



Immaculate Conception Parish

With the Churches of :

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

September 24th, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm - **No Mass**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Mabel Walker

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † G. B. F.

Thursday, 7:00pm - † Souls in Purgatory

Friday, 12:15pm - Funeral Mass

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Martin Whalen

Sunday, 9:00am - † Theresa Caines

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, September 29th 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.

COLLECTION UPDATE

Sept 3rd, 2023 Collection was - \$2,693.15 : ICC = \$2,628.85 ; St. Bridget's = No Mass; St. Michael's = No Mass; Sacred Heart = No Mass; St. Kateri = \$64.30 and Capital Campaign = \$0.00

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

“Live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.” - Philippians 1:27

Sycamore is coming this Fall: An eight week program for introducing seekers to our Catholic faith and for existing Catholics to rediscover their faith. Series starts on the evening of **Tuesday, Oct 3rd** in Campbell Hall. Come and enjoy videos, fellowship, conversation and food...Invite a friend! Register on-line or you can also find registration forms at Church Entrances.

ICLA and Foodbank - Our parish will be accepting donations of the following items to be donated to the Colchester Food Bank at Christmas time. From now until Oct 15 - **toothpaste and toothbrushes**, from Oct 22 to Nov 12 - **hand soap or bar soap**, from Nov 19 to Dec 10 - **deodorant**. Donations can be left at any Church entrance after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. Michael's Church will be **celebrating its 25th anniversary** since it's opening on September 29th, the feast of St. Michael's. Since Mass there is only celebrated once a week on Saturdays at 4:00 pm we will celebrate then, on **September 30th**, with Mass and a potluck feast and live music following Mass. Everyone is welcome

The 2023 Assembly of the People of God: What are you doing November 4th? Gather with you family of faith at this year's Assembly of the People of God. This is a day to gather a whole diocesan family to pray together, learn from one another, and discern how we will continue to be a Church that proclaims Jesus and makes disciples! Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro is one of three hosting sites while the Assembly is held at McNally Auditorium at Saint Mary's University. This means we'll welcome people to our parish to attend the Assembly. Everything happening in Halifax will be livestreamed to the hosting sites. We hope this allows as many people as possible to be a part of it. For more information and to register visit: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly

Life Shared Summit, an Atlantic Canada event by Alpha, will take place at Groundswell Church in Truro NS on October 27th. Our Church is participating by having Senior Leaders attend and by offering one of our meeting rooms. Sycamore, which our parish is currently offering is much like Alpha. These programs are instrumental in reintroducing Christianity to millions of people worldwide. Please pray that our community and our Churches will indeed experience a renewal of faith.

Seminarian Morgan Wilson says: "Things have been going quite well at the Seminary. New seminarians arrived, there was an orientation week, with more general introductory sessions and an extravaganza day. I've gotten to know all the seminarians and the priests on the faculty; all are great men and I hope to learn much from them. Philosophy classes began September 7th and I can already tell that I will love studying this material! Every couple of weeks the seminarians go to a parish that they're assigned to, for Sunday Mass. It's the same parish every time, so we can get to know the parish community over the course of the year. I'm very happy that I can still be a part of parish life while I'm here. Immaculate Conception Parish is always in my thoughts, and I am keeping everyone constantly in my prayers."

Vacation: Fr. Jim is away on vacation from **September 25th to October 6**. Fr Andrew and Fr Phil are available to fill in as necessary. Please pray for our priests that our Lord will protect and strengthen them to serve his people.

Veritas Books & Gifts: Open every **Tuesday from 10:00 am to 4:00pm**, or by appointment.

Life Chain 2023: Across Canada, on **Sunday October 1st at 2:00 pm**, Pro Life Groups will gather. Our group will meet on Willow St. near Sobeys Wholesale Store and Needs Store. We believe in the sacredness of life from conception, until natural death. This is a family event at which children are welcome. Please join us. Margaret Mead once said. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world." For more information contact: **Gordan Mac Intyre -902-895-2614** or **Gail Munro - 902-895-2296**