



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 26, 2025
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

We hear Paul say, “The Lord is near,” in the second reading today and we can count so many ways this is so. We're just ten days away from Christmas, for one. In a little while we will receive the Lord in the Eucharist. The Lord is here when two or more gather in his name. The Lord is near to us always, by virtue of our baptism. Right now, the Lord is here in the form of God's word. Warmed by the Lord's presence, let us listen for his voice in the words of scripture.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Frank McNeil

Tuesday, 12:15- † Martin Whelan; † Dana Gloade

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Dorotea Cansino; † Jordan Denny

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Magdalene Martin

Friday, 12:15pm - † Claudette Shannon; † Sarah Sack

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Raymond Alyward

Sunday, 9:00 am - Scott MacDougall & Nina Lothian

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



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!!



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 = \$3670.45; St. Bridget's = \$515.00

St. Michael's = \$59.00; Sacred Heart= \$429.10

Capital Projects=\$120.00



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 and is open on Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment by calling 902 893-7188.



Thank you to everyone who has been praying for Alpha. God is good! He has blessed us with 33 guests, and 19 team members. With the added numbers we needed more kitchen help and they came forward this week. God Bless You All!

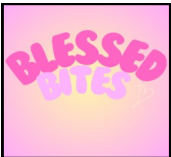


Please pray for our Seminarians. Four young men from the Archdiocese are continuing their discernment and studies for the priesthood.

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.



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.

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!

e-Transfer

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 Events

Steubenville Atlantic Kick Off – Friday, 21 January. 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, 27 January.

Grade 8's - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. Next class is Monday, 27 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, 27 January. 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:

(Jan 22 & 29) 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/>

(Feb1) First Saturday Mass, Rosary and Devotions at 9 am in ICC. Why the First Saturday? Because Our Lady through Sister Lucia at Fatima calls us to pray in Communion and Reparation to her Immaculate Heart for peace and the salvation of souls and Jesus confirms this call. First Saturday pamphlets are available at our church entrances.

(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 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