



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

February 11th , 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Mark 1 : 40-42

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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 -† Mary Gail Ryan

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † William Hanlon; † Greg Glasgow

Wednesday, 7:00 pm- † Dana Gloade; † Edward Peter Paul

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Ben Sylliboy, † Magdalene Martin

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Ron Vautour

Saturday, 4:00 pm - Thanksgiving for Goill & Sebright Family

Sunday, 9:00 am - † John & Bina Fitzgerald

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



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:

12:00 pm - St. Bridget

4:00 pm - St. Michael

4:00 pm - Sacred Heart

6:00 pm - St. Kateri

7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception

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 \$1,924.80 from ICC. Masses at Mission Churches were cancelled due to the weather. Capital Campaign = \$185.00

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.

Spotlight

Please pick up a copy of our first Spotlight publication. Our plan is to present a different focus each month in more detail than is possible in our weekly bulletin. This first Spotlight focuses on updating our Liturgy and on the reverse we provide some 'apologetics' for your reflection. Hope you enjoy it!

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 3 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>



(Feb 10) Valentine Social: Hosted by the ICLA after the 4:00 pm Mass on **Saturday, February 10th** in Campbell Hall. Please drop by and join us for a coffee/tea and a sweet!

(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.

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(Feb 21) The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Truro Conference will be holding its Regular Monthly Meeting in Campbell Hall on **Wednesday, February 21st, at 7:30 pm**, after the Evening Mass. New members are welcome to attend!

(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**.



Prayer Chain: Did you know our Parish has a Prayer Chain? A small group of dedicated women who are committed to praying for people's needs. If you would be interested in this Ministry or have a prayer request, please call **Judy Ballard** at **902-897-7007**.

Adult Faith Formation:



(16 Feb) Alpha, an **11 week** exploration of faith is commencing **Friday** evenings on **February 16th**, from **6:30 - 8:30 pm**. We commence with a meal at **6:30 pm** and afterwards through video and small discussion groups we explore questions such as "How can I have faith?", "How does God guide us?". There are no fees involved and pre-registration is ongoing until **February 12th**. Registration forms are available at the entrances to the Churches. Online registration is also available at : <https://icctruro.org/alpha-registration/>

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy:

In ancient times, when people contracted leprosy they were immediately excluded from the community, barred from contact with anyone else. But Jesus changed all that when a single leper came to him. Not only did he heal him, he did so by reaching out and touching him, breaking down the barrier between healthy and sick, between "clean" and "unclean." As Jesus did, so did Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, who wrote that he became an imitator of Christ. May the words we hear today inspire us to be imitators of Christ as well, breaking down barriers and reaching out to those who have been excluded.

Year of Prayer:

Year of Prayer was announced in January by our Holy Father: *The coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the Jubilee. I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live well this event of grace, and to experience the strength of God's hope. Therefore, today we begin the Year of Prayer; that is, a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world. Please come to our various devotions for prayer like Rosary, Adoration, Intercessory Prayer and other prayer groups.*



Stations of the Cross:



Stations of the Cross : An ancient devotion since the early centuries and a powerful contemplation on the suffering Christ. Come pray the Stations this Lent in any of our churches and enter the mystery of Christ's suffering and death as we move along our journey to the Resurrection.

Stations of the Cross Times:

Friday 12:45 pm - Immaculate Conception (following Mass)

Friday 6:00 pm - St. Kateri (preceded by Adoration)

Friday 6:30 pm - St. Bridget's Church

Saturday 3:00 pm - St. Michael's Church

World Day of the Sick:

(Feb 11) World Day of the Sick has been designated this Sunday since 1992 by Saint John Paul II. A few weeks ago Pope Francis offered a message for the 32nd Word Day of the Sick entitled: ["It is not good that man should be alone": Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships.](#)

Echoing the Holy Father's message, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) renews its commitment to prayer and accompaniment of the sick. Our parish should find encouragement in our renewed Pastoral Care ministry which is now celebrating Mass in institutions of care and is visiting the sick with Communion. If any would like to join this compassionate ministry please contact our office or fill out a Welcome/Inquiry sheet.



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Family Faith Formation:

Please see the Family Faith Formation Handout for this weeks FFF News! Handout is provided with the Weekly Bulletin.