

# Announcements & Events

**New Years Eve Dinner & Dance** - Once again, Guatemala Outreach are hosting a New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance in Campbell Hall on December 31st. Doors open at 7:00pm, Dinner Served at 8:00 pm and Dance 9:00- 1:00. Hip of Beef with all the trimmings, Cash Bar, DJ Roy Publicover. Tickets are \$40.00 and will be available after Sunday Masses or by contacting one of a members of the Guatemala Group or Al Kennedy at (902) 895-3378.

**Third Annual New Year's Day Brunch** - bring a food item & willing hands and join us for our Champagne Brunch immediately following the 11am Mass on Jan. 1st, 2017. Sign up sheet available during the Sunday Social. Contact Gail 895-2433 or Betty [c.bettychapman@gmail.com](mailto:c.bettychapman@gmail.com)

**Symbolon** restarts Wednesday evenings after Mass on January 18. Part II presents the sacraments, social teaching, and other relevant church matters for living our beloved faith. This is a superb video series with discussion. All are welcome. Drop by or contact Fr Jim.

**Guatemala Outreach** - The Guatemala Group will be installing over 200 stoves in the villages of Guatemala this March. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. As we continue to strive to improve the lives of others, anyone wishing to help can participate by making a donation, any amount will be gratefully accepted.

**Multicultural Night & Silent Auction 2017** - Multicultural Night & Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculate Conception Church. Doors open 5pm. This is a fundraiser for the Guatemala Outreach Project. Tickets will be available after the Masses during the month of January. \$15 each. Children 12 and under free. For info please contact: Lesley Payn 902-895-1365 [lelpayn01@gmail.com](mailto:lelpayn01@gmail.com)

**Chase the Joker** - Thank you for your continued support. Ticket sales and weekly draw will resume the weekend of January 7th & 8th. Jackpot starting at \$1,029.50 with 47 cards left in the deck.

**Weekend of Grace for Women** - Register now for the 11th Annual Weekend of Grace for Women, with Keynote Speaker Michelle Moran, to be held **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia .



# Immaculate Conception Parish

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## Weekday Mass Times

**Monday - No Mass**

**Tuesday - 7:00 pm** - K of C Sickness & Distress

**Wednesday - 7:00 pm** - †David Belben

**Thursday - 7:00 pm** - Abdullah Zoghaib Family

**Friday - 8:00 am** - †Mary Rovers

**Sunday - 9:00 am** - Mass For all Parishioners Living & Dead

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday - Thursday @ 6:30 pm.

## Anticipated Lord's Day Masses, Saturday

4:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Truro

4:00 pm St. Michael's, Brule

## Our Sunday Gathering for Eucharist

9:00 am Immaculate Conception, Truro,

11:00 am Immaculate Conception, Truro

11:30 am Sacred Heart, Millbrook

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday from 9 am - 1pm

## Mass with Rosary & Litany to Mary

First Saturday of each month at 9am

## Tuesday Evening Rosary

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm.

January 1, 2017

# Mary the Holy Mother of God

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** - Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. To register your child go to our website: [icc-truro.org](http://icc-truro.org)

**First Holy Communion** - Follows the *Sacrament of Penance* in Level 2 for children in Family Faith Formation.

**Confirmation** - Is open to individuals who received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. Preparation for youth takes place over two years following the *Confirmed in the Spirit* discipleship series.

**R.C.I.A.** - If you are not baptized, and those who are baptized as Christians in other Christian denominations & would like to become Catholics. Contact the Parish Office at 902-893-7188.

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

**Jan. 8th:** Level 4 to 6 Epiphany Celebration.

**Jan. 9th @ 5pm:** Level 9 class.

**Jan. 9th @ 7pm:** Level 7 & 8 classes.

**Jan. 15th @10am:** Level 1 to 6 classes.

**Library** - Books, DVD & CD's available in Campbell Hall. Contact Erin@:[iccpashlibrary669@gmail.com](mailto:iccpashlibrary669@gmail.com)

**SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRIES**

**Tuesday Am Prayer Group** - Meet on Tuesday's @ 10:30. Contact [Mary Heukshorst 902-895-5530](mailto:Mary_Heukshorst@icc-truro.org)

**Christian Meditation Group** - Meet on Wednesdays @10am in Our Lady's Chapel. Contact [Maria Miko @ 902-895-3663.](mailto:Maria_Miko@icc-truro.org)

**Women's Bible Study** - Meet on Tuesday mornings in Kinsella I. Contact [Nanette Crowell at 902-897-0059.](mailto:Nanette_Crowell@icc-truro.org)

**Oil of Gladness Prayer Group** - Oil of Gladness Prayer Meet every Tuesday evening after mass in Kinsella 1& 2. For more information please contact Judy Ballard 902-897-7007 or Brian Russell 897-0131.

**Oil of Gladness Prayer Ministry** - Please join us wherever you are to pray for requests in our Parish Prayer Book. For more information or participation Contact Fr. Jim at 902-893-7188 or Email [fatherjim@eastlink.ca](mailto:fatherjim@eastlink.ca)

**Men's Friday Morning Group** - Please contact Kevin Mantin 902-895-0305 [mantinkt@eastlink.ca](mailto:mantinkt@eastlink.ca)

**Pastoral Care Ministry – Grief Support** – We provide spiritual & friendship support to parishioners in hospital, nursing homes or shut-in, as well as grief support for anyone with significant loss. If you are aware of someone in need please contact Fr. Jim at 902-893-7188 or Email [fatherjim@eastlink.ca](mailto:fatherjim@eastlink.ca).

**Tuesday Evening Rosary** - Every Tuesday at 6:30. Contact: Mary Feltmate 902-895-3014.

**SERVICE MINISTRIES**

**CWL**– New members are always welcome to join our CWL. **Contact:** Marg Dwyer @ 902-897-1279.

**K of C** - Executive Meeting **Tuesday January 3**, at **7:30** pm immediately after the 7:00 pm Mass for the Knights Sick and Distress. Contact: Grand Knight Leo Boudreau at 902-843-0490. **Visit** K of C website @ [http://icc-truro.org/?page\\_id=254](http://icc-truro.org/?page_id=254)

**St. Vincent De Paul** - Thank you for your support. Contact Brenda 902-897-0222

**Immaculate Conception Cemetery** - Our cemetery on Robie Street has lots for parishioners. Contact the Superintendent's Office at **902-893-3304.**

**Guatemala Outreach Project** - Contact Allan Kennedy at [Kennedyaj@ccrsb.ca](mailto:Kennedyaj@ccrsb.ca)

**Kane's Kitchen** - We serve a hot meal to those in need each Wednesday. For more information. Contact: Kevin Mantin: - [mantinkt@eastlink.ca](mailto:mantinkt@eastlink.ca)

**Friday Family Night** - Friday Night Family ministry restarts on **January 13**. Young families, come and enjoy a night off from cooking, be entertained and experience the fun, faith and friendship of other families. A delicious meal is served on the house at 6 pm! Come and see.

**BUILDING THE COMMUNITY**

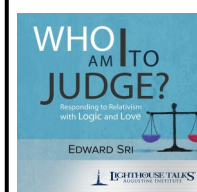
**Sunday Coffee, Tea & Chat** - Join our Sunday Socials in Campbell Hall 10am - 11am. Meet & greet.

**Seniors 55+** - Meetings will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup> in the New Year. Good health and happiness to all

**Card Play (45's)** - Join our Sunday Evening players for fun & games @ 7pm in Campbell Hall.

**Collection Update** – Sunday's Collection was \$5,232.60 & Capital Campaign \$100.00. Thank you for your continued support.

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**



Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 "keys" to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism." He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.

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**Caretaker:** Brian Cormier ext.5008

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS CORNER**

**Teen Choir**

Practices every Monday evening starting at 7:30pm.

1st Saturday of every Month, Steubenville Bottle Drive. Drop your refundables off or leave a message at 902-893-7188, Family Faith Formation, to have your bottles picked up. **Next date: Saturday, January 7th.**

**Boston Pizza fundraiser** - the youth are collecting food receipts from all Boston Pizza locations to earn BP points. Place your receipts in the container located at the back of the church.

Contact: Keith Gillis 899-2999 or Betty Chapman [c.bettychapman@gmail.com](mailto:c.bettychapman@gmail.com)

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**CHOIR REHERSALS**

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**

**Junior Choir** – Sundays – 10:00am – 10:40am  
More Info call: Ann Legere – 902-895-6532

**11:00am Sunday Mass & 4:00pm Saturday Mass**

**Adult Choir** – Monday mornings –11:00am-12:00pm  
New Members Welcome. For more information call Marie Fraser – 902-895-8790

**Liturgy of the Word for Children** - Sunday at 9 am Mass. Children ages 3 and up gather to listen to God's word in Our Lady's Chapel.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Contact: John or Ellen Butts (902) 895-9181 or email: [j\\_n\\_e.butts@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:j_n_e.butts@ns.sympatico.ca)

**Lectors** - Contact Zig Domaratzki @ 843-2356.

**DIVINE MERCY WEEKLY**

Reflections from Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

**Meditation:** *My daughter, consider the life of God which is found in the Church for the salvation and the sanctification of your soul. Consider the use that you make of these treasures of grace, of these efforts of My love (Diary, 1758).*

**My Prayer Response:** Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the treasure of graces You have given the Church for our salvation and sanctification. Thank You for the graces of Your Sacraments, culminating in the Holy Eucharist; for the Communion of Saints with Our Blessed Mother as Queen of all Saints; for the shepherds You have provided for us, with our chief shepherd, the Successor of Peter. All these treasures of grace are a gift of Your merciful love.

*"Diary passages in italics is Jesus speaking"*