



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!

June 9, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Mark 3.33-35

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy:

Moved by the Holy Spirit, we gather today as a family—a parish family as well as children of God—to celebrate the Eucharist. It is appropriate to think of our family of faith, for in the Gospel today we hear Jesus tell the crowds that whoever does the will of God is a part of his family. While we may not always be conscious of our closeness to the Lord, we strive to pray, serve and celebrate. This is a fitting weekend, therefore, to celebrate our personal human families by recognizing wedding anniversaries blessed by God our Father. Let us come to recognize more deeply the gift of faith that helps and allows us to be in the family of Jesus as we do our best to live God's will in our families.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Jordan Denny

Tuesday, 12:15 pm - † John Heukshorst ; † Dana Gloade

Wednesday, **NO MASS**

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Bronislawa Michal Szutka

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Barb Paul; † Ron Vautour

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Sarah "Ting" Boutilier

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Bill Lake

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

Veritas Books and Gifts, Truro Store Offers many opportunities to share and grow our faith through books, rosaries, cards and gifts. In addition, we have many good quality used books on sale for great summer reading. Drop by Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call for an appointment, 902 893-7188 ext. 6. Please note that we will only be open by appointment for July and August.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and after the 7:00 pm Mass, ending with 8:00 pm Benediction. **(Note, this Thursday there is no Adoration from 10 - 12.)**

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, **July 26th, 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: ICC = \$3503.40; St. Michael's = \$348.45;
St. Bridget's = \$ 336.00 Sacred Heart = \$302.90; St. Kateri = \$243.00

Volunteers Needed

In order for us to provide Communion to the sick in hospital we require 2-3 more volunteers. Each volunteer would then visit once per month serving with a team of 5-6 people. Please contact the parish office or John Aubey.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Farewell celebration on **June 9th at ICC** and **15th at St Michael's** for Carla Field. We are sad to learn that Carla has to return to her native Trinidad for personal reasons. She hopes to return to Canada in a year or two. She will be missed in our office as she offered her many gifts of creativity, administration and care for all who visited her.

EVENTS:

Eucharistic Congress Registration NOW Open!



**Eucharistic
Congress 2024**

What are you doing October 17-20? We hope you're joining us for our first diocesan Eucharistic Congress! What is the a Eucharistic Congress? In short, a Eucharistic Congress is an powerful way to unite the Church, where our diocesan family of faith can gather to worship Our Lord in the Eucharist through the communal celebration of the Mass.

Along with Masses there will be a variety of opportunities to dig deeper into our understanding of the gift of the Eucharist. These types of gatherings reaffirm and re-emphasize the source and summit of our faith, putting Jesus where he belongs—at the center.

When: October 17-20, 2024

Where: Good Shepherd Parish and Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica

Cost: \$25 for full Congress registration

\$10 for a day pass

To find out more about the Congress and to register visit: www.halifaxymouth.org/congress2024

Deepen our understanding of the Eucharist. In a talk at Steubenville Dr. John Bergsma, gives an outstanding teaching on the Eucharist as he knits together amazing insights from the Old and New Testament. Watch on YouTube Anytime: "**Dr. John Bergsma Jesus the Face of the Father**"

Prayer Ministries in our Parish. Did you know each of our churches has a prayer ministry? Listed are the times and locations. Please join us at any of them throughout the year:

St Bridget 10:30 Thursdays

St Michael To Be Announced

St Kateri meet in homes

Sacred Heart 7pm Tuesday in church

Immaculate Conception

- **8:00am** Sunday Rosary
- Daily for Weekday Masses
- **12:45pm** Tuesdays for Parish Intercessory Prayers
- **2pm** Thursdays for men
- **10am - noon and 7:30pm to 8pm** for silent Adoration



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."*

Congratulations Newly Confirmed! We congratulate Annie MacEachern, Dasia Abbey, Olivia McDonah, Sophia Whynot, Allister MacEachern, Ewan MacEachern, Luka Jacob, Michael Natividad as they celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday night (3 June). It was a blessed celebration!!! We look so forward to your continued presence and service as part of the community. God bless You!

Huge Thank You's - to all the catechists, teachers, organizers, parents, prayer team, sponsors for contributing to their formation. Thank you also to all those who helped to make the Sacrament such a joy filled occasion, especially all the amazing work that went into the reception!

Children's Liturgy - will resume in September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

((June 8, 9, 2024) Significant Wedding Anniversary: Are you celebrating your 5th, 10th, etc., to 55th, and certainly any year following 55th? We'll offer a special prayer at each of our weekend Masses to recognize the gift of marriage. The Knights of Columbus have graciously agreed to provide a token gift to each couple.

(June 9) ICLA meeting at 2pm This is our last meeting until **September 8th**.

(June 9) Farewell Celebration: There will be a Farewell Celebration for Carla Field following the **9:00 am** Mass on **June 9th, at ICC**, and one at **St. Michael's in Brule on June 15th**. See announcement on 2nd page of Bulletin for more information.

(June 11) Summer Series will be changing to Tuesday nights starting **Tuesday June 11th** at Immaculate Conception Church at 7pm. It's a bi-weekly gathering in the fashion of a Small Group for fellowship, prayer, video and discussion. There's no 'program' commitment to the entire series, but it's open to drop-ins on any evening to meet among friends. All are invited, particularly those waiting for Alpha or RCIA to begin.

(June 12) No Mass Wednesday. Priests are away on the 12th and 13th for their annual general meeting. Please continue to pray for them.

(June 15 & 16) New Members are invited to a Welcoming Social: Are you new or relatively new to our parish? **Following both, 4:00 pm and 9:00 am Mass** at Immaculate Conception Church we want to officially welcome you and provide a brief description of our care in our faith community and in our community at large. No reservation is necessary, and bring your whole family!

(June 16) First Communion for three children takes place at St. Kateri Church. May they be nourished and strengthened by our Lord Jesus.

(June 21) National Indigenous People's Day

(June 22) First Communion for three children takes place at St Michael Church. May they receive the Body and Blood of Christ with great benefit.

(Oct 17-20) Eucharistic Congress Preparations in our Parish: Mark your calendar for our Archdiocesan A First Thursdays Observance will take place each month to continue raising awareness of our Eucharistic Congress in October. The regular 7pm Mass Setting will be replaced with a Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come worship and then adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament which follows the Mass, finishing with Benediction at approximately 8pm.

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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)