



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!

February 2 ,2025
Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life



Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2.28-32

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

It's not every day that we get to hear from three different prophets, let alone three who see the Lord physically present in the temple. For Malachi, it's anticipatory: he foresees the day when the LORD will come to the temple to purify the people of the covenant. In the case of Simeon and Anna, they recognize the Messiah in the temple though he is not even six weeks old. Moved by the Spirit, Simeon testifies that in the baby he sees salvation. Like the prophets, may we too encounter Christ in this place of worship, recognizing him in the breaking of the bread.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Valerie Moore

Tuesday, 12:15- † Holy Souls; † Gordon Weatherby

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Jileen Julien; † Tracey Knight

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Sarah "Ting" Boutilier

Friday, 12:15pm - † Barb Paul; † Elizabeth Ann Nevin

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Richard Pettipas

Sunday, 9:00 am - Special Intention

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



Tax Receipts are ready for pick up! Tax receipts can be picked up at the office Monday - Thursday 10-1:30pm or by appointment. Trish will be available before the 4pm Mass and after the 9am Mass this weekend. If you would like it mailed please contact the office at office@icctruro.org or 902-893-7188.



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, March 28** 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 = \$3213.75; St. Bridget's = \$435.00

St. Michael's = \$75.00; Sacred Heart= \$351.75; St.Kateri = \$162.25

Capital Projects=\$145.00



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.

Family Faith Formation Coordinator. We are hiring a part time position to form young families. Do you feel the Holy Spirit is steering you to this great opportunity? Contact our office for the job description, then please email us a resume and cover letter outlining and explaining your qualifications and experience to fatherjim@eastlink.ca. We will begin reviewing in February.



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.





Fundraiser for Alpha Dinners!!! We are now accepting donations of your refundables. An account has been set up at the Subway Bottle Exchange, 25 Pictou Rd. to offset the cost of providing meals to Alpha course participants. Alpha will be serving meals 14 times over the next 11 weeks. For your convenience your cans, bottles etc. can be left in the blue bin at the Campbell Hall entrance of ICC. Thank you!!



Please pray for our Seminarians. Four young men from the Archdiocese are continuing their discernment and studies for the priesthood.

From Paroisse Notre-Dame de l'Assomption in the Argyle region, Bruce Muise continues his second year of Theology at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario.

From Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro, Morgan Wilson continues his first year of Philosophy at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario.

From Stella Maris Parish in Halifax, Greg Vess continues his first year of philosophy at Saint Philp Neri Seminary in Toronto.

From Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Nathan Hoffman continues his first year of Philosophy at Augustine's Seminary in Toronto.

E-Transfers Are Accepted- If you would like to send your donations by sending an e-transfer you can send your donation to office@icctruro.org. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Ashes Please bring in your old palms so we can burn them and have the ashes available for Ash Wednesday Mass. Kindly have the palms in by **no later than Sunday, March 2**. Container provided in the vestibule of the church.

Family Faith Formation (FFF News):

Youth Events

Confirmation Holy Spirit Retreat Day - Monday, 17 February – 12:00 pm - 7:30 pm (including Mass @ 7 pm – families are encouraged to attend). Also asking parents to help out in any way they can to make this day an amazing experience for those preparing for Confirmation.

Steubenville Atlantic Kick Off – Friday, 21 February, Mark your calendar

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference - July 11-13, 2025. Dalhousie University. Early registration is now open.

Catechism Classes

Grades 1 - 5 - Next class and family gathering is Sunday, 2 February after 9 am Mass (10:15-11:30) with a parent or adult. Be sure to bring your bibles if you took 'em home and spend some time memorizing your Verse of the Month!

Grade 6 - 7's - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. Next class is Monday, 3 February.

Grade 8's - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. Next class is Monday, 3 February. Those who are doing the Bible Blast, be sure to bring your Bible!

Grade 9 - 10's - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. Next class is Monday, 3 February. Your **Challenge of the Week** is due, as well as a brief write up about your chosen **Saint**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - during 9 am Mass every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month. All children are welcome!

Family-Centered Mass (1st Sunday of the month) - Sunday, 2 February. Sign up for a ministry at the entrance of the Church (parking lot entrance) for the 9 am Mass.

Mass Activity Booklets - available at the parking lot entrance to the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Feb 2-8) National Catholic Healthcare Week: While in our Archdiocese there are no Catholic health care facilities, there are many Catholic healthcare workers. We want to recognize that their faith impacts the work they do. Let us pray for them in particular during this Week. The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada (visit <https://www.chac.ca/en/>) has produced resources for individuals, groups, and parishes to highlight this national week. The 2025 theme “**Caring for our Common Home**” celebrates the interconnectedness of all creation and helps us to reflect on how our individual and collective actions and our systems—health, social, economic—can promote a healthy world where all can thrive.

(Feb 3) Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats. He was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor in the fourth century. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise." We will recognize this Saint and offer a blessing of throats at 7pm Mass on Monday, February 3.

(Feb 5) - TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK! The St. Vincent de Paul Society re-started Trivia Nights on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month from **7:30 to 9:00**, with the next event being held on **Wednesday, February 5th, 2025**. 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 (\$1- \$5) are available. All proceeds raised will be used to help our neighbors in need in our community. Please come join us for these fun filled Wednesday evenings that had become popular before Christmas, and help us support the less fortunate members of our community.

Feb 9)The ICLA AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held at 2 pm followed a potluck. Please pass this on to those you know that don't have flock-note or a computer.

(Feb20 & 27) Dying with Christ, Living with Hope Sessions The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA) has announced dates for their next session **February 20, 27, & March 6 at 12 PM ET**. This program presents a hope-filled perspective on a universal experience. Led by theologians and healthcare professionals, the series explores timeless insights into suffering, grief, dying, the duty to care, and how dying with Christ is attainable for everyone. In addition to experiencing this transformative course, you'll be equipped to bring the program to your own community settings, such as churches, community centers, or online platforms. Register at <https://cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope-winter-series/>

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(Feb 21) Youth Kick Off Gathering-Steubenville Atlantic - In Halifax on Friday, 21 February 7pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church. Let's make this happen and plan to carpool for the event!

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