



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!

A special welcome to new parishioners and visitors to our Parish!

August 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before ?
It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words I have spoken to you
are spirit and life.”

John 6.62-63

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Life is difficult. We struggle each day as we try to balance our checkbooks, our time, and our obligations. We come here to worship each week when we could be somewhere else, doing something else. Our faith, our sense of what God is calling us to do, and the Holy Spirit draws us here instead. But each Sunday it is ultimately our decision. We have made the decision to give this hour to the Lord. We are not the first to have to make this decision. The readings we hear today remind us that each of the Chosen People and each of Jesus' disciples were faced with the same decision. May their response inspire us.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Gerry O'Brien

Tuesday, 12:15 - † Kenn Munro ; † Gordon Weatherby

Wednesday, 7:00 - † Robin Davis

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Elie Zoghaib & Deceased Parents

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Cherry Smith ; † Sarah "Ting" Boutillier

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Diane Dionne

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Patrick Chafe

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, 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.

August we are available by appointment, call us at 902 893-7188 Ext 6.

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.

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 27, 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 = \$2818.5; St. Michael's = \$244.50

Sacred Heart = \$420.00; St. Bridget = \$1139.50

Capital Projects \$ 165.00



Becoming Catholic Have you considered journeying into the Catholic Faith?

RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of learning about Jesus Christ and possibly formally joining the Church he founded. Consider having greater unity with your spouse and family, taking a step in your faith journey or celebrating missing sacraments, etc. Please contact our office or complete a Welcome Card and hand it in at any Mass.

E-Transfer Option Now Available!!

Please be advise that our Parish can accept e transfers as a form of giving or paying for any of your transactional needs . Send your e transfers to office@icctruro.org



Chalice (Canada) New Outreach Ministry - our parish has been invited to participate in a new outreach Ministry, Chalice Share,. It is directed to any who wish to learn to save, pray, and grow together in companionship through small savings and interest-free loans, and to strengthen in faith with song and prayer.

For more Information, please contact

Dianne Kelderman (diannefk@eastlink.ca), the Parish Liaison, or

Selvi Roy (selviroy@chalice.ca), the Chalice Share Coordinator.



EVENTS:



Eucharistic Congress 2024

Eucharistic Congress Registration NOW Open!

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

Use your phone to photograph the QR Code , click scan page and it will take you to the website.



John Chapter 6 known as the Bread of Life Discourse gives us Jesus teaching on the Eucharistic. For 6 weeks this will be our Sunday Gospel readings. Check out this important teaching with Dr. Brant Pitre in this You Tube video

"Study on the Eucharist Episode 7: Bread of Life Discourse". Use your phone to photograph the QR Code , click scan page and it will take you to the website.

https://youtu.be/_OEwtzt5MI?si=of0vmRrQsCLKnbg



Alpha Explore ... Life, Faith, Meaning. What is Alpha? Alpha is a way to inspire and equip churches to create a space where people from any background can encounter Jesus. Soon registration will open for our Fall session of Alpha. Only want to sample it? Then, our first evening will be a Come and See evening. Stay tuned!



"Blessing of the Animals." On October 4, a Friday this year, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that animals are led to churches for a special ceremony. Would you like such a ceremony and blessing to take place in our parish? If so, around the 12:15pm Mass or in the early evening at Immaculate Conception Church? Before the weekend Mass at our other churches? Please contact our office to share your interest.

Jubilee 2025 is coming!

Pope Francis writes that "the Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." He recalled that ever since the year 1300, which marked the first Holy Year, "God's holy and faithful people has experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence,



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."

Children's Liturgy Weekly at the 9am Mass will resume in September.

Youth Night every Monday from 6:30-8:30 will resume in September (Levels 6-12).

Confirmation Prep every Monday from 6:30-8:30 will resume in September.

Family Faith Formation every 2nd Sunday after the 9am Mass (Levels 1-5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Sept 1) Maria Arsenault, Beginning with Maria, we are arranging a series of testimonials on vocation, evangelization, prayer, etc. She is a young adult from Dartmouth and has a story to share on why she chose the vocation of a consecrated virgin. We'll have an opportunity to listen to her following each weekend Mass in Truro and Millbrook. Please stay to enjoy her testimony.

(September 8th) Annual Parish Picnic. Join us on Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 pm at Immaculate Conception Church. We'll have free food from the BBQ, drinks, ice cream and games for families. Join us for lots of fun. If it rains, we'll move into Campbell Hall.



(Sept. 28&29) Ministry Expo CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS, FROM ALL AGES AND WALKS OF LIFE!!

SAVE THE DATE! Are you wondering what ministries and groups are available at our parish for you and your family? Would you like to meet other parishioners but don't know how? Do you have a passion for serving God and His people but are not sure where your talents are needed? Then don't miss our parish's Fall Ministry Expo! This will be a great opportunity to meet members of the many groups and ministries serving our community, and give you a chance to try out a new group or even volunteer! Booths will be set up after each of the Masses at all of our parish's churches on the weekend of September 28-29. Come enjoy a bite to eat, meet our dedicated volunteers, make new friends, and see if the Lord may be calling you to something special! We can't wait to see you!

For more information contact the Expo coordinator, Miri Bebjak at: icp.youthoutreach@gmail.com

(Oct 17-20) Eucharistic Congress Preparations in our Parish Mark your calendar for First Thursdays Observance taking 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. Remember silent Adoration also takes place each Thursday from 10am-noon at Immaculate Conception Church.

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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: By Appointment only. Please contact the parish office at 902-893-7188