



# *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

## *Divine Mercy Sunday!*

**April 7th , 2024**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Image from:

***St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica,  
Halifax***



***“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.  
Do not doubt but believe.”***

***John 20: 27***

### **Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy:**

The glory of the Resurrection permeates God's word on this joyous day that continues our Easter celebration. No longer are the disciples confused and adrift, as they were when first seeing the empty tomb. In the first reading, we hear that the entire community of believers bears witness to the Resurrection by what they do and how they live. They treat each other with mercy and love, as Jesus did when he appeared to all the disciples, even Thomas, who had doubted. Let us join in praise, for God's mercy endures forever.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Frances Voyce

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Catherine "Kay" Carpentier ;  
† Edward Peter Paul

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Tommy Long ; † Magdalene Martin

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Michael Hansen

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Marion Joyce ; † Alice Feeley

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Maie Hodges

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Robert "Bob" Evans

## 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. This year's Marriage Preparation Course will be held on **April 12th & 13th**, for couples who are currently preparing for the Sacrament.

## COLLECTION UPDATE



**Previous Week's Collection** was \$7,921.35 : ICC = \$5,496.00; St. Michael's = \$220.00; Sacred Heart = \$1,202.00; St. Bridget's = \$1,003.35; and Capital Campaign = \$270.00

**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land** = \$2,588.35

## WEEKLY EVENTS:

**45'S Card Play**: Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm, in Campbell Hall. Come join us and bring a friend!

**Bible Study**: Come join us in Kinsella I & II, **Thursdays** at **10:00 am** for 1 hour. No previous Bible knowledge is required. All are welcome! Contact **Tony Harvey** at **902-977-0808** for more information.

## RCIA:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, our formal process of learning and rituals for entry into our Catholic Church. As we welcome our newest members from our Easter Vigil, we also invite others. Do you know of anyone who may be interested in discerning membership in our beloved Church? The process is joyful and informative and it encourages discernment right up to the Vigil, therefore, entering the process is not an irreversible commitment to become Catholic, but a commitment that may develop.

## 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 **April 10th, at 7:00 PM** at Immaculate Conception Church. You can also call or Text **A. Kennedy** at **(902)956-1793**

# Happy Easter!



Father Jim, Father Andrew, Father Phil and Deacon Wilford would like to thank you for the many recognitions, cards and tokens of your love for us, your clergy. Our joy is to heed our calling from Christ to serve the people of God.



## Divine Mercy Novena:

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated this **Sunday, April 7th**, at the Immaculate Conception Church, Truro at **3:00 pm**. Please join us as we celebrate the joy of God's Love and Mercy, praying for one another and the whole world.

Confessions will begin from **2:00 pm** and continue throughout.



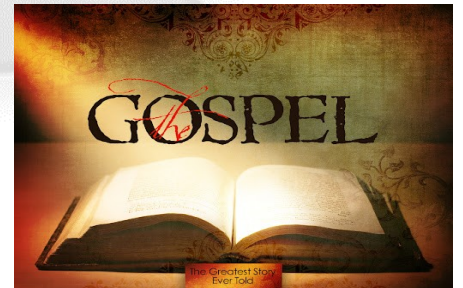
## Mass of Celebration - The Feast of St Kateri Tekakwitha

**(10 Apr)** The All Saints Parish, Truth and Reconciliation Committee invites you to a Mass of Celebration for the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The Mass will be held at the **Holy Family Church, Amherst** on **April 10, 2024** at **10:00 am**. There will be light refreshments served after the Mass.

**(17 Apr)** Our own St. Kateri Church will celebrate on **Wednesday, April 17** at **6:00 pm**, followed by healing prayers and blessing with a 1st Class Relic of St. Kateri.

## 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):

*"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 Mass:** This **Sunday, April 7** at **9:00 am**.

**Family Faith Formation (FFF) Assembly and Classes:** This **Sunday, April 7**, after the 9:00 am Mass.

**Youth Night:** Continues on **Monday, April 8** at **7:00 pm**.

## Adult Faith Formation:

The Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat is next weekend. Please keep the participants in your prayers!  
Come Holy Spirit!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**(6 - 7 Apr) ICLA Annual Monsignor Martin Bake Sale:** Will be held **Saturday, April 6th and Sunday April 7th, 2024** after each Mass. Donations of Baked goods will be gratefully accepted on **Saturday 6yh** from **noon - 3:00 pm**. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. Money raised will go towards the Bursary to a student from our parish.

**(27 Apr) Ministry Gathering:** Stay tuned for a Saturday morning parish event at Immaculate Conception Church. We'll gather for prayer, song, fellowship and discipleship (learning), finishing with a lunch together. This is for all volunteers and those aspiring to help build the kingdom of God.

**Knights of Columbus** are now accepting applications for the **Bishop Colin Campbell Bursary**. The deadline is **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](mailto:worksrandy99@gmail.com)

**Monsignor Martin Bursary:** The Immaculate Conception Ladies Axillary 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 off of your high school. Closing date is **May 15th, 2024**.

**A note from seminarian Morgan:** I had an excellent Triduum and Mass. I hope it has been a blessed time for you. Please extend my Happy Easter wishes to the parish community! He is risen, alleluia!

## PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

**We are hiring a part time Evangelization Coordinator** This person will be responsible for providing leadership and communications to reach parishioners, newcomers and the unchurched. Leadership will involve new and existing initiatives together with volunteers. Some initiatives have already been started like Alpha, Small Groups, and volunteer formation. Communications will involve print, social media, website, etc. to establish our church as a positive presence for Christian caring, sharing, and witnessing of the Gospel in our communities. Do you feel the Holy Spirit is steering you to this great opportunity and need to know more? Please email us a resume and cover letter outlining and explaining your qualifications and experience to [fatherjim@eastlink.ca](mailto:fatherjim@eastlink.ca). We will begin reviewing in April 2024. The position will remain open until a successful appointment has been made. Before completing the hiring process, references will be requested and contacted, and a Police Records Check will need to be completed.

## Cemetery Committee

Immaculate Conception Parish is inviting applications from interested parishioners to form a volunteer Parish Cemetery Committee. The parish is responsible for the maintenance of six individual cemeteries in Colchester County. Some of these are currently being maintained by local church committees or by the Truro Cemetery Corporation. Others have very limited or no assets and no one to ensure a quality level of care. Ultimately the properties are owned by the Diocese and the local churches must see to their proper maintenance. The Cemetery Committee of minimum three persons will be charged with drafting standard operating procedures and ensuring the maintenance of all properties in our charge. This will include contracting services if required. There will be no direct financial handling but the Committee will ensure Diocesan approved accounting practices are being followed by all involved.

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**Saint Vincent De Paul Society**

**Help Line:** 902-897-0222

**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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