

# Immaculate Conception Parish

March 26th, 2017

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - 8:00 am - †Helen Grant, †David Belben

Tuesday - 8:00 am - †Graham Camp, †Gino Maddalena

Wednesday - 7:00 pm - †David Chiasson, †Margaret Anne Thompson

Thursday - 7:00 pm - Abdallah Family, † Norma O'Hara

Friday - 8:00 am - †Phyllis Matheson, †Janet Bernard

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

## EVENTS

Lenten Parish Mission— schedule on reverse

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:** *Know, My daughter, that between Me and you there is a bottomless abyss, an abyss which separates the Creator from the creature. But this abyss is filled with My mercy. I raise you up to Myself, not that I have need of you, but it is solely out of mercy that I grant you the grace of union with Myself* (Diary, 1576).

**My Prayer Response:** My Lord Jesus, fill in the bottomless abyss that separates You from me. Fill in the chasm with Your unfathomable mercy. Lord, the whole world needs Your kind of mercy now. Come, Lord Jesus, and please hurry up!

*Diary passages in italics and bold is Jesus speaking*

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

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

Apr. 3rd @ 7pm: Level 7 & 8 classes

# Announcements

## Lenten Parish Mission Schedule with Fr. Livio Poloniato,

Sunday, March 26th @ 7pm

Monday, March 27th @ 7pm

Tuesday, March 28th - 6:40 pm Divine Mercy; 7 pm talk & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 29th @ 7pm (closing Mass with a collection)

Just a refresher, on the meaning, purpose and benefits of Parish Missions. **Parish Missions** are special times of prayer and reflection with the availability to receive an indulgence for yourself or others; and a blessing at the closing Mass.

**45's Cards:** No card games this Sunday, March 26th. Will resume Sunday, April 3rd at 7pm.

**Our Lady's First Saturday Devotion**— Mass with Rosary and Litany to Mary on Saturday, April 1st at 9am.

**Parish Appreciation Celebration**— come, mingle and enjoy some light refreshments this weekend after Mass.

**Lenten Chowder Luncheons:** The Lenten Chowder Lunches are held each Friday until April 7th at 11:30am to 1:00pm. Fish chowder \$10. Corn chowder \$8. Both include a roll, dessert, tea & coffee. Come & bring a friend.

**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

**Chase the Ace** - Ticket sales after each weekend Mass with the draw every Sunday at 12:45 pm. Last Sunday's winner was Ralph Campbell. This week's Jackpot starts at \$1,130 with 45 cards left in the deck.

**Retreat** - A Retreat will be offered 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](mailto:fatherjim@eastlink.ca))

**Franciscans of Halifax** invite you for a night of silent prayer and music in preparation for Holy Week on **Friday, April 7th at 7pm** at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. Among the sacred works to be presented are Tomas Luis Victoria's setting of the Reproaches, a Scriptural text, as well as Gregorian chant and Franz Liszt's Ave Verum.

**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

**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.

**CWL Knitting & Crochet Drop-in Group** - The CWL invites all women, both members and non-members to join us on **Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 10:30 am in the Kennedy Room**. Bring your projects and enjoy some company and conversation while you work. Help will be available for beginners or those who want to learn! For more information, please contact **Cassandra Armsworthy at 902-305-0944 or [carmsworth@gmail.com](mailto:carmsworth@gmail.com)**

**The Cantabile Society** will celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial in song with a concert of all-Canadian music to be held on **Saturday, April 1st, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at First United Church**. Tickets are only \$17 (with a \$5 student rate), and ages 12 and under are free of charge. This concert will feature the *Cantabile Singers* and the *Cantabile Boys' Choir*. Tickets available at the First United Church Office, at MacQuarries, from choir members or at the door.