



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!

January 12, 2025 *Baptism of the Lord*

When Jesus was baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3.21-22

Stained Glass image of the Baptism taken from the Immaculate Conception Church.

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

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The Christmas season ends today and Jesus is finally made known to begin his public ministry. To make him known, today's first reading and Gospel feature nearly the same words from God. Centuries before Christ's birth, Isaiah says God proclaims, "Here is . . . my chosen one with whom I am pleased." When Jesus was baptized, the Father spoke from heaven, "You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased." Let us listen to how Isaiah, Peter, and Luke speak of God's chosen one: the Messiah, the Christ, God's Son.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Elizabeth Ann Nevin

Tuesday, 12:15- † Elenita Cuenca ; † Tracey Knight

Wednesday, 7:00pm-† Sven Petersen; † Jileen Julien

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Helen Fraser

Friday, 12:15pm -† Magdalene Martin ; † Gordon Weatherby

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Bob Evans

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Corazon Pascual

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

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

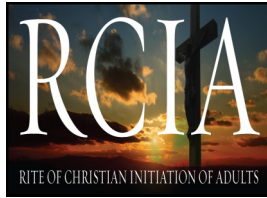
Sunday

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 = \$3609.45; St. Bridget's = \$449.00;

St. Michael's = \$125.00; Sacred Heart= \$414.85;

Christmas Collections: ICC=\$12561.15; St. Bridget's = \$380.00; St. Michael's=\$348.00;

Sacred Heart=\$575.00; St. Kateri=\$70.00

Capital Projects=\$858.30



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.

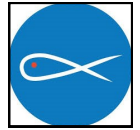
Marriage Preparation : For those wishing to be married at the Immaculate Conception Parish, please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance.

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.



PAD - Preauthorized Deposit Winter Storms on weekends. Unfortunately, cancellation of Mass may occur. As well, storms lead to lower collections. To help our parish avoid this situation please consider signing up for PAD (Pre-Authorized Deposit). PAD allows automatic giving to support the needs of our church. If you're not on PAD, please consider signing up for it. You can fill out a form located at each church. Simply send it to us or drop it off at the office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

"Thank you from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society - Your support has been tremendous this past Christmas season. We raised over \$1,000 on the bake sale; received several individual donations for our Christmas Index program; had all the gifts from our tree provided by our generous parishioners; and were able to provide a wonderful Christmas for 35 families. We will be presenting a year summary in a few weeks to let the parish know how your generosity has benefitted those in need all year long."



Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS !!!! to Cassandra Armsworthy the winner of the ICLA gift card tree!!!!

Chalice Share Tables Program

Are you aware of someone in need of a small personal interest-free loan? Do you know someone struggling with debt or to make ends meet? Do you want to grow in faith and lead by example? Are you willing to be a good neighbour? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, then the Chalice Share Tables Program is for you. Gatherings are every second **Tuesday at 6:30 pm** in the Martin Room. For more information or to join, please contact Dianne Kelderman, the Parish Liaison (dianne@novascotia.coop), or Selvi Roy, the Chalice Share Tables Coordinator (selviroy@chalice.ca/902-213-7562).



Blessed Bites Ministry We are creating a list of volunteers who would be willing to coordinate light meals, snacks, etc. for various events held at the church throughout the year. If you are interested please contact the Parish office 902-893-7188.

Kane's at United Church. With gratefulness our lunchtime ministry was temporarily welcomed at the United Church's hall and kitchen this past Wednesday. After learning of a drainage backup in our kitchen on Tuesday, our wonderful volunteers quickly surveyed their options and found an open door once again from our neighbour. It resurfaced the emotions experienced some 50 years ago with the great fire burning down our previous church. Immediately, our United brothers and sisters in Christ opened their church to us for Sunday worship until our current church was built. Praise God in his goodness for the ministry of Kane's and for love among Christians enabling such.

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."

Youth Retreat - Steubenville Atlantic - This summer – July 11-13, 2025. Early registration opens 10 January online. There will be a Kick Off Gathering in Halifax on Friday, 21 January at St Thomas Aquinas Church. Let's make this happen and plan to carpool for the event!

Catechism Classes

Grades 1 - 5 - Next class and family gathering is Sunday, 19 January after 9 am Mass (10:15-11:30) with a parent. 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, 13 January.

Grade 8's - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. Next class is Monday, 13 January. 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, 13 January. Try one of the Challenges for the Week and be sure to do the research on the Saints!!

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:

(Jan)15th - TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK! The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be re-starting Trivia Nights on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month from **7:30 to 9:00**, starting **Wednesday, January 15, 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 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.



(Jan 17)Alpha Starts Next Week You won't want to miss it! **Come and See** what it's all about - no pressure! Ask questions (or not), Share thoughts (or not), Make friends (for sure!), Explore your faith (gain a deeper appreciation of the Holy Spirit), and Enjoy the Meal (you won't have to cook Friday night!). Registration forms are at the entrances to the Church, or you can register on-line at icctruro.org/alpha

(Jan 18) Prison Ministry Presentation 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. On **Saturday January 18th at 9:30am** there will be a presentation by the prison chaplain at ICC. Anyone that is interested in working with this important ministry please come to this presentation.

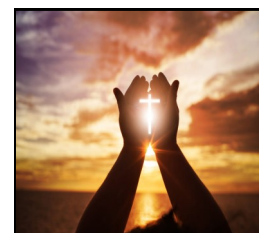
(Jan 24) Tagalog Mass Saint Benedict Parish in Halifax, will be celebrating a Filipino (in the language of Tagalog) Mass at 6:30pm on Friday January 24th. All are invited, most especially Filipinos. Posters have been placed in ICC with more details. At the end of Mass will be an Alpha testimony to help Filipinos consider the enjoyable and spirit filled Alpha experience. Just in time on next Friday (January 31st at 6:30pm), it will be the last date to enter our Alpha, at ICC.

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 8:20am
Monday Bible Study 10am
Tuesday for Parish Intercessory Prayers 12:45pm
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