



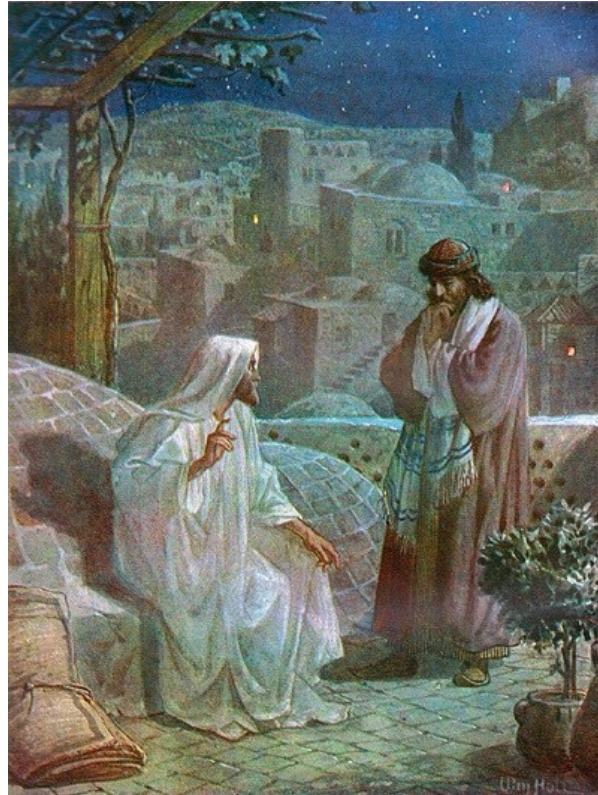
Immaculate Conception Parish

With the Churches of :

Immaculate Conception Church, Truro; St. Michael's Church, Brule;
St Kateri, Indian Brook; Sacred Heart, Millbrook;
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

March 10th , 2024

4th Sunday of Lent



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

John 3:16

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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 - † Theresa Caines

Tuesday, 10:30 am - **Funeral without Mass** - Alice Feeley

12:15 pm - † Marylyn Brown (20 yrs) & Family;

† Vincent Syliboy

Wednesday, 7:00 pm- † Kelly Deal; † Magdalene Martin

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Pauline "Barb" Paul

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Ben Sylliboy Jr; † Catherine Carpentier

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Joe Walsh

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Cathy Bishop

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 (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 \$6,379.70 and \$14.00 USD : ICC = \$4,109.25 ; St. Michael's = \$560.00 ; Sacred Heart = \$646.10 ; St. Bridget's = \$877.00 and \$14.00 USD; St. Kateri \$ 187.35 and Capital Campaign = \$615.00

God's Blessings upon you for your generosity!

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.

VOLUNTEERS:

The Guatemala Outreach Program is looking for new volunteer members. If you are interested in joining the Guatemala Project and would like to learn more you can attend our next meeting **Wednesday, April 10th**, at **7:00 PM** at Immaculate Conception Church. You can also call or Text **A. Kennedy** at **(902)956-1793**.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Please pray for our Candidate (for Confirmation), Stephen Gillis and our four Catechumens (The Elect for Baptism), Amber Innocente, Paul Jebailey, Ranjan Kadka, Jacob Tufts. Pray also for those who are discerning these Sacraments for a later Easter.

On the **4th Sunday of Lent** we celebrate our Second Scrutiny of the Elect.

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:

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 (before Mass)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March Break begins on **Monday, March 11th, 2024**. Blessings to the students as they enjoy time off for regeneration. May they come to realize God as the source of their good experiences

(10 Mar) ICLA: Regular Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 10th, 2024 at 2:00 pm** in Campbell Hall. Guests are always welcome! **Please bring in any outstanding dues.**

(20 Mar) The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Truro Conference will hold its Regular Monthly meeting in Campbell Hall, on **Wednesday, March 20th**, following Mass, at 7:30 pm. New members are welcome to attend.

(6 & 7 Apr) Monsignor Martin Bake Sale Fundraiser at Immaculate Conception will soon be upon us. **April 6th & 7th, 2024.** Stay tuned for more information.

(18 - 20 Oct) Eucharistic Congress: On December 8, 2023 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.



Knights of Columbus are now accepting applications for the **Bishop Colin Campbell Bursery**. The deadline is **Wednesday, April 10th, 2024**. 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.

Courtesy in our parking lot. Thanks be to God that we are able to gather for worship. With awareness of our blessing, please watch out for pedestrians as we drive our vehicles over the sidewalk and through our lot. We've had a complaint from one person. Drive with dignity!

Adult Faith Formation:



We ask that you pray for a true experience of the **Holy Spirit** for all of our **Alpha** participants. Stay tuned for more information on our next Alpha season.

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy:

From the first days of creation, humans took advantage of their free will and sinned against God. But God so loved the world that God sent the Son to be born into the world, to suffer and die to atone once and for all for our sins, and to be raised up so that all may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit draws us here each week to allow us to express our love for God in the way that we worship God and the way that we treat each other. On this Laetare ("Rejoice!") Sunday, we are reminded of God's unparalleled love and mercy and ultimate purpose for us all.

Divine Mercy Novena:

On **Good Friday, March 29 at 6.30 pm** (prior to the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm), at Immaculate Conception Church. The daily Novena continues for 9 days on your own until Saturday April 6. This Novena is in preparation for the graces of Divine Mercy **Sunday on April 7th**. Divine Mercy pamphlets are available in the church and by linking to the Divine Mercy website (www.thedivinemercy.org) or you may wish to use this YouTube link while you pray https://youtu.be/3_Al8a1jmqq

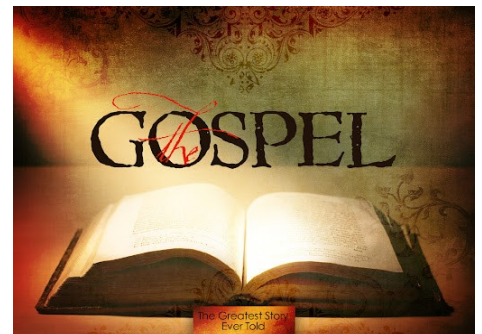


Easter Vigil:

Our highest liturgy of the year and we urge your presence at this glorious celebration. We'll hear God's plan of salvation unfold in four readings from the Old Testament along with their associated and sung psalms from the Kingdom of David. We'll hear the climatic Gospel of the Resurrection. With the Eucharist prayers we make the very same Savior, Jesus the Christ, present among us. We will also celebrate the initiation of new members into our Catholic family. To aid participation in our celebration we'll introduce a projection screen for our hymns and prayers while we make known the four Rites as they're celebrated. Come let us celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus together. Celebration begins at **8:00 pm** at the Immaculate Conception Church

The Joy of the Gospel:

Deacon Wilfred Boudreau and Michael Isenor are offering a book study on this encyclical by Pope Francis. It will run for seven weeks on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**, starting **April 3rd** and running to **May 15th, 2024**. It will be held at **St. Bridget's Church** downstairs. It is an opportunity to share our thoughts and our lives in small group discussion. If interested please call **Michael** at **(902) 758-5252** or **Wilf** at **(902) 719-4398**.



Family Faith Formation (FFF) News:

Family Faith Formation (FFF) Assembly and Classes - There is no Family Faith Formation this weekend or the next. Sessions will resume on **Sunday, March 24th, 2024**.

Youth Night - No Youth Night this week. We will resume on **March 18th, 2024**.

Steubenville Conference -- This summer in Halifax - July 5-7 – more info every Monday at Youth Night