



# 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

October 22nd , 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00pm -† Ernest Falkenham

Tuesday, **9:00 am** - † Terry Murphey, † Yolilio Montesa

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

Thursday, 7:00pm - † Souls in Purgatory

Friday, 12:15pm - † John Dan MacIsaac

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Carol Reid

Sunday, 9:00am - † Douglas Curry

## 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

## STUDY DAYS

**Oct 24-26th Priest away on Study Days.** Mass is moved to 9am on Tuesday, 24th. There is no Mass on Wednesday (25th). Please continue to pray for our priests in their on-ongoing formation as Priests of God for the People of God.

**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, November 24th 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

**Oct 15th 2023 Collection** was - \$5,027.15; ICC = \$3,712.35; St. Michael's = \$105.00; Sacred Heart = \$498.8; St. Bridget's = \$711.00 and Capital Campaign = \$75.00

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

***"I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god." - Isaiah 45:5***

**Pastoral Care Workshop #2** will be held in the Campbell Hall at **1:00 pm** on **Saturday, Oct 28th**. Your Pyx will be there for pick up and they can be Blessed at the same time for you. Hope to see all of you there even if you were at the first workshop. Deacon Wilfred Bourdrea will be the Facilitator.

**ICLA and Foodbank** - Now accepting donations of the following items to be donated to the Colchester Food Bank at Christmas time. From now until Nov 12 - **hand soap or bar soap**. Donations can be left in the baskets at any Church entrance after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Block Draw Fundraiser:** Beginning this weekend, **21st October**, the Ladies Auxiliary will be starting their 50/50 **Block Draw Fundraiser**. We will be selling 100 blocks for \$20.00 each, with the winner taking home \$1,000.00. The Draw will take place once all blocks are sold. Tickets for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 on a Gift Card Christmas Tree (Value \$350.00) will also be sold.

**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.

**Celebration of All Souls with Masses take place in three churches: Sacred Heart at 6:00 pm, St. Kateri at 6:00 pm, and Immaculate Conception at 7:00 pm**, all on **Thursday, November 2nd**. This is a liturgical tradition for remembering all those deceased in our personal families and in our family of faith with the celebration of Mass. Here we invite a representative, or a whole family, to come forward and to light a candle in remembrance. We encourage families of those recently deceased or of those whose families have not yet celebrated in this way. It is an expression of your love for them and all of our participation in the Communion of Saints. Those families with whom we celebrated a funeral liturgy in the past year have been sent invitations to join us.

**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](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly)

**ICLA:** The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a social after the **4:00 pm** Mass on **November 11th**. Sweets/ Sandwiches and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to join us in Campbell Hall!

**Sycamore:** The sycamore series is now entering its fourth week. We are thankful and blessed to have so many participants. Registration for this session is now closed.

**Family Faith Formation:** Our 1st gatherings of the year, which took place on Sunday after Mass (Level 1-6 & parents) and Monday night (Level 7-12 & parents), were very successful, faith-filled and a lot of fun! If you were unable to attend, it's not too late to participate (and/or to register if that still needs to happen)! You are welcome at any time.

**COMING THIS WEEK: Level 1-6 - Home Lesson** - If you need a copy of the lesson, you can find it hanging on the white, double doors at the bottom of the stairs to the right of Veritas. **Levels 7-12 & parents** - 23 October (7-8:30 pm every Monday night) .

**Why is there something for both children and parents?**

"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."