



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 19, 2025
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Last week's Gospel told of Jesus' baptism, when the Father revealed to all those present that Jesus was the Son of God. Today's Gospel tells of Jesus' first miracle, changing the water to wine at a wedding banquet. John calls his miracles signs, for they reveal Jesus' divinity to everyone who witnesses the event. Here, John immediately points out that his disciples respond with faith. As this was Jesus' first sign, this is when they begin to believe. All these centuries later, may listening to Jesus' wondrous deeds yet again strengthen our faith as well.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Sven Petersen

Tuesday, 12:15- † John Bosco; † Doreen Knockwood

Wednesday, 7:00pm- Elaine Samson; † Edward S Phillips

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

Friday, 12:15pm - † Chuck Boylan; † Donald McDonald

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Mark Yuri Stephens

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

11:30 am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

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



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Would a group at your parish be interested in making a pilgrimage to Rome during the Jubilee Year in 2025? Collette Tours has a series of faith-based tours (and many other types of tours!) and is offering a specific 2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year - A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. If you want to explore what options are available contact Nick Levasseur at Collette to learn more. Nick can be reached at (613).301.7076 or nlevasseur@collette.com



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 = \$3171.55; St. Bridget's = \$445.00;

St. Michael's = \$675.40; Sacred Heart = \$606.80; St. Kateri = \$406.00

New Year's Collections: ICC = \$2284.95; St. Michael's = \$220.00; Sacred Heart = \$245.00;

St. Kateri = \$188.65

Capital Projects = \$235.00



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.



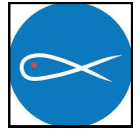
Marriage Preparation : For those wishing to be married at the Immaculate Conception Parish, please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance.

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.



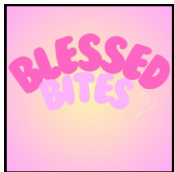
PAD - Preauthorized Deposit. Winter Storms on weekends. Unfortunately, cancellation of Mass may occur. As well, storms lead to lower collections. To help our parish avoid this situation please consider signing up for PAD (Pre-Authorized Deposit). PAD allows automatic giving to support the needs of our 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 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."



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.

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."

! Attention Youth ! - Steubenville Atlantic is Back! Mark your calendar - July 11-13, 2025. Early registration opens 10 January online.

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!

! Poster Contest for Children ! Knights of Columbus is inviting all children/youth from ages 5 through 14 to participate in the organization's international **"Keep Christ in Christmas"** poster contest. The goal of this contest: *"By engaging the creative talents and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas."* Deadline for submitting your poster is 20 January – drop your posters off to the Church Office

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 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, 20 January.

Grade 8's - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. Next class is Monday, 20 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, 20 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 15) Dying with Christ, Living with Hope Sessions The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA) has announced dates for their next session • **January 15, 22, & 29 at 7 PM ET • 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/>

(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 6:00pm), it will be the last date to enter our Alpha, at ICC.

(Jan 25 & 26) Farewell to Fr Henry Lunninze. With gratefulness for Fr Henry's visit to Canada, our parish specifically, we announce that his departure is January 28th. With his Bishop's generosity, this is a month later than his original schedule. There is a possibility he will return to our diocese once the bishops reach an agreement. Until then his Bishop requests his return. Therefore, we'll have a farewell reception following each Mass in Truro and Millbrook on January 25 and 26. We are truly grateful Fr Henry has been guided by the Holy Spirit to select our parish for his first time in Canada. We appreciate and have enjoyed his Charismatic style, typical of Africans, and his timely presence while Fr Andrew had been ill. Praise God!

(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!

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
Tuesday for Parish Intercessory Prayers 12:45pm
Thursday Bible Study 10am
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