



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 21st , 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

Mark 1 : 16-17

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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)

Address:

669 Price Street, Truro,
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm -† Edward Peter Paul

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - Thanksgiving for Annie & Frank Caspers
(65th Anniversary); † William Hanlon

Wednesday, 7:00 pm-† Kathleen Akerman; † Greg Glasgow

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Theresa Townsend-Scholar

Friday, 12:15 pm - **Funeral Mass** for **Greg Glasgow**

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Socrates Ariosia

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Roberto Aggabao Sr.

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 \$3,684.05 : ICC \$ = \$2,343.60; St. Michael's = \$110.00; Sacred Heart = \$563.00; St. Bridget's = \$535.00; St. Kateri = \$132.45 and Capital Campaign = \$105.00

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.

LOST AND FOUND:

For anyone who has lost an item of clothing at the Church, please contact the Parish Office so we can check the lost and found box. We have a number of items that were found after weekend Masses that we would like to get back to their rightful homes.

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.



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.

(Feb 11) ICLA: The next meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 pm**. We have some outstanding dues, so we encourage you to please turn in your dues in order to remain a member in good standing. You can pass them to any of the Executive: **Olga, Angie** or **Della**, or hand them in at the next meeting. The dues are \$20.00, and can be paid by either cash or cheque. Thank you.

(May 18) Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Father Mark Cherry Are you being called to Journey to Medjugorje where it's said heaven touches earth, where the birds sing day and night, and the sun shines brighter than anywhere else. Where the peace surpasses any other peace that we may know until we rest in the Heavenly Kingdom. Where every person is moving in the same direction as they too have been called by our Blessed Mother to come and journey, laying it all down at the foot of Her Sons Cross...the Cross He took on for each one of us His beloved Children...come and journey...come and be healed...come and rest in The Sacred Heart of Jesus as we journey together. **May 18th to May 30th, 2024**. Package Price is **\$3499.00** Canadian per person, tax included. A **\$600 non refundable deposit** due by **January 24th, 2024**. For further details see the diocesan Event Listing titled **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** by clicking here or by contacting **Rhonda-Lynn Clarke** at **(902) 448-3660**.

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and calls the first four disciples, two pairs of brothers: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Follow me, he tells these four fishermen, and I will make you fishers of more disciples. Jesus continues to call disciples; indeed, we were all called when we were baptized. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may the stories of Jonah, of Paul, and of the first four disciples inspire us to drop our nets and follow more closely our Lord as his disciples.

The Feast for the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle



On **January 25**, the faithful celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul, one of the great events of the early Church. Saul, a student of the great Pharisee rabbi Gamaliel, had persecuted Christians, but was suddenly converted on the road to Damascus when our Lord appeared to him in His resurrected glory (Acts 9:1-9).

On **Thursday, January 25th**, please come worship with at the **7:00 pm** Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church.

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!