



# *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!

*December 29, 2024*

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



“Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2.49

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

We hope to care for our children and raise them in a loving home as Mary and Joseph did for Jesus. In today’s first two readings we hear dozens of helpful phrases and aphorisms which could be framed and hung in our home: “He stores up riches who reveres his mother.” “Over all these put on love.” “Be thankful.” As we listen to God’s word, may we appreciate these words of wisdom and imitate how Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, despite the misunderstandings in today’s Gospel story, have taken them to heart.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † David McGraw

**Tuesday, New Year's Eve 4:00pm** - † Ernie Falkenham

**Wednesday, New Year's Day 9:00am**-† Cesar Montesa &  
† Paz Montesa

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Gwneth Woodall

Friday, 12:15pm -† Fred Rocheleau

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Socrates Ariosa

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Nadine Gareau

## WEEKEND MASSES

### Saturday

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

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

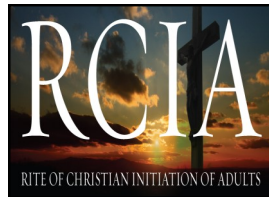
### Sunday

**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



### Becoming Catholic

Have you considered journeying into the Catholic Faith? RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of learning about Jesus Christ and possibly formally joining the Church he founded. Consider having greater unity with your spouse and family, taking a step in your faith journey or celebrating missing sacraments, etc. Please contact our office or complete a Welcome Card and hand it in at any Mass.



**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, January 31st** 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.

### COLLECTION UPDATE

**Previous Week's Collection** was: ICC = \$3333.05; St. Bridget's = \$490.00;  
St.Kateri = \$539.45; Simbang Gabi Mass = \$702.00  
Capital Projects=\$210.00



**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 and Fridays after the 12:15 Mass. Everyone is invited to join us.

**Marriage Preparation** : For those wishing to be married at the Immaculate Conception Parish, please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance.

**Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts**, located at Immaculate Conception Church, Truro and is open on Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment by calling 902 893-7188.



**Thank you** to you, the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish for your cards, gifts and affection this Christmas. Fr Andrew, Fr Phil, Deacon Wilf and Fr Jim, and also Fr Henry, are grateful to serve the body of Jesus Christ in this community. Please, let us continue to pray for each other and for the Holy Spirit's intercession in building the Kingdom of God.

## Nicene-Constantinople Creed

The Nicene-Constantinople Creed will be professed during our Christmas season Masses to deepen our experience with an alternative and ancient creed. This more detailed statement of belief was composed in the 4th century in response to the constant heresies of those times. It will also help us as we too hear many challenges to Christian belief.

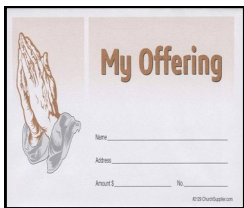
**Prison Ministry** In the New Year Fr. Jim would like to start a prison ministry at Nova Institution for Women located on James St. in Truro. He will need six volunteers to join him to celebrate Mass followed by a social gathering once a month. Anyone that is interested in working with this important ministry please contact the church office at 902-893-7188 or email at [office@icctruro.org](mailto:office@icctruro.org). A presentation by the prison chaplain will take place on Saturday January 18, 2025 at ICC.



**Office Closed** between Christmas and New Years. May you have a blessed time with your family as we celebrate the birth of our King and brother in our Christian family.

**Christmas Octave** Fr Jim is away with his family on Dec 26, 27 and 30th, 2024, however Mass will be celebrated each weekday during the Octave (December 25 to January 1).

**Event Sponsorship: We Need Your Help** In 2025, please consider how you can be involved to help build our catering hospitality. Ministries include Blessed Bites and Alpha. In cooperation with the Holy Spirit, attractive events depend on 3 things: TIME, TALENT and TREASURE. If you have time and are able, or are financially equipped to donate money to support or even sponsor an event then please reach out to the Parish Office at 902-893-7188 or email: [office@icctruro.org](mailto:office@icctruro.org) for more information. Remember all financial donations are eligible for a tax receipt.



**Giving Envelopes** are available for pick up at the back of each church. They begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Praise God for you and for your generosity. Are you on PAD (Pre Authorized Debit) to replace your regular weekly donation? We encourage you to participate; PAD sign-up forms are available in each church. Still, with PAD, while weekly Envelopes are not included, special Envelopes are, for specific giving opportunities with ministries like: family programs, Heat, Cemetery, St Vincent de Paul, etc. Please contact our office with any questions.

### **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."*

**All Family Faith Formation Classes (Grades 1 - 5 and parents)** - No classes until 2025! Home Lessons are available in the Family Faith Formation Rack at the bottom of the stairs. Classes resume Sunday, 5 January.

### **Grade 6's, 7's, 8's, 9 - 10's** -

Classes will resume on Monday, 6 January.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

**(Dec 28, 29) GAP YEAR.** Following Masses at Immaculate Conception, a young adult parishioner, Keegan Carreau-Burns, will meet for a short time with older teens and young adults to share his experiences in reverting to the Catholic faith and in his first GAP YEAR at St Therese Institute of Faith and Mission. A GAP YEAR is a 9-month spiritual pilgrimage...into an extraordinary vision of who you are and how you are meant to live. There is a multi day on-campus Open House in Saskatoon that youth are invited to attend. For more information visit [www.sttherese.ca/events](http://www.sttherese.ca/events).

**(Dec 29) Hospitality Sunday cancelled this weekend.** Let us appreciate the ministry of Hospitality that many provide following our Masses throughout the year.

### **(Dec 31) New Year's Eve Mass.**

Immaculate Conception Church, Truro 4pm  
St. Michael's Church, Brule 4pm.

### **(Jan 1) New Year's Day Mass. I**

Immaculate Conception Church Truro 9am  
St. Kateri, Indian Brook 10:00am  
Sacred Heart, Millbrook 11:30am  
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie 11:30am



### **(Jan 17) Alpha Series starts!**



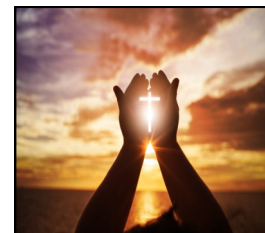
Friday January 17th we will start our next Alpha series. We hope you'll join us in this opportunity to discover the meaning of life and how Jesus fits into it through discussions and video. You can also enjoy a meal and have a chance to make new friends! The series runs on Friday nights from 6-8 until March 28th. You can register online at [www.icctruro.org/alpha](http://www.icctruro.org/alpha) or fill out a registration form that are located at the church entrances. Come join us and bring a friend!

**Prayer Ministries in our Parish.** Listed are the times and locations. Please join us at any of them throughout the year:

St. Michael Wednesday 7pm  
St. Bridget Friday 11:00  
St. Kateri meet in homes  
Sacred Heart meet in homes

**Immaculate Conception** has the following:

Daily Masses  
Sunday Rosary 8:20  
Tuesday for Parish Intercessory Prayers 12:45  
Thursday 10am-noon and 7:30pm to 8pm for silent adoration  
Thursday 2pm for men  
Friday Rosary 12:45pm



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Saint Vincent De Paul Society Help Line: 902-897-0222

Chalice Share (Truro) is 902-252-3917 ext. 108