



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!

October 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

Mark 10.14-15

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today's first reading and Gospel may be difficult for many, especially divorced and LGBTQIA+ Catholics. The specifics and details speak of the traditional ideal of marriage. But the underlying theme is one of God's infinite love for us and desire that we live in happiness, of which companionship and ultimately partnership are foundational. But whether we are married, single, divorced, or widowed, we each have companionship with Jesus. The reading from Hebrews emphasizes the solidarity we have with him, who became fully human so that by the grace of God he could suffer and die like us. No matter our situation, as we sing in the responsorial psalm, may the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, 12:15 - † David Richard Kearney

Wednesday, 7:00 - † Connie Beaton

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Gordon Weatherby

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Richard Flynn

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Lawrence MacEachern

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Anthony & Margaret Griffiths

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

A Message from Morgan Wilson After a wonderful opening retreat on the Eucharist with Archbishop Dunn, and a relaxing group weekend, I am back in the seminary routine. I have really enjoyed the theology classes so far, and I think it will be a great semester! The parish community back home remains in my prayers, and I hope everyone has a blessed start to the fall season.

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, **November 29, 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 = \$3876.20 ; St. Michael's = \$65.00

Sacred Heart = \$284.30

Capital Projects \$205.00

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are planning a multi cultural Christmas concert for the parish on Friday, December 6th. We are proposing an evening of Christmas carols and songs by individuals and groups from within the parish, including participation from our various cultural groups. We would like to see various groups singing in their native tongues and even their native Christmas dress.

If you would like to be involved please contact Len Limpert at 902-893-4769 or by email at len.limpert@eastlink.ca



Bible Study Will recommence on Thursday October 10th at 10am to 11am with Paul's letter to the Ephesians. It will be held downstairs in the Kinsella room. All are Welcomed!

October is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary Our Lady asked for this devotion at Fatima. Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us! Please make a special effort to join in one of the scheduled times in each church, as listed on the back page of this bulletin.

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



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

1. Sign up for the WAIT LIST even though the Congress is SOLD OUT!

Thank you! Over 600 people have registered for the Congress. As the arch diocese determines whether more spaces can be added, they have enabled a waitlist function to their registration system. Go to www.halifaxyarmouth.org and click on waitlist at the bottom of the registration page to add your name. If space opens you will then be notified.

2. Livestreaming the Congress

The Congress will be livestreamed in full on Friday evening (Oct 18). Immaculate Conception will host a live streaming event in Campbell Hall. The livestream schedule for the rest of the Congress will be decided shortly and shared.

3. Use Metro Transit for Free!

Metro Transit approved the use of our Congress lanyard name badge to access Metro Transit buses and ferries for **FREE** for the duration of the Congress. So from October 18 to October 20 everyone registered for the Congress can ride Metro Transit for free! For example, those not able to do the procession can hop on the 1 Spring Garden bus at the stop in front of Saint Agnes which will bring them to a bus stop in front of Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica in approximately 10 mins. Start planning your Congress travel now

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/routes-schedules>

4. Shuttle Bus from Truro and return, on Saturday

We have spaces available on the bus! It departs at approximately 7:30am from Truro and 7:45pm from the Basilica. Better still, a space at the Congress is reserved for each passenger. Please contact Trish at our office to reserve your seat for both. The bus cost is heavily subsidized at \$15.00 return fare, plus \$10 for the Congress Day Pass.

Thanksgiving, on Monday, October 14, 2024, will be recognized in the Sunday Mass prior to the holiday. Therefore, we encourage families to pray the following or a similar prayer of thanksgiving in your homes. **'O God, you have filled our great country with your divine Providence by making and keeping us in a land rich in the abundance of your creation. Protect our freedoms, oversee our justice and give us a recognition of our place in society as Christians. Help us to remember the many people in our midst and all over the world where these gifts are still only a dream. May we be faithful in sharing our gifts with the living and with people still unborn. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.'**

“Unite the Clans” Nova Scotians United for Life (NSUL) are hosting a Unite the Clans Pro-Life Town Hall meeting **Saturday October 15 8:30-12:30** at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 320 Flying Cloud Drive in Dartmouth NS. Pro-lifers from across the Maritimes are invited to attend. The purpose of this event is to create a community of pro-lifers so that no one feels isolated, to provide tools and resources that pro-lifers can take back to their communities and to capture ideas and best practices in small group discussions as well as hear three acclaimed speakers. There is no charge to attend however pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Registration deadline is Monday, October 10th. Interested parties are asked to RSVP to David Palmer at davidjpalmer62@gmail.com or call 902-423-3114. A no charge lunch will be provided by The Knights of Columbus Council 11456

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."

Registration for All Levels Time to register! All levels on line or in person.

Family-Centered Mass This Sunday, **6 October @ 9 am. Ministry Sign Up** (if you get this before Sunday) If you are interested in serving in a ministry for this Mass, please contact Ann asap @ icp.familyfaithformation@gmail.com

FFF Classes -- (Levels 1-2; 3; 4-5; Parents) **Sunday, 6 October** – after Mass – snacks served downstairs. See you in Kinsella!

Youth Night – (Levels 6-8, 9 & 10) **Monday, 7 October** - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday, 13 October @ 9 am Mass

Mass Activity Booklets Available @ entrance of the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(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.

(Oct. 5th) First Saturday Mass, Rosary and Devotions at 9 am . 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 our church entrances.

(Oct.6th) ICLA meeting in Campbell Hall at 2pm.

(Oct. 6th) "Blessing of the Animals," At St. Bridget's after the 11:30 Mass. Bring your pets as St. Francis of Assisi (Celebrated Oct.4th) helps us realize the blessings of these critters and all of creation.

(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.

(Oct 7) Pope Francis has called for a universal day of prayer and fasting for peace on October 7th--that's this Monday, Feast of the Holy Rosary.

(Oct. 7th) Feast of the Holy Rosary The Catholic Church dedicates October to the Holy Rosary and celebrates on Monday October 7th. Pray daily especially for peace.

(Oct. 8th) Chalice Share (Canada) will be hosting a Come & See on Tuesday at ICC at 6:30pm. For more Information, please contact Dianne Kelderman (diannefk@eastlink.ca), the Parish Liaison, or Selvi Roy (selviroy@chalice.ca), the Chalice Share Coordinator.

(Oct. 11th & 12th) Marian Gathering "Mother of the Eucharist " will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dartmouth. Brochures can be found at church entrances and you can register online www.atlanticmariangathering.ca

(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 approximately **7:30am** and returns later in the evening.

(Oct.19th) THERE IS NO 4PM MASS on Saturday, October 19, at any church in our Diocese. All priests will attend the Congress.

(Oct. 20th) Knights of Columbus meeting in Campbell Hall @ 2pm.

(Oct.25th-27th) Sons of Issachar Men's Retreat Join Fr. Mark Cherry at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. The theme is "The Lord will Raise up a Banner." For more information contact Rhonda-Lynn at 902-448-3660.

(Nov 1) Vigil Candle Light Celebration of All Souls with Mass takes place in three churches: Sacred Heart at 6:00 pm, Immaculate Conception at 7:00 pm and St Kateri at 6:00 pm November 2nd is a liturgical tradition for remembering all those deceased in our personal families and in our family of faith with the celebration of Mass. Here we invite a representative, or a whole family, to come forward and to light a candle in remembrance for the deceased in the past year. Afterwards, all other families may come forward to light a candle for a deceased loved one. It is an expression of your love for them and all of our participation in the Communion of Saints.

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