



# *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 8, 2024**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Then looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly."

Mark 7.34

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

Today we hear the story of a miracle in which Jesus performs a healing in a very intimate way. He draws a deaf and mute man away from the crowd, puts his fingers in his ears and, having spat on them, touches his tongue as well. Jesus is here with us in an intimate way as well. He has been just as close to us since we were baptized, when the priest or deacon touched our ears and mouth as well. He is with us as we gather in his name, in his very Body and Blood in the Eucharist we consume, and in each other. Listening to the readings today, let us realize that the One who healed in such a way is intimately close with us too, wherever we are. In that spirit, let us also always warmly welcome all who join us to worship the Lord.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Joey MacNeil

Tuesday, 12:15 - † Tracey Knight ; † John Heukshorst

Wednesday, 7:00 - † James Whalen; † Gordon Weatherby

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

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Sarah Sack ; † Doreen Knockwood

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Mark Yuri Stephens

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

**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 = \$3292.30 ; St. Michael's = \$579.85  
St. Michael's Yard Sale 739.65; Sacred Heart = \$605.45; St. Bridget = \$355.00  
Capital Projects \$ 950.00



**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.



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



**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.



## 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 a Eucharistic Congress? In short, a Eucharistic Congress is a 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)



**!! 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.

#### **Important Start Up Dates**

**Sunday September 8th** FFF Team Meeting @ 10:15

**Monday September 9th** Youth Team Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Sunday September 22nd** Parent's Info Session Level 3

(Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion) @10:15

**Monday September 23rd** Parent's Info Session Levels 9&10 (Sacrament of Confirmation) @ 6:30

**Sunday October 6th** Family-Centered Mass @ 9am

**Sunday October 6th** FFF Classroom Lessons (children & parents) @ 10:15-11:30

**Monday October 7th** Youth Night- Levels 6-12 @ 6:30-8:30

**Children's Liturgy** -- **start date is postponed to 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 during Mass 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. 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.8th) Card Play is back!** We will be starting the card play again Sunday September 8th. All are welcome to come and it begins at **7pm**. Bring a friend.

**(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](mailto: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 \$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.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. 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 Parish Office.

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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)