



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 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Whoever wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it.”

Mark 8.34-35

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. That's quite a mouthful, but it means that by dying on the cross, which he willingly accepted, Jesus was exalted. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides in his disciples for the first time that he would be persecuted and killed. Then turning to the entire crowd, he tells them that they must take up their crosses, for it is in sacrificing their lives they can save them. Are you willing to accept your cross, difficult as it may be? As you ponder that question, remember this: your cross, the cross Jesus calls you to shoulder, is linked to the Holy Cross itself, which is the most beautiful sign of our salvation.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Sarah "Ting" Boutilier
Tuesday, 12:15 - †William Hanlon ; † Olla Fougere
Wednesday, 7:00 - † Jordan Denny; † John Heukshorst
Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Elie Zoghaib & Deceased Parents
Friday, 12:15 pm - † Ambrose White ; † Barb Paul
Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Theresa Caines
Sunday, 9:00 am - † Sonia Fatima De Souza

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 = \$2714.95 ; St. Michael's = \$522.00
Sacred Heart = \$388.000; St. Bridget = \$438.00; St. Kateri= \$116.00
Capital Projects \$ 340.00



Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts, located at Immaculate Conception Church ,Truro is open on Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment by calling 902 893-7188

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 Check out our new Immaculate Conception Parish Facebook page. It's updated every week! Scan the QR code with your phone, or search on Facebook for Immaculate Conception Parish, Nova Scotia



Our Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary would like to congratulate Lukas Walsh as the recipient of our \$1000 Monsignor Martin Scholarship this year. Lucas will be studying at Dalhousie University working towards an engineering degree. We wish Lukas and all graduating students from our parish success as they begin their studies this fall.

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. In addition to having a booth at the Expo, They will also host a Come & See at ICC on **Tuesday October 8th @ 6:30**. For more Information, please contact Dianne Kelderman (diannefk@eastlink.ca), the Parish Liaison, or Selvi Roy (selviroy@chalice.ca), the Chalice Share Coordinator.





“Communion to Heal The World” - Matthew 23:8

Congress Transportation Options:

1. **Congress Saturday Shuttle.** Would you like to take advantage of easy transportation, convenient drop off and pick up, and preferred Congress seating? Thankfully the Congress is offering these great advantages. For a \$15:00 return fare, (children under 12 are free, 45\$ per family we would depart at **(an early time to be confirmed)** from the Basilica.
2. **Car pooling.** At our Truro parish office, feel free to offer your car for carpooling, or to leave your name as one wishing to receive a carpool ride.
3. **Drive** on any day you're available. Drive up and stay the weekend (Friday to Sunday) with a friend or in a hotel, making it a mini get-a-way.

Registration NOW Open!

Cost: \$25 for full Congress registration - \$10 for a day pass (Includes Lunch on Saturday)
To find out more about the Congress and to register visit: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/congress2024



Congress Schedule - See bulletin insert

!! 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!



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.”

Family Faith Formation (FFF) Registration (ALL Levels) -- is now open and can be accessed in person (forms are in the Wall Rack downstairs) or on-line through the Parish website. More information about the FFF program can be found in the Bulletin Insert from last week or you may obtain a copy from the Wall Rack or from the Office.

Important Start Up Dates

Sunday, 22 September - Parents Information Session - Level 3 (Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Eucharist) - following 9 am Mass in Kinsella I & II

Monday, 23 September - Parents Information Session - Level 9&10 (Sacrament of Confirmation) - 6:30 pm in Kinsella I&II

Sunday, 6 October - Family-Centered Mass @ 9 am. Ministry sign up sheets on Wall next to Wall Rack.

Sunday, 6 October - FFF Classroom Lessons (children & parents) Session - immediately following 9 am Mass (snack provided downstairs)

Children's Liturgy -- start date is Sunday, 13 October due to a shortage of volunteers. This is such a blessed ministry. If you enjoy children, love scripture and desire to share your faith in child-like ways, this may be the ministry for you! Takes place during Mass. Children are sent forth after the Opening Prayer to break open God's Word and return during the Collection -- just prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hope you will prayerfully consider becoming involved!

Mass Activity Booklets - can be obtained at the Church entrances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Sept 14th & 15th) 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!

(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 icltruro@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 \$5.00 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. 21st & 22nd) Chalice Share p will present their ministry, following masses in Truro and Millbrook

(Sept. 28th) Knights of Columbus will be having their Fall time Cellar to Attic Sale. On Saturday September 28th in Campbell Hall. Anyone interested in donating items for the sale can drop them at the Church during the day on **Friday September 27th** or call (902) 956-1793

(Sept. 28th & 29th) 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 Parish Office.

(Oct 1) Alpha begins - Tuesday at 6:00pm - see info on page 3

(Oct 3rd) Day long Adoration 10am-6:30pm and 7:30-8pm, following Mass. In anticipation of our Eucharistic Congress, we recognize the ancient Harvest Festival Pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Now a spiritual pilgrimage to the New Jerusalem, it recalls the Jewish pilgrimage of Sukkot. It's one of the three festivals that were celebrated until 70 CE. On Sukkot, Jews commemorate the Exodus from Egypt (c. 13th century BCE) and give thanks for a bountiful harvest. Come, let us make a visit to where our Lord is present and give thanks for our earthly journey towards heaven, the New Jerusalem. Please sign up on the record sheet at the entrance to each church that every hour is filled by your one or more adorers.

(Oct. 18th) Eucharistic Congress at Immaculate Conception Church On Friday evening, October 18, we'll come together for a live streamed Congress Viewing Party in our parish. If you're unable to attend the event, or are only able to attend on Saturday, please join us on Friday.

(Oct. 19th) Congress shuttle bus departs Truro Saturday (at an early time to be confirmed) and returns later in the evening.

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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 - 3:00 pm (or by appointment)