENTS:

45'S Card Play: Card Play Sunday resumes on **Sunday Evenings** at 7:00 pm, in Campbell Hall on Sunday 7th, January. Come join us and bring a friend!

Bible Study: Bible Study has recommenced. Come join us in Kinsella I & II, **Thursdays** at **10:00 am** for 1 hour. We are studying Romans I & II; No previous Bible knowledge is required. All are welcome! Contact **Tony Harvey** at **902-977-0808** for more information.

MEETINGS:

(16 Jan) Knights of Columbus Council Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday** evening **January 16th** at **7:00 pm**. The meeting will be held in the Kennedy Room.

(17 Jan) Guatemala Outreach Stove Project: Plans have started for the 2023-24 Guatemala Outreach Stove Project. We will be travelling to Guatemala in 2024. A meeting is scheduled for **January 23rd**, at **7:00 pm** in Campbell Hall for anyone who would be interested in the project or have the potential to travel with the team in 2024. All are welcome.

(19 Jan) Chalice presentation on their new initiative for families, **Save and Share**. All are welcome to hear it on **Friday** afternoon **January 19th**, at **2:00 pm** in Kinsella I & II at the Immaculate Conception Church.

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: This weekend begins our Survey. Our goal is to understand our parishioners' experience of worship and parish community life, and to identify the strengths, needs, and opportunities for growth in our parish, so we can better serve our God and our parishioners.

This survey has three sections. Part 1 asks about your experience of worship. Part 2 focuses on how the parish supports you in your faith journey. Part 3 asks about parish ministry and how we reach out beyond our community. Additionally, you'll have an opportunity to indicate in which areas of ministry you would be interested in participating, either as an attendee or volunteer.

Over three weekends (six overall) each church will be handing out a paper copy of the Survey to complete following Mass according to the schedule below.

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| PART 1 | January 6 and 7 at Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Churches
January 13 and 14 at St Michael, St Kateri and St Bridget Churches |
| PART 2 | January 20 and 21 at Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Churches
January 27 and 28 at St Michael, St Kateri and St Bridget Churches |
| PART 3 | February 3 and 4 at Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Churches
February 10 and 11 at St Michael, St Kateri and St Bridget Churches |

The complete Survey is also available online for those who prefer.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ICParishSurvey>

Parish Collection Envelopes are available inside each church. If yours is missing, please contact our office as it may be at the wrong church.



(20 Jan) 90th Birthday Celebration - A long time parishioner of St. Bridget's is turning 90. Eric Bowers is having a little celebration at Parkland in Truro on Saturday 20th, January, from **3:00 to 4:00 pm**. Come have a piece of cake and wish him well.

Ashes: Please bring in your old palms so we can burn them and have the ashes available for Ash Wednesday Mass. Kindly have the palms in no later than **Sunday, February 4th**. A container is provided in the vestibule of each church.

Adult Faith Formation:

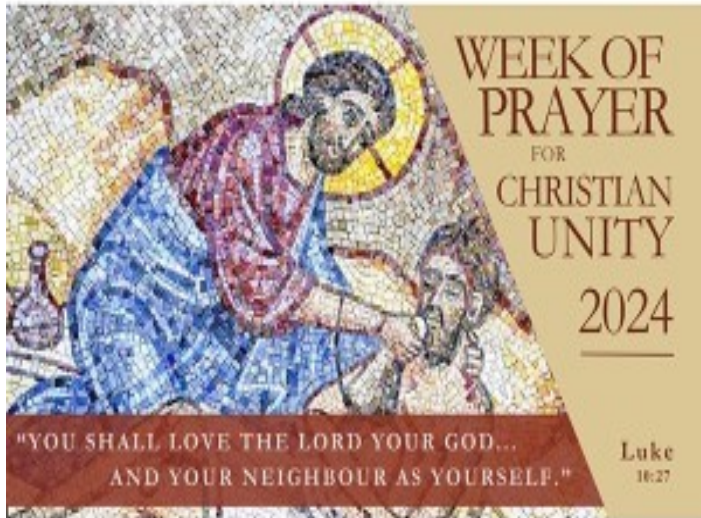


(16 Feb) Alpha begins at Immaculate Conception Church on **Friday** evening, **February 16th**. Give it a try to Explore ... Life, Faith, Meaning. What is Alpha? Alpha is a way to inspire and equip churches to create a space where people from any background can encounter Jesus.

. Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Last Sunday, on the feast of the Epiphany, we heard the familiar story of the magi, who, directed by the star to Bethlehem, find the baby Jesus. Today we hear of the first disciples, who, directed by John the Baptist, encounter the adult Jesus. That initial encounter changes the entire course of their lives, for, as Andrew insists to his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah." May our encounter with the Lord, here and elsewhere, influence the way we live our lives as well.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the World this year from January 18-25. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. This year in Halifax the week will begin and end with prayer services on the campus of Atlantic School of Theology. There will be prayer services hosted by different Christian denominations each day. Of note is Sunday, January 21 at 3pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica with the Rev Dr. Heather McCance as preacher. As well, on Tuesday, January 23 at 11:45am at Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Grand Parade, 1749 Argyle St. with Archbishop Brian Dunn as preacher. All are welcome.

Family Faith Formation:

Mass Booklets: Mass Booklets are available every Sunday at the entrances of the Church. Each booklet contains a Mass Moment, Saint Spotlight and other fun activities related to the current season of the Church. This booklet is designed to help children grow deeper in their understanding of the Mass (extras are usually hanging on the white, double-doors down the stairs to the right of Veritas by Monday of each week). Help yourself!

Be sure to get a copy for your child(ren).

Children's Liturgy (pre-school/elementary): During 9 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!

Formation Program (Levels 1/2 , Levels 3/4 , Levels 5/6): *Home Lesson* this week.

Classes and Parents Session on Sunday, 21 January.

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 and foremost educators of their children."

Youth Night (Levels 7/8, Levels 9/10, Level 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 our Confirmation mission!