



# *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

## **Welcome Everyone!**

Especially to any new parishioners and visitors to our Parish!

**April 14th , 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**



*“This it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”*

*Luke 24: 46-48*

### **Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy:**

During the Easter season, we hear how the disciples encounter the Risen Christ at different times and in different ways, all the while trying to understand the meaning of the Resurrection. We too contemplate the implications of the Resurrection and consider how we see the Risen Lord in our lives. It helps us to gather as Church, where we can seek the presence of Christ as we worship: in the assembly, in its ministers, in the word of God, in the Holy Sacrifice, and in the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may better discern the Lord in our midst.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Teresa Mantin  
Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Ernest Falkenham; † Jordan Denny  
Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Broniskawa Michak Szutka;  
† Stefania Andrzej Horajski  
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Bill & Jean Jackson (Anniversary)  
Friday, 12:15 pm - † Gail Coe; † Barb Paul  
Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Dianne Dionne  
Sunday, 9:00 am - † Maie Hodges

## 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, **May 31st, 2024** 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.

**Marriage Preparation** : For those wishing to be married at the Immaculate Conception Parish, please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance. This year's Marriage Preparation Course will be held on **April 12th & 13th**, for couples who are currently preparing for the Sacrament.

## COLLECTION UPDATE



**Previous Week's Collection** was \$5,008.10 : ICC = \$3,343.75; St. Michael's = \$107.00; Sacred Heart = \$647.60; St. Bridget's = \$534.40; St. Kateri = \$375.35; and Capital Campaign = \$230.00

## WEEKLY EVENTS:

**45'S Card Play**: Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm, in Campbell Hall. Come join us and bring a friend!

**Bible Study**: Come join us in Kinsella I & II, **Thursdays** at **10:00 am** for 1 hour. No previous Bible knowledge is required. All are welcome! Contact **Tony Harvey** at **902-977-0808** for more information.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

Thanks be to God we have restored and enhanced a number of ministries over recent years and our kitchen is in healthy demand. Specifically we think of, Kane's Kitchen, Alpha, Sunday Socials, Marriage Preparation, Gatherings, etc. With current demand and years of use, the need for maintenance and improvement has surfaced. Namely, failing major appliances, worn flooring, new requirements, etc. It's time to upgrade our Kitchen, Campbell Hall and technology in our church. Hence, a capital campaign. To ensure we develop such a campaign in the right way for our parish, we plan to meet with all our ministries that use our facilities, especially the kitchen. This meeting will help us decide on improvements and repairs. If you are interested in contributing to a meeting to be scheduled in May, please leave your name with Carla at the office. We look forward to everyone's participation and to serving the precious ministries and needs of our church.

## THANK YOU:

The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary wish to thank all the Parishioners who contributed to our successful Bake Sale!

Knights of Columbus thank everyone who participated in the project, **40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent**. You contributed 222 lbs of food and a \$50.00 donation to our local food bank!

### St Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day and Mass Celebration:

**(17 Apr)** Our own St. Kateri Church will celebrate on **Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm**, followed by healing prayers and blessing with a 1st Class Relic of St. Kateri.

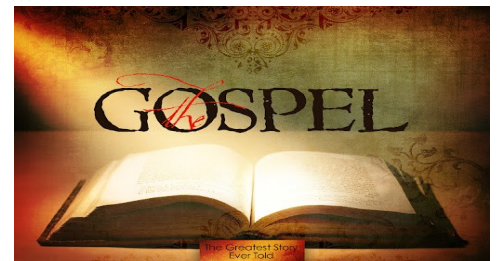


### St Kateri Tekakwitha:

Baptized at age 20 as Catherine (Kateri in Mohawk) Tekakwitha. She was born in 1656, probably Ossernenon, New Netherland [now Auriesville, New York, U.S.] and died April 17, 1680, Caughnawaga, Quebec [now in Canada]. Canonized October 21, 2012, she's the first North American Indian saint in the Roman Catholic Church. The child of a Mohawk father and a Christianized Algonquin mother, at age four she was the only member of her family to survive smallpox, which affected her own health. Staying with her anti-Christian uncle, she was deeply impressed at age 11 by the lives and words of three visiting Jesuits, and began to lead a life inspired by their example. Harassed, stoned, and threatened with torture in her home village, she fled 200 miles (320 km) to the Christian Indian mission of St. Francis Xavier at Sault Saint-Louis, near Montreal. There she came to be known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" in recognition of her kindness, prayer, faith, and heroic suffering. (Sourced from Encyclopedia Britannica)

### The Joy of the Gospel:

Deacon Wilfred Boudreau and Michael Isenor are offering a book study on this encyclical by Pope Francis. It will run for seven weeks on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**, starting **April 3rd** and running to **May 15th, 2024**. It will be held at **St. Bridget's Church** downstairs. It is an opportunity to share our thoughts and our lives in small group discussion. If interested please call **Michael** at **(902) 758-5252** or **Wilf** at **(902) 719-4398**.



### Family Faith Formation (FFF News):

*"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."*

Family Faith Formation (FFF) Assembly and Classes: Home Lesson this **Sunday, April 14**.

Youth Night: Monday Nights - **7:00 - 8:30 pm**. Weekly. All Youth are welcome to attend!

### Adult Faith Formation:

The Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat is this weekend. Please keep the participants in your prayers!  
Come Holy Spirit!



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**(13 -14 Apr) ICLA:** We will be selling flowers for Mothers Day, **\$3.00 each**, after each Mass this weekend. Regular meeting is **Sunday, April 14th, 2024 at 2:00 pm.**

**(27 Apr) Ministry Gathering:** Stay tuned for a Saturday morning parish event at Immaculate Conception Church. We'll gather for prayer, song, fellowship and discipleship (learning), finishing with a lunch together. This is for all volunteers and those aspiring to help build the Kingdom of God.

**(11 May) SVDP Bake Sale:** There will be a fundraising Bake Sale on **May 11th & 12th, 2024**, after each Mass, for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Monsignor Martin Bursary:** The Immaculate Conception Ladies Axillary will be offering the Monsignor Martin Bursary of \$1000.00 this year to a graduating student from our parishes. Applications can be found online, forms at the church office or from the guidance off of your high school. Closing date is **May 15th, 2024.**

**Finish carpentry volunteer:** Are you skilled at hobby or professional carpentry? We have a few small projects to undertake at our church. If you have such a gift and would like to help build the Kingdom of God using them, please contact our office or Fr Jim.

## **PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

**We are hiring a part time Evangelization Coordinator** This person will be responsible for providing leadership and communications to reach parishioners, newcomers and the unchurched. Leadership will involve new and existing initiatives together with volunteers. Some initiatives have already been started like Alpha, Small Groups, and volunteer formation. Communications will involve print, social media, website, etc. to establish our church as a positive presence for Christian caring, sharing, and witnessing of the Gospel in our communities. Do you feel the Holy Spirit is steering you to this great opportunity and need to know more? Please email us a resume and cover letter outlining and explaining your qualifications and experience to [fatherjim@eastlink.ca](mailto:fatherjim@eastlink.ca). We will begin reviewing in April 2024. The position will remain open until a successful appointment has been made. Before completing the hiring process, references will be requested and contacted, and a Police Records Check will need to be completed.

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE:**

Immaculate Conception Parish is inviting applications from interested parishioners to form a volunteer Parish Cemetery Committee. The parish is responsible for the maintenance of six individual cemeteries in Colchester County. Some of these are currently being maintained by local church committees or by the Truro Cemetery Corporation. Others have very limited or no assets and no one to ensure a quality level of care. Ultimately the properties are owned by the Diocese and the local churches must see to their proper maintenance. The Cemetery Committee of minimum three persons will be charged with drafting standard operating procedures and ensuring the maintenance of all properties in our charge. This will include contracting services if required. There will be no direct financial handling but the Committee will ensure Diocesan approved accounting practices are being followed by all involved.

Interested parishioners are asked to register with our parish office at [icctruro.org](http://icctruro.org) or **902-893-7188**.

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**Saint Vincent De Paul Society**

**Help Line:** 902-897-0222

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

**Veritas Books and Gifts:** Tuesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (or by appointment)

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