



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 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Mark 9.36-37

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

As summer transitions to fall, farmers' thoughts turn toward the coming harvest. Speaking of harvesting, in the second reading Saint James declares that those who cultivate peace will sow the fruit of righteousness. Besides the traditional fall harvest of apples and pumpkins, may we all savor the fruit of righteousness—that is, of moral goodness and justice—which in turn brings peace to our world, our nation, and our communities. Let us also note the self-centered tendencies in our own character and look for the antidote in today's readings as we sing and praise the God who makes all this possible.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm- **NO MASS**

Tuesday, 12:15 - † Martin Whelan

Wednesday, 7:00 - † Jeffery DeViller

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

Friday, 12:15 pm - † G.B.F.

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Jose Correia Lopes

Sunday, 9:00 am - Andrew MacDonald

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 = \$3912.70 ; St. Michael's = \$150.00

Sacred Heart = \$657.00; St. Bridget = \$504; St. Kateri= \$291.65

Capital Projects \$130.00

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



Youth Evangelization Coordinator. We regret to inform parishioners that Miri Babjek has decided to decline this position. We truly pray she finds the ministry that fulfills her giftedness and would like to thank her for many and other contributions to our parish. Reaching out to youth in and outside of our church will continue to be an important part of our developing parish plan.

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.



Chalice



“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 approximately **7:30am** 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.

Over 500 Registered for the Congress!

The Congress is quickly reaching the space limits of the venue. We invite you to register as soon as you can to guarantee that you have a spot. All registrations received after our registration limit is reached will be automatically be added to a Congress waitlist.

www.halifaxarmouth.org/congress2024



!! 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 Pilgrimage

Would a group at our parish be interested in making a pilgrimage to Rome during the Jubilee Year in 2025? Collette Tours has a series of faith-based tours (and many other types of tours!) and is offering a specific 2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year - A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. If a pastor or group of parishioners is looking to customize their own Jubilee pilgrimage or want to explore what options are available contact Nick Levasseur at Collette to learn more. Nick can be reached at (613).301.7076 or nlevasseur@collette.com He is happy to help your pastor and parishes plan a pilgrimage!



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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Sept.21st&22nd) Chalice Share will present their ministry, following masses in Truro and Millbrook.
(Sept. 23rd to Oct. 23rd)No Mass on Mondays while **Fr Andrew is on vacation**. Please pray for his blessed trip to his home land, Poland.

(Sept. 28th) St Michael the Archangel, one of our patrons, Feast day is September 29, 2024. It'll be celebrated in **Brule** with a reception following the **4 pm Mass on Saturday (28th)**. The name Michael signifies "who is like to God?" And was the war cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Holy Scripture describes St. Michael as "one of the chief princes" and as leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. He has been especially invoked and honored as Patron and Protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called "the Archangel" the Greek Fathers and many others placed him over all the angels - as Prince of the Seraphim.

(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.

(Sept. 30th) National Day for Reconciliation and Healing, a federal statutory holiday. While education was a positive for many Indigenous, it provides us with a chance to recognize and commemorate the intergenerational harm that residential schools have caused to Indigenous families and communities, and to honour those who have been affected by injustices. At our normally scheduled Monday Mass we'll make special mention and offer prayers of reparation and also thanksgiving that our Lord brings goodness from difficulty. Please come and celebrate with us.

(Oct 2) Evening of Prayer in Anticipation of the Eucharistic Congress at St Michael's on Wednesday, Oct 2 from **6-7:30pm** with Mass followed by Adoration.

(Oct 2) No Mass at ICC on Wednesday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage to Brule.

(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 4) "Blessing of the Animals. " 5pm on Friday, October 4 at Immaculate Conception Church we'll join people all over the world in 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. Please bring your pet to the Church at 669 Prince St, Truro for the blessing. It'll be outdoors (weather permitting).

(Oct.6th)"Life Chain". You are welcome to join us on **Sunday, Oct. 6th from 2:00-3:00** We know that all life matters and, we promote the choosing of life within the womb. We gather in front of the TRA Store/ A&W, on Willow St. *We begin and end with prayer.* If you cannot attend then we ask that you join us in prayer for women who have had an abortion and those who are considering one. God's love and mercy can make a difference. For more info call, Millie at 902-897-0131.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm