



# *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!

**September 1, 2024**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



“Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile them, but the things that come out of a person are what defile them.

Mark 7:14-16

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

On this Labor Day weekend, when we recognize all those who work—in whatever way they can—to provide for their families, their communities, and this nation, we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, praying that together we can work to ensure that the world God made can be enjoyed by future generations for centuries to come. Our Scripture readings this day help us to understand that faithfulness to God's commandments brings all this work to unity and peace. Let us praise God for this wonderful world and the opportunity to work in it.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Alistaire Smith

Tuesday, 12:15 - † Fred Burke

Wednesday, 7:00 - † Jordan Denny; † Barb Paul

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

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Dana Gloade; † Sarah Sack

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Rico Fernandez

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Nathan Archibald

## 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

**MUSIC MINISTRY: INTERESTED SINGERS!** The 9am Sunday Mass Church Choir are welcoming new choir members of all ages. Only requirement is a love to sing! (very young youth singers must be able to read). Rehearsals are held Sunday mornings immediately after 9am Mass. For more information, interested singers must contact by phone or in person: Ann Legere – (Choir director) 902-814-1502.

**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 = \$3412.40; St. Michael's = \$340.00  
Sacred Heart = \$335.00; St. Bridget = \$287.00; St. Kateri = \$239.05  
Capital Projects \$ 65.00



**Lost & Found** Lost and Found articles are piling up at the entrance to our churches. If you are missing anything, please take a look, otherwise we will offer them to charity.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:diannefk@eastlink.ca)), the Parish Liaison, or Selvi Roy ([selviroy@chalice.ca](mailto: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](http://www.halifaxymouth.org/congress2024)

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



**!! Alpha This Fall !! Come explore the meaning of life.** Searching for a purpose? Need a spiritual boost? Looking to go deeper and don't know where to start? Alpha may be for you! Come and See – Tuesday starting 1 October – 6:00 - 8:00 pm in Campbell Hall and bring your appetite. Alpha is a series of videos centered around a meal and conversation in a smaller group setting. Big questions of life, spirituality, and faith in a laid-back and non-judgmental environment is explored. If you are curious, skeptical or just have honest questions, bring them to Alpha!



**"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, which is a full expression of the mercy of God."



### **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."***

**Please see insert for Family Faith Formation and Youth Night Details!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:**

**(Sept .1st) 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.

**(Sept.1st) Worldwide Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. Started in 1989 by the Orthodox Churches to celebrate the beginning of their liturgical year. It was adopted by Pope Francis for Catholics in 2015, after publication of his *Laudato Si'*. We'll offer special prayers at each of our Masses this weekend. Also, please offer a special prayer as you begin your day by reflecting on the gift and beauty of creation and a resolve to do our part in keeping it beautiful.

**(Sept.2nd) Labour Day**. The Parish Office will be closed due to the holiday.

**(Sept. 7th) Syro Malabar Catholic Rite Mass** at 6pm on the First Saturday of each month. All are welcome to experience this different Rite of our Catholic family having its roots in India. There are 23 Catholic Rites and worshipping at any meets our weekly obligation. Ours, the Latin (Roman) Rite, is the largest. Others you may have heard of include: Coptic, Ethiopic, Maronite, Ukrainian, Armenian, Byzantine, Russian, Slovak, etc.

**(Sept. 7th )First Saturday Mass, Rosary and Devotions at 9 am at ICC** . Why the First Saturday? Because Our Lady through Sister Lucia at Fatima calls us to pray in Communion and Reparation to her Immaculate Heart for peace and the salvation of souls and Jesus confirms this call. First Saturday pamphlets are available at the church entrances .

**Sept.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.15th) ICLA Meeting**. The ICLA meeting **for Sept only** is the 3rd Sun Sept. 15th at 2pm .Dues are now due \$20.00 you can now send an e transfer to [iclatruro@gmail.com](mailto:iclatruro@gmail.com) or pay at the meeting.

**(Sept. 18th) TRIVIA NIGHT IS COMING !** The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a Trivia Night on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month from 7:30 to 9:00, beginning on September 18. Individuals or teams can participate and compete for cash and other prizes. Admission is \$10 at the door, there will also be a 50/50 ticket draw and there will be a cash bar where beverages and snacks are available. All proceeds raised will be used to help our neighbors in need in our community. Please come join us for fun filled Wednesday evenings that will also benefit the less fortunate members of our community.

**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](mailto:icp.youthoutreach@gmail.com)

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**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