



# *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 13, 2024**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

Mark 10:17

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

We come here today in various states of disrepair. Perhaps we are worn down by an exhausting week of work. Perhaps we are trying to cope with family or marital difficulties. Perhaps we have been wracked by grief, or guilt, or despair. The truth is that this is the human condition. We're human; we're imperfect. We would do well to recognize this. We need to repent, to forgive, to reconcile. We need to look to God, who makes all things perfect. May Jesus' words to his disciples give us the hope we need: "All things are possible for God."

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, 12:15 - † Martin Whelan † Dr. Ray Long

Wednesday, 7:00 - † Jannette MacDonald

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Debra Gilbert

Friday, 12:15 pm - † Josephine McInnes

Saturday, 4:00 pm - **NO MASS**

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Bill Lake

## WEEKEND MASSES

### Saturday

**4:00 pm** - Immaculate Conception, Truro

**4:00 pm** - St. Michael's, Brule

### Sunday

**9:00 am** - Immaculate Conception, Truro

**10:00 am** - St. Kateri, Indian Brook

**11:00 am** - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

**11:30 am** - St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

**Please welcome** Fr Henry Lunninze, a visiting priest from Uganda, Africa. He's not here at the request of our Bishop, but, for an international experience of priesthood and culture. Arriving on Wednesday, he'll be with us in our parish and rectory until December 29th

**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 = \$2,896.80 ; St. Michael's = \$1,225.00  
Sacred Heart = \$534.00 St. Bridget's = \$790.00 St. Kateri = \$244.65  
Capital Projects ICC=\$695.00 St. Bridget's=\$105.00 St. Michael's=\$180.00

## 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](mailto:len.limpert@eastlink.ca)



**Bible Study** Will recommence on Thursdays at 10 am to 11 am 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, 12:45pm Friday ICC, 3:30pm Saturday St. Michaels Church.

**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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## “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](http://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 November 23 9:00-1:00** 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 by capturing ideas and best practices from four acclaimed speakers. There is no charge to attend. In addition a no charge lunch will be provided by The Knights of Columbus Council 11456, therefore pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Registration deadline is Wednesday, November 20th. Interested parties are asked to RSVP to David Palmer at [davidjpalmer62@gmail.com](mailto:davidjpalmer62@gmail.com) or call 902-423-3114.

### 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** Sunday, **3 November @ 9 am. Ministry Sign Up.** If you are interested in serving in a ministry for this Mass, please contact Ann at [icp.familyfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:icp.familyfaithformation@gmail.com)

**FFF Classes** -- (Levels 1-2; 3; 4-5; Parents) **Sunday, 20 October** – after Mass – snacks served downstairs. See you in Kinsella!

**Youth Night** – (Levels 6-8, 9 & 10) **Monday, 21 October** - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** **Sunday, 20 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 12,13)** Deacon Larry Worthen, of our Diocese, will visit this weekend to share his message on Conscience Protection in our Truro and Millbrook churches. He's a lawyer employed by Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA).

**(Oct. 14th) Parish Office closed for Thanksgiving.**

**(Oct. 16th) TRIVIA NIGHT!** 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. Individuals or teams can participate and compete for cash and other prizes. Admission is \$5 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.

**(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. Still a Holy Day of obligation, there is ample space at our current Sunday Masses. A special Sunday mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM in St. Michaels to replace their Saturday mass.

**(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.

**SVDP** are inviting new volunteers to be trained as dispatchers. Do you have a heart for the poor and disadvantaged? For more information call Janet 902-843-0414.

**MLA Letter** please note the attached letter can be signed and return to the parish office for delivery to the local MLA office.

Pastor: Fr. Jim O'Connor Telephone: 902-893-7188 Ext: 5001 Email: fatherjim@eastlink.ca

Associate Pastor: Fr. Andrew Rembarczyk Telephone: 902-893-7188 Ext: 5004 Email: arembarczyk@gmail.com

Volunteer Office Assistant: Trish Maynard Telephone: 902-893-7188 Email: office@icctruro.org

Adult Evangelization : Coordinator Carol Matthews Email: adult.outreach.icp@gmail.com

Interim Volunteer Family Faith Formation Coordinator : Ann Huntley Email: icp.familyfaithformation@gmail.com

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm (**Closed Monday for Thanksgiving**)

October 2024

Dear MLA \_\_\_\_\_,  
Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia [premier@novascotia.ca](mailto:premier@novascotia.ca)  
Honourable Michelle Thompson, Minister of Health [health.minister@novascotia.ca](mailto:health.minister@novascotia.ca)

As you're aware, the number of Nova Scotians unable to access a family doctor exceeds 160,000. This figure could rapidly escalate by up to 40,000 people following the implementation of a new policy established by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia.

In its new policy, the College requires that physicians offer Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to patients even before they request it, and make arrangements for the patient to be assessed via referral. This forces doctors to be involved in a medical procedure they believe is not in the best interests of their patients and runs contrary to their moral and ethical convictions. Nova Scotia Health provides access to these services without a referral.

Meanwhile, 8 jurisdictions in Canada have found a solution. The college refuses to meet with these concerned doctors. The college will not consider alternatives without the political support of MLA's.

If changes are not made to the College's policy, at least 42 physicians across the province – in both rural and urban areas – are at risk of being disciplined by the College, which could cause some to leave the province or retire early. The result of this is a loss of healthcare for Nova Scotians

Please don't let that happen. I am asking you to please meet with these physicians and find a workable solution to this problem. Please ask the premier to make this his top priority. I want to have a doctor who is committed to provide care in the best interests of patients and not be forced to unquestioningly adhere to a policy.

Sincerely,

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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