



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 25th , 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent



Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Mark 9 : 7

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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 Prince Street, Truro,
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm -† Magdalene Martin

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Vincent Syliboy; † William Hanlon

Wednesday, 7:00 pm- † Patricia Clark ;

† Catherine Carpentier

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Dianne Dionne

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Ron Vautour ; † Dana Gloade

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Pat Lackhart (SMC)

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Greg Glasgow

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 and Saturday Masses will not be held during Lent. They will resume with Ordinary Time.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament : Thursdays after the 7:00 pm Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 30 mins prior to weekday Masses or by appointment (Please see Day of Reconciliation Announcement at the end of the Bulletin)

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 \$4,669.00 : ICC = \$3,521.65; St. Michael's = \$160.00; Sacred Heart = \$604.35; St. Bridget's = \$383.00 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.

DONATIONS:

40 Cans for 40 days of Lent: The Knights of Columbus have placed boxes in Campbell Hall to collect nonperishable food items during Lent. All items collected will be donated to our local Food Bank for Easter.

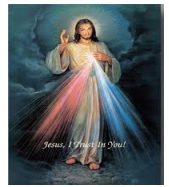
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

RCIA Catechumens from our Parish and across the Diocese have been registered in the Book of Electors on the 1st Sunday of Lent at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica with Archbishop Brian Dunn. They were accompanied by their Sponsors. We welcome each of them along their journey to Christ and full entry into the Catholic Church

Lenten Devotions:

In addition to the Devotion of Daily Mass, the following devotions are available:

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Every Thursday evening during Lent we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at **6:40 PM** at the **Immaculate Conception Church** before Mass. Please join us.



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:

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| 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 (before Mass) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(1 Mar) World Day of Prayer is on **Friday, March 1st**. On the North Shore it will be held at Salem United Church in River John at **2:00 pm** and St. Michael's Church will be participating. All are welcome to attend. In the event of a storm it will be held on **March 8th**, same time, same place.

(18 - 20 Oct) Eucharistic Congress: Archbishop Dunn announced that we would host a Eucharistic Congress in our diocese. What is a Eucharistic Congress? A Eucharistic Congress is a time where a large number of Catholics gather to worship Our Lord in the Eucharist through the communal celebration of the Mass, hear talks, and intentionally pray with, reflect on, and respond to the Eucharist. It can be a very powerful time to manifest the unity of the Church. These gatherings reaffirm and re-emphasize the source and summit of our faith, putting Jesus where he belongs—at the center.



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Knights of Columbus are now accepting applications for the **Bishop Colin Campbell Bursery**. The deadline is **April 10th, 2024**. We are also accepting applications for **Simon J. Khatter Scholarship** with **March 3rd, 2024**, as the deadline. The applications are on the Parish website under Knights of Columbus or you can contact **Randy Works** at 902-895-0489 or through email at worksrandy99@gmail.com

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**.

TAX Receipts: 2023 Tax Receipts are ready for Collection! They can be collected at the Immaculate Conception Church after the **4:00 pm** Mass on **February 24th**, and after the **9:00 am Mass** on February 25th at the Parish Office, or are available for collection during Parish Office Hours. The Tax Receipts for St. Bridget's, St. Kateri, Sacred Heart and St. Michael's will be available for collection at the Church Entrances.

Adult Faith Formation:



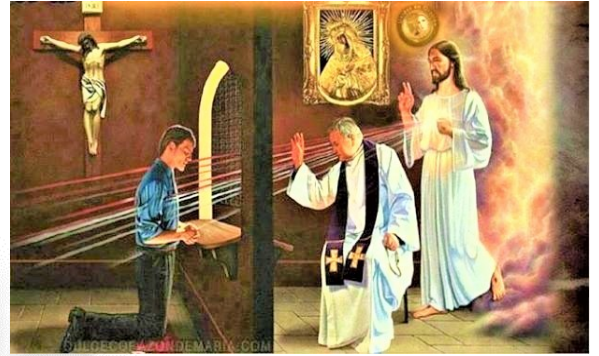
Alpha has begun! We ask that you pray for a true experience of the **Holy Spirit** for all of our participants.

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy:

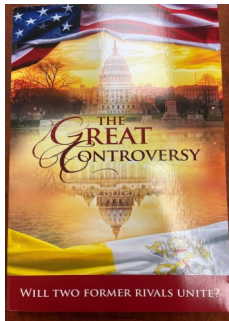
As we continue our Lenten journey today, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads his closest disciples up a high mountain where he will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted disciples.

Day of Reconciliation:

Day of Reconciliation: On **Tuesday, March 5th, 2024** at **6:30pm** at Immaculate Conception Church. Visiting priests will be present, therefore, an opportunity to come and be reconciled with God through forgiveness of sins. Experience peace and serenity of conscience and spiritual consolation and an increase of spiritual strength for the struggle of Christian living. We'll offer times at other churches one hour prior to Weekend Masses on the weekends of March 3 and 10, or by appointment.



Notice to Parishioners:



"The Great Controversy."

Parishioners and our community at large have received this book in the mail. It's not friendly to our Catholic teachings. While you may read it, please know it is contrary to our Apostolic faith, developed over the past 2000 years. The church today is in unity with the church founded by Christ.

Family Faith Formation (FFF) News:

***"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."***

FFF Parent/Guardian Sessions and Classes - next Sunday, **March 3rd**. Home Lesson this week.

First Reconciliation "Family" Retreat and Celebration of the Sacrament - this Saturday, **24th February - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm** (lunch provided) as previously scheduled. Preparations have been made for this very exciting time in your child's life! See you there!

Youth Night (Levels 7-12) - Monday Nights - **7:00 - 8:30 pm**. Weekly. All Youth are welcome to attend! Currently journeying through the Alpha for Youth Series.

Family-Centered Mass - **Sunday, 3 March** at 9:00 am. There is a **Ministry Sign Up Sheet** posted on the white doors downstairs to the right of Veritas. Sign up any time!!

Mass Activity Booklet :

Pick one up on your way into Mass. Crayons provided (please return the crayons after Mass). A booklet de-