

Immaculate Conception Parish

March 19th, 2017

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - 7:00 pm - †Kenn Munro, †Pieter Anthony Van Oostrum

Tuesday - 7:00 pm - †Anna MacNeil, †Norma O'Hara

Wednesday - 7:00 pm - †Harreit McConell, †Frank Ernst

Thursday - 7:00 pm - Abdallah Family, †Mary Ann MacQueen

Friday - 8:00 am - †Sylvester Saniga, *Special Intention*

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

EVENTS

Liturgy of the Hour - Wednesday at 6:30pm

Divine Mercy - Thursday at 6:30pm

DIVINE MERCY WEEKLY

Reflections from Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Meditation: The Lord said to me, *I am delighted with your love. Your sincere love is as pleasing to My Heart as the fragrance of a rosebud at morningtide, before the sun has taken the dew from it. The freshness of your heart captivates Me; that is why I unite Myself with you more closely that with any other creature ...* (Diary, 1546).

Then I heard the words: *As you are united with Me in life, so will you be united at the moment of death. After these words, such great trust in God's great mercy was awakened in my soul that, even if I had had the sins of the whole world, as well as the sins of all the condemned souls weighing on my conscience, I would not have doubted God's goodness but, without hesitation, would have thrown myself into the abyss of the divine mercy, which is always open to us ...* (Diary, 1552).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, help me to love You with freshness of heart that will delight You. Help me to abandon myself totally to Your holy will, which is mercy itself. Let me never doubt Your great mercy.

Diary passages in italics and bold is Jesus speaking

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Mar. 20th @ 7pm: Level 7 & 8 classes.

Mar. 26th @ 10am: Level 1 to 6 classes.

Apr. 3rd @ 5pm: Level 9 class.

Announcements

Lenten Chowder Luncheons: The Lenten Chowder Lunches are held each Friday until April 7th at 11:30am to 1:00pm. Fish chowder \$10.00. Corn chowder \$8.00. Both include a roll, desert, tea and coffee. Come and bring a friend.

Hrez Baby - Would you like to assist the Hrez family with the items of necessity for the new baby? We invite you to Campbell Hall after the Masses this coming weekend (March 18 & 19). We will have a tree from which you may choose tags. The items Rita, baby, and family will need are on each tag. You may even want to choose more than one. We appreciate your support. The Baby Committee 2017.

Lenten Parish Mission - *Save the date* for our *Lenten Parish Mission*, beginning **March 25th** until **March 29th**. Fr. Livio Poloniato will be presiding. Fr. Livio Poloniato recently retired from the Office of Secretary of State of the Holy Sea. The Mission schedule to follow.

Parish Appreciation Celebration - **March 25 & 26** after each Mass in Campbell Hall. Our Parish Ministries organize many activities to inspire and spiritually educate all of us. This parish wide celebration is our opportunity to thank-you for your support and participation. Come and enjoy some light refreshments. Meet and get to know others whom attend the same mass as you.

Lent Devotionals - Our Lenten journey involves our tradition for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. To enrich your reflection on self-denial and repentance we encourage your participation in any of several devotions, in addition to daily Mass. **Wednesdays, 6:30pm**, Liturgy of the Hour, Evening Prayer. Prayer sheets provided. **Thursdays, 6:30pm**, Divine Mercy Prayer sung by Angele Nicholson, **Fridays, 10:45 am** Stations of the Cross

Sacramental Ministry - Couples and individuals are invited to help Fr Jim with the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage. Likely ourselves, our family or our friends have experienced the struggles with living out these sacraments and met with disillusionment or failure. Too often there is a further loss of other practices of faith. Thankfully, there are ways to counter these negative trends. Please come to a meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 to learn what is possible and what is already begun.

CWL – Many, many thanks to all who worked, donated & bought goodies at our Monsignor Martin Bake Sale. Once again it was a very successful event. General meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 19 at 2:30pm** in Campbell Hall

Chase the Ace - Ticket sales after each weekend Mass with the draw every Sunday at 12:45pm. Last Sunday's winner was James Heyman. Next week's Jackpot starts at \$1,022 with 46 cards left in the deck.

Retreat - A Retreat will be offered by one of our Franciscan brothers, to discuss and reflect on Divine Mercy, namely, effect of mercy on me, the giver. **Place:** St Michael's Church in Brule **Date and Time:** Saturday April 22nd. 9am to 5pm. (Anticipated Sunday Mass at 4pm). The day will include up to 4 teaching sessions, prayer, time of silent reflection. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Cost to cover food and stipend \$30 per couple, \$20 per person. Please register by April 5th 2017, after Masses, or contact Father Jim O'Connor (fatherjim@eastlink.ca)

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 28th, 29th, & 30th, 2017**, at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia .

Grief Gathering - Grief Gathering every last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Come pray with us, learn helpful information and experience the compassion of others having significant loss.

Monsignor Basil C. Martin Memorial Scholarship: Applications are now available for a \$1000 (non-renewable) Scholarship sponsored by our local CWL. Completed applications will be accepted until **May 15, 2017**. Applications outlining qualifications and regulations are available from High School Guidance Counsellors or from Cassandra Armsworthy, CWL Chairperson at phone: # 901-305-0944 or email: carmsworthy@gmail.com. Forms are also available at our parish office.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship & Bursary - Council Bursary will be open to High School graduates attending first year University College or Community College who are practicing Catholics. Applications required by **April 5th**. Applications are available from school Guidance Counsellors or Council representatives Ron Vautour– 902-897-0785 or Gordon Weatherby - 902-893-2329. **The Knights of Columbus Scholarship/Bursary Committees have waived the requirement of a letter from a school official for this year.** Applications can be mailed or dropped off at the Church office or 12 Whitman Court, Truro, N.S, B2N 3G3.