



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 28th , 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

Mark 1 : 23-24

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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:

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm -† Frank McNeil

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Martin Whelan; † Hugh Reid

Wednesday, 7:00 pm-† Catherine Chisholm; † Vincent Syliboy

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Raymond Crawley

Friday, 12:15 pm -† Donald MacDonald; †Maria Isaura Aragao

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Tom Long

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Sarah “Tiny” Boutilier (SKC)

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

First Friday Mass, Feb 2: We will celebrate **The Presentation of the Lord** and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the 12:15 pm Mass by praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus following Communion.

First Saturday Mass, Feb 3: Come join us as we celebrate First Saturday Mass at 9:00 am followed by the Rosary & Devotions at Immaculate Conception Church.

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, March 22nd, 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 \$4,335.55 : ICC = \$3,249.95 \$; St. Michael's = \$332.65; Sacred Heart = \$301.40; St. Bridget's = \$365.00; St. Kateri = \$86.55 and Capital Campaign = \$160.00

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.

LENTEN COMPANION:

If you are interested in purchasing the “Lenten Companion: Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem” from Ascension Press and would like to be put on the order list, please contact Carla Field in the Parish Office by email at office@icctruro.org.

The parish will be selling them for \$5.00 CAD (Normal Retail = \$13.95 USD)

CONFORMANCE:

The archbishop of our diocese, Most Reverend Brian Dunn has reached out to all parishes regarding changes in the celebration of our liturgy. As the "moderator, promoter, and guardian" of the liturgical life of the diocese he is looking to review our liturgy and ensure that appropriate 'norms' are being followed as we celebrate the Eucharist. The main reason for addressing these 'norms' is to ensure consistency throughout the Archdiocese, enabling parishioners to be comfortable and confident that all Masses will be celebrated in the same manner, no matter which church you choose to attend.

What does this mean for Immaculate Conception and our family of churches?

Beginning in the Lenten season we will introduce these minor changes to our current practices. To help, these changes will be implemented with an explanation and appropriate prompts during the Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parish Life 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.

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>

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 2) On Friday, **February 2nd**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** at our regular **12:15 pm** Mass while also reciting special prayers for the First Friday devotion.

(Feb 3) **Feast of St. Blaze**, you are invited to a blessing of throats at the **9:00 am** Mass. At the same time we'll be celebrating our First Saturday Devotion.

(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. **Registration is now open!** Registration forms can be found at the Church Entrances, or you can register online at icctruro.org.

Alpha Fridays starting **February 16th - May 10th**, from **6:30 - 8:30 pm** (Meal included). Pre-registration only. Registration closes on **February 12th**. Register online at www.icctruro.org or Registration Forms are available at Church Entrances. Please submit Registration Forms to the Church Office **or in the collection baskets of our churches..**

Steubenville Atlantic 2024

Registration for Steubenville Atlantic happening July 5-7, 2024 is now open at www.steubenville.ca

This year we will be in the McNally Theatre Auditorium at Saint Mary's University. We are excited to be on Saint Mary's campus this year as it is home to our Holy Cross Chaplaincy and has no city streets to cross to get between buildings.

This year's theme is "**Illuminate**" based on John 1:5 "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*" It promises to be a weekend of hope and mercy for all who attend. Our guests include longtime favorite Chris Padgett and newcomer Noelle Garcia along with local speakers and musicians—a unique experience fitting for Canada's only Steubenville conference.



To register: www.steubenville.ca

Video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqKdkLvSmPA

Family Faith Formation:

Formation Program (Levels 1/2 , Levels 3/4 , Levels 5/6): Home lesson this week. **Next gathering** will be Sunday, 4 February with child & parent classes. 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."

Mass Booklets: Available at the entrances to the church for 9 am Mass at **ICC**. A booklet designed to help children grow deeper in their understanding of the Mass. Pick one up on your way into Mass!

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! ! This Monday is the 3rd session of the **Holy Spirit Retreat**. Come Holy Spirit! Grade 10's are expected to be participating weekly (unless other arrangements have already been made; if you are unable to be there, please let Ann know).

Grade 10 Service Ministry Opportunity - Wednesday, 31 January from 9 am to noon! This Monday, the youth will be visited by some of the Kane's Kitchen volunteers, who will share their experiences of serving through Kane's Kitchen and Food Bank. On Wednesday, 31st (no-school day for high school), Kane's Kitchen has space for 5 youth to participate. Food Bank is also able to include 5 youth!! Learn more about this at Youth Night this week.

Next **Family-centered Mass** will be Sunday, 4 February. Ministry sign up sheet will be on the white doors down the stairs to the right of Veritas.