



# *Immaculate Conception Parish*

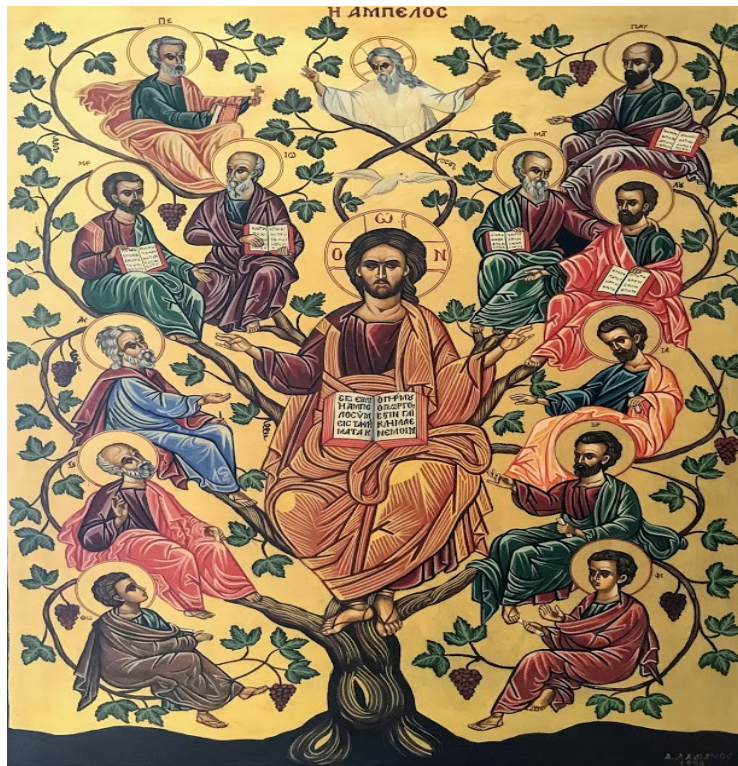
With the Churches of :  
Immaculate Conception Church, Truro; St. Michael's Church, Brule;  
St Kateri, Indian Brook; Sacred Heart, Millbrook;  
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

## **Welcome Everyone!**

Especially to any new parishioners and visitors to our Parish!

**April 28th , 2024**

**5th Sunday of Easter**



*“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing”*

*John 15: 5*

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

“I am the vine, you are the branches,” we hear Jesus tell his disciples in today's Gospel. We are those branches now. Connected to the vine that is the Lord, we are expected to bear fruit. In the first reading, we catch a glimpse of Saint Paul (still called Saul) at a unique time. Just recently converted, he is intent on bearing fruit by speaking boldly in Jesus' name. John tells us that believing in Jesus' name and loving one another are the ways to remain in him, attached to the vine. These passages are assuring them, and us, that we will bear fruit abundantly. Let us hear how we can become such disciples.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Magdalene Martin

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † Gérard Vienneau ; † Gail Coe

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Maria Franciszek Bros;

† Ryszard Palcuh

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Sylvester Saniga

Friday, 12:15 pm - Praise & Thanksgiving ; † Alice Feeley

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Donald McDonald

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.

## COLLECTION UPDATE



**Previous Week's Collection** was \$4,272.30 : ICC = \$3,524.45; St. Michael's = \$84.85; Sacred Heart = \$308.00; St. Bridget's = \$355.00; and Capital Campaign = \$145.00

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**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.

**Our Website:** We are endeavoring to improve our website and would like to involve more parishioners. We invite comments on the current site and what you would like on our new site. We also invite parishioners to come forward who are qualified to offer suggestions for its design.

## 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.

## CURSILLO?

The Cursillo Movement proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method by which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared.

The Holy Father, Pope Paul VI has given his approval to the Cursillo Movement. In December 1963 he approved the Movement, appointing St. Paul as the official patron and protector of the Cursillo.

Cursillo (pronounced Kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word, meaning short course or little course. It begins Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday afternoon.

During those three days the people attending live, work and pray together; they also attend Mass and receive Communion.

Your Cursillo can be made only once in a lifetime, therefore it is not a substitute for a retreat. The basic atmosphere of a Cursillo differs greatly from the individual solitude of a retreat. During the three days, teachings of Christ are discussed in a climate of joy, with many singing and joke sessions.

A Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. That sounds too simple, but it is not. Think about it. A real meeting with Christ. If that is understood, then the power, beauty and joy of the Cursillo will be understood. Interested? Attend one!

The goal of the Cursillo Movement is that Christ be the prime influence in society. So it is said that the PRIMARY OBJECTIVE of the Cursillo Movement is to develop in adult Christians a consciousness of their mission to become leaders in the work of Christian renewal.

\*\*There will be a Men's weekend - May 23-26, and Women's weekend - May 30-Jun 02 at St Michael's Basilica in Miramichi N.B. If anyone is interested please contact **John Aubey** at **902-843-0065** or **Gerry Newell** at **902-893-9733**.\*\*



### 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."*

**First Holy Eucharist Retreat Day (Level 3 & 4) - Saturday, 4 May** from **9:00 am to noon**. All families who have children preparing for the Sacrament are expected to participate.

### Sacramental Dates:

**Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist** - **Sunday, 26 May** at **9:00 am**.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - **Monday, 3 June** at **7:00 pm**.

Everyone please mark your calendar and be sure to join in the celebration of these young people of our Parish. Also, keep them in your prayers as they make final preparations!!

**FFF Gathering and Classes (both parents and children)** - **Sunday, 5 May - 10:15 am - 11:30 am**

**Family-Centered Mass** - **Sunday, 5 May** at **9:00 am**

### Adult Faith Formation:

Our Alpha session is almost over and we are looking forward to celebrating its completion with a Come and See evening. We invite current Alpha attendees, guests and anyone who is curious to join us for dessert, tea/coffee: **Friday, May 10th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm** in Campbell Hall. This is a great opportunity to see how an Alpha night unfolds, to ask questions and to share in fellowship and food! RSVP Carla Field **902-893-7188** or by email at [office@icctruro.org](mailto:office@icctruro.org) by **Thursday May 9th**.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**(6 - 10 May)** No Masses Monday - Friday. Priests will be on their annual retreat. Please pray for their holiness and health that they may please God in serving the People 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.

**Eucharistic Congress Preparations in our Parish: (Oct 17-20)** Mark your calendar for our Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress in Halifax. More information is to follow.

**(May 16)** To prepare as a parish, we would like to replicate the various pilgrimages our Lord Jesus made to Jerusalem during his earthly sojourn. There are three which correspond to the Jewish temple visits at Passover (Easter), Pentecost and Tabernacles (Harvest) for which they made great sacrifices with great hope and devotion in traveling to the holy city of Jerusalem. The time for an Easter pilgrimage has passed and the Harvest Festival aligns with our pilgrimage to our Congress, therefore, we wish to introduce a Pentecost pilgrimage in our own parish on **Thursday, May 16**. There we'll have adoration from **10:00 am to evening** Mass, and end with **8:00 pm** Benediction, as usual. Our hope next year is to schedule additional pilgrimages for ourselves, and in all our Churches. Spending one hour is urged by Christ himself. Please save the date for adoration of our Lord and sign up for an hour on the sheet at the ICC entrances!

**(May 23 and following Thursday's 10am - noon at ICC)** Continuing our preparation for the Congress, beginning **May 23** we are adding morning Adoration. Currently, we have Adoration following each 7:00 pm Thursday Mass with Benediction at 8:00 pm which has beautifully attracted a dedicated group of 20 or so parishioners and who benefit greatly from the peace and love of Jesus. Our hope is to expand the opportunity for blessings.

**Holy Rosary at St. Michael's:** We will pray the Holy Rosary each Saturday in May, starting at **3:40 pm** at St. Michaels Church in Brule, followed by Mass at 4 pm. The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Lady. Let us pray for peace. All are welcome.

**ICLA:** The Ladies' Auxiliary will be selling carnations to be placed on the altar, in memory of Mothers' on Mother's Day weekend. Red carnations for living, pink for deceased, at a cost of \$3.00 each. Auxiliary members will be selling the carnations the next three weekends before the 4:00 pm and 9:00 am Masses. Cassandra Armsworthy will arrange the flowers on the altar along with a book containing all the Mothers' names.

**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**.

**The Joy of the Gospel** study is still ongoing at St. Bridget's Church until **May 15th, 2024**. If you are interested in the book study of the encyclical by Pope Francis, please call **Michael Isenor** at **(902) 758-5252** or **Deacon Wilfred Bourdreau** at **(902) 719-4398**.

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**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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