



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 20, 2024



"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

The theme running through today's readings is service and our Lord's commitment to be the servant of all. Isaiah prophesies about a servant who will suffer and give his life as an offering for sin. The reading from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus was tested in every way, willing to become weak for our sake. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples he came not to be served but to serve. Let today's readings inspire us to serve others as we live out our faith.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, 12:15 - † George MacNeil

Wednesday, 7:00 - † John Heushorst; † Barb Paul

Thursday, 7:00 pm - † Greg & Faustina MacDonald

Friday, 12:15 pm - † George MacNeil; † Jordan Denny

Saturday, 4:00 pm - John & Kaye Brennan

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Florence Blache

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

11:30 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 = \$3997.40 ; St. Michael's = \$415.00
Sacred Heart = \$747.40 St. Bridget's = \$441.00 St. Kateri = \$170.40
Capital Projects = \$170.00

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.



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.

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.

VERITAS
Catholic Books & Gifts

Join us for a
Marian Morning of Reflection
Saturday, November 2, 2022
Immaculate Conception Church
669 Prince Street, Truro
9:00am – 10:30am

Mass begins at 9:00am followed by
Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary.

All are welcome!
Also Live Streamed – mariangathering/facebook

Presented by the Atlantic Marian Gathering



Join Us for ***"Dying with Christ – Living with Hope"*** Explore a hope-filled perspective on life's universal experiences through this enriching program, "Dying with Christ – Living with Hope." Led by a team of theologians and healthcare professionals, the sessions provide timeless insights into suffering, grief, dying, and the Christian call to care for one another. Learn how embracing the hope found in Christ's death and resurrection can bring peace and purpose, even in our final days. CMDA Canada invites you to join this life-changing series online. These sessions will not only deepen your understanding but also equip you to bring the program to your church or community. Each session includes a video, reflection time, and small group discussions.

Dates & Times: **October 21, 28, and November 4, 2024 at 8pm or November 14, 21, and 28 at 5pm**

All sessions are held via Zoom. To register, visit cmdacanada.org.

ICLA will be selling **50/50 tickets** on block numbers for \$10.00 each and also tickets of a gift card tree at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Before the 4:00pm and after the 9:00am mass.

"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 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."

PLEASE SEE INSERT

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

(Oct.20th) Mass at St. Michael's, Brule is moved this weekend only from 4pm Saturday to 4pm Sunday Oct. 20th to accommodate the Eucharistic 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. This 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.

(Nov 6th) 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.

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

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

FAMILY FAITH	FORMATION (FFF) NEWS
<i>"BECAUSE FAITH IS BEST TAUGHT & LIVED OUT IN FAMILY,</i>	<i>THE CHURCH CALLS PARENTS TO BE THE FIRST AND FOREMOST EDUCATORS OF THEIR CHILDREN. "</i>
<u>Sacrament of Confirmation</u> <i>Grade 9 & up)</i>	If you know a youth (<i>grade 9 and up</i>) or are a Youth who desires to receive the <i>Sacrament of Confirmation</i> and is planning to be confirmed in May 2025 (or May 2026), the deadline for registration (which indicates <i>Intent to Celebrate</i>) is next Friday, 25 October 2024 . Visit the Parish website to register @ https://icctruro.org/confirmation-registration/ . <i>Please Note: This includes any youth who have made alternate preparation arrangements outside of on-site classes . For example, at home lessons.</i>
<u>Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Eucharist</u> <i>(Grade 3)</i>	Preparation classes (<i>and at home lessons</i>) have begun for those children who desire to receive their <i>First Reconciliation</i> and/or <i>First Holy Eucharist</i> . It's not too late to register your child for these celebrations. Visit the Parish website to register @ https://icctruro.org/confirmation-registration/
<u>First Reconciliation Home Lessons</u> <i>(Grade 3)</i>	A booklet and schedule have been sent home with parents.If you haven't received your copy yet, please let the Office know.
<u>FFF Classes</u> <i>(Level 1-2, 3, 4-5)</i>	This Sunday, 20 October following 9 am Mass - Downstairs. Parents are to accompany their children to Family Faith Formation and enjoy their own class please.
<u>Parent Classes</u> <i>(includes all Parents of children & youth)</i>	This Sunday, 20 October following 9 am Mass. This week's session will focus on the Eucharist praying and growing alongside those who are attending the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress happening this weekend in Halifax.
<u>FFF Children/Youth</u> <i>(Grade 6 & up)</i>	<i>Are always welcome and are enthusiastically encouraged to share their faith and their God-given gifts with the younger ones during FFF classes by helping out in the classrooms or during Assembly! You are wanted!</i>
<u>Youth Night</u> <i>(Grade 6 & up)</i>	Every Monday night from 6:30 - 8:30. Our sessions include games, music, icebreaker, a Mass Moment and/or Saint Spotlight, prayer, break out sessions and food! A <u>Parent Snack List</u> will soon be distributed so that your youth have all their favourite snacks to share and enjoy! Parents are always welcome to join us and help out in any way you can! Please note: No school = No Youth Nite
<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> <i>(preschool & up)</i>	During the 9 am Mass. Children gather in front of the altar after the Opening Prayer and together they process downstairs for their age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word (<i>Includes: Opening Prayer, 1st Reading, Responsorial Psalm (usually sung), Gospel Acclamation, Gospel Reflection & Sharing, Creed, Prayers of the Faithful and a theme-centered activity if time allows</i>)
<u>Family-Centered Mass</u> <i>(monthly)</i>	Sunday, 3 November @ 9:00 am. There is a Ministry Sign Up Sheet posted on the stairs leading down to the FFF Gathering Spaces. There is a ministry for everyone – greeting, passing out bulletins, collecting the offering, lecturing (reading), presenting the gifts, music and singing, altar serving. Please sign up!
<u>Mass Activity Booklet</u>	Pick one up on your way into Mass. A booklet designed to help children grow deeper in their understanding of the Mass. The goal is to have the children follow along filling in the blanks for the parts of the Mass, readings and beyond.