



Immaculate Conception Parish

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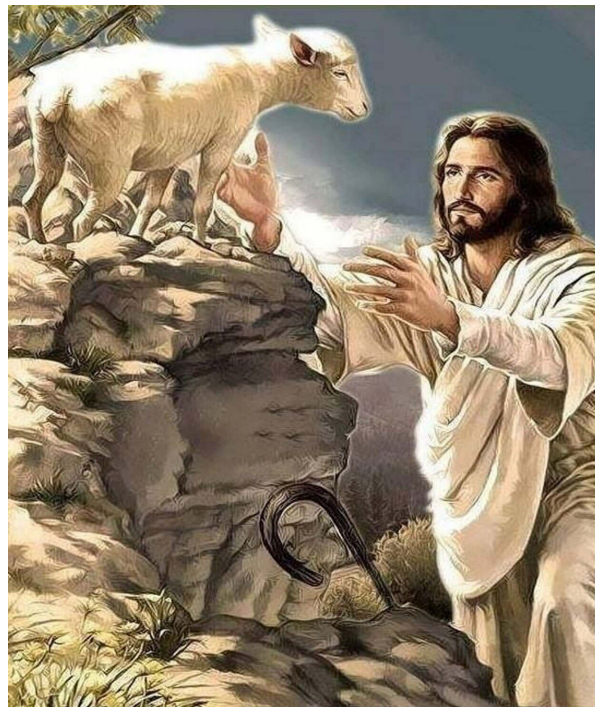
Immaculate Conception Church, Truro; St. Michael's Church, Brule;
St Kateri, Indian Brook; Sacred Heart, Millbrook;
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

Welcome Everyone!

Especially to any new parishioners and visitors to our Parish!

April 21st , 2024

Good Shepherd Sunday



"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep."

John 10: 14-15

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy:

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we begin by hearing Peter insist that whatever good he has done is actually the saving work of Jesus Christ. It is by his death and resurrection that we can be healed, that we can be saved. Once rejected, Jesus has become the cornerstone. John asserts that we are all God's children. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, who will even lay down his life for his sheep. Let us listen to God's word, grateful that the cornerstone of our faith is our Good Shepherd.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Edward Peter Paul
Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Maris MacDonald ; † Ron Vautour
Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Ambri White; † Alice Feeley
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Joan Weatherby
Friday, 12:15 pm - † Matrin Whelan ; † Magdalene Martin
Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Ann MacNeil
Sunday, 9:00 am - † Bill Lake

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, **May 31st, 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.

Marriage Preparation : For those wishing to be married at the Immaculate Conception Parish, please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance.

COLLECTION UPDATE



Previous Week's Collection was \$3,693.50: ICC = \$2,386.10; St. Michael's = \$331.10; Sacred Heart = \$450.50; St. Bridget's = \$405.00; St. Kateri = \$128.80; and Capital Campaign = \$710.00

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Finish carpentry volunteer: Are you skilled at hobby or professional carpentry? We have a few small projects to undertake at our church. If you have such a gift and would like to help build the Kingdom of God using them, please contact our office or Fr Jim.

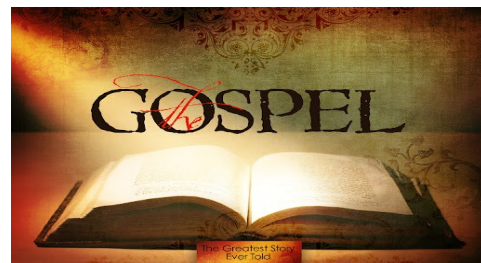
Our Website: We are endeavoring to improve our website and would like to involve more parishioners. We invite comments on the current site and what you would like on our new site. We also invite parishioners to come forward who are qualified to offer suggestions for its design.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

Thanks be to God we have restored and enhanced a number of ministries over recent years and our kitchen is in healthy demand. Specifically we think of, Kane's Kitchen, Alpha, Sunday Socials, Marriage Preparation, Gatherings, etc. With current demand and years of use, the need for maintenance and improvement has surfaced. Namely, failing major appliances, worn flooring, new requirements, etc. It's time to upgrade our Kitchen, Campbell Hall and technology in our church. Hence, a capital campaign. To ensure we develop such a campaign in the right way for our parish, we plan to meet with all our ministries that use our facilities, especially the kitchen. This meeting will help us decide on improvements and repairs. If you are interested in contributing to a meeting to be scheduled in May, please leave your name with Carla at the office. We look forward to everyone's participation and to serving the precious ministries and needs of our 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**.



CURSILLO?

The Cursillo Movement proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method by which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared.

The Holy Father, Pope Paul VI has given his approval to the Cursillo Movement. In December 1963 he approved the Movement, appointing St. Paul as the official patron and protector of the Cursillo.

Cursillo (pronounced Kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word, meaning short course or little course. It begins Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday afternoon.

During those three days the people attending live, work and pray together; they also attend Mass and receive Communion.

Your Cursillo can be made only once in a lifetime, therefore it is not a substitute for a retreat. The basic atmosphere of a Cursillo differs greatly from the individual solitude of a retreat. During the three days, teachings of Christ are discussed in a climate of joy, with many singing and joke sessions.

A Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. That sounds too simple, but it is not. Think about it. A real meeting with Christ. If that is understood, then the power, beauty and joy of the Cursillo will be understood. Interested? Attend one!

The goal of the Cursillo Movement is that Christ be the prime influence in society. So it is said that the PRIMARY OBJECTIVE of the Cursillo Movement is to develop in adult Christians a consciousness of their mission to become leaders in the work of Christian renewal.

****There will be a Men's weekend - May 23-26, and Women's weekend - May 30-Jun 02 at St Michael's Basilica in Miramichi N.B. If anyone is interested please contact *John Aubey* at **902-843-0065** or *Gerry Newell* at **902-893-9733**.****



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."*

Family Faith Formation (FFF) Assembly and Classes: This **Sunday, April 21**, after the 9:00 am Mass. We look forward to seeing all the kids and their parents there!

Youth Night: Monday Nights - **7:00 - 8:30 pm**. Weekly. All Youth are welcome to attend!

Adult Faith Formation:



We continue to pray for all participants of our Alpha Course and thank God for an amazing Alpha retreat last weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(25 Apr) Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Knights of Columbus are celebrating The Silver Rose (Our Lady of Guadalupe) on **Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm** before the 7:00 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

(27 Apr) Ministry Gathering: Our Gathering date is Saturday, April 27th, next weekend. We meet from 9am with refreshments and finish at 1pm after lunch. Because we are not isolated ministries or churches, but a people of God in the unity of a parish, we invite Ministry leaders to pray and share a meal together, have fellowship and discussion, learn and be updated on important matters and milestones. In this Ministry Gathering we'll focus on our Parish Survey results and on developing a Vision for our parish. We welcome any parishioner to come and see what is going on or to consider a ministry. We are looking forward to a blessed time together.

(11 May) SVDP Bake Sale: There will be a fundraising Bake Sale on **May 11th & 12th, 2024**, after each Mass, for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Eucharistic Congress Preparations in our Parish: (Oct 17-20) Mark your calendar for our Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress in Halifax. More information is to follow.

(May 16) To prepare as a parish, we would like to replicate the various pilgrimages our Lord Jesus made to Jerusalem during his earthly sojourn. There are three which correspond to the Jewish temple visits at Passover (Easter), Pentecost and Tabernacles (Harvest) for which they made great sacrifices with great hope and devotion in traveling to the holy city of Jerusalem. The time for an Easter pilgrimage has passed and the Harvest Festival aligns with our pilgrimage to our Congress, therefore, we wish to introduce a Pentecost pilgrimage in our own parish on **Thursday, May 16**. There we'll have adoration from **10:00 am to evening** Mass, and end with **8:00 pm** Benediction, as usual. Our hope next year is to schedule additional pilgrimages for ourselves, and in all our Churches. Spending one hour is urged by Christ himself. Please save the date for adoration of our Lord and sign up for an hour on the sheet at the ICC entrances!

(May 23 and following Thursday's 10am-noon at ICC) Continuing our preparation for the Congress, beginning **May 23** we are adding morning Adoration. Currently, we have Adoration following each 7:00 pm Thursday Mass with Benediction at 8:00 pm which has beautifully attracted a dedicated group of 20 or so parishioners and who benefit greatly from the peace and love of Jesus. Our hope is to expand the opportunity for blessings.

ICLA: The Ladies' Auxiliary will be selling carnations to be placed on the altar, in memory of Mothers' on Mother's Day weekend. Red carnations for living, pink for deceased, at a cost of \$3.00 each. Auxiliary members will be selling the carnations the next three weekends before the 4:00 pm and 9:00 am Masses. Cassandra Armsworthy will arrange the flowers on the altar along with a book containing all the Mothers' names.

Monsignor Martin Bursary: The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary will be offering the Monsignor Martin Bursary of \$1000.00 this year to a graduating student from our parishes. Applications can be found online, forms at the church office or from the guidance office of your high school. Closing date is **May 15th, 2024**.

Earth Day 2024: We celebrate Earth Day on **April 22, 2024**. A special prayer from Pope Francis for Earth Day has been attached to this weekend's Bulletin for this day, and for future use in your prayers.

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Saint Vincent De Paul Society

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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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