



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 23 ,2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you will give will be the measure you get back.

Luke 6.37-38

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

In our world today, you don't have to look far to see a lack of respect for human life. War, mass shootings, abortion, and capital punishment make a mockery of what should be a basic principle for us all: every life is precious. Let us keep in mind what Saint Paul teaches the Corinthians in the portion of his letter that we hear today: we shall bear the image of Christ in heaven. Every human life is precious if only because every life holds the promise of resurrection and the heavenly image of Christ. We come together today to thank God for all human life and the promise of eternal life.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Sandy MacDonald

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

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Richard Pettipas; † Jordan Denny

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Mark Yuri Stephens

Friday, 12:15pm - † ;Ronnie Boylan † Greg Glasgow

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Gordon Weatherby

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Russell MacDonald

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



Each month the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention. You are invited to answer Pope Francis' request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation. His February Intention is: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



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.



Our **Parish Prayer Committee** was recently formed to ensure that each of our churches is able to participate in a variety of Catholic prayer traditions and to continue enhancing them. Having also formed church prayer ministries in the past year, fruit of their prayers and other ministries have led to a renewed interest in completing sacraments and becoming Catholic, resulting in slight growth in the parish and in establishment of new initiatives to welcome and support these individuals. We ask for your prayer as the committee focuses on expanding intercessory prayer by this March with the following:

- 1. Including shut-ins in our prayer ministry:** This ensures that those who are unable to attend church services due to illness or other reasons are still able to participate in the parish's ministries.
- 2. Presentation of the Intercessory Prayer Book at each weekend Mass:** This book will be placed beside the Altar in each church, allowing us greater consciousness of our reliance and blessings from these prayers.
- 3. Presentation of Oral and Silent Intercessory Prayers during adoration:** This helps to focus parishioners on our specific needs during times of adoration.
- 4. Sharing the Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions:** This connects our parish's prayer activities with the broader intentions of the Catholic Church.



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.

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



COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was: ICC = \$3394.10 ; St. Bridget's = \$740.00
St. Michael's = \$830.00 ; Sacred Heart= \$390.00 ; Capital= \$95.00



Tax Receipts are ready for pick up! Tax receipts can be picked up at the office Monday - Thursday 10-1:30pm or by appointment. If you would like it mailed please contact the office at office@icctruro.org or 902-893-7188.



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.

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.



The State scholarship is now available along with the Bishop Colin Campbell scholarship. The State scholarship is due March 3rd and the Bishop Colin Campbell is due May 1st. They can be found on the Parish website icctruro.org/knights-of-Columbus or email Randy at worksrandy99@gmail.com. or 895 0489.



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.

Youth Events

Huge "thank you" - Confirmation Holy Spirit Retreat Day – What an amazing day – regardless of the totally unexpected weather! Thank God everyone got home safe and sound and renewed in the Spirit of God! The youth had a very enlightening retreat – great videos, great discussions, great prayer and great food. Thank you so so much to all who volunteered to help make this day a huge success – Ewan, Diana, Nanette, Fr. Jim, Fr. Andrew!!! Also, thank you parents for the amazing snacks and desserts and Damascus for the pizza! Our God is so very good!

Registration for Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference - July 11-13, 2025. Dalhousie University.
Register now online. Some youth have started to register!

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."

Catechism Classes

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Retreat Morning - THIS Saturday, 22 February - 9:30 am start time. Note the change in the schedule. No pizza lunch provided. Instead, after families have celebrated the Sacrament, you are invited to the Hall for refreshments. At our next Family Gathering (2 March), certificates will be presented to the children and a celebration cake available. See you Saturday! Keep these families in your prayers please as the children prepare to celebrate the amazing grace of the Sacrament!

Grades 1 - 5 - Home Lessons this week. Next class and Family Gathering is 2 March.

Grades 6 - 12 - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly.

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 March. 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.



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. There are many liturgies and devotions available to us during Lent and the Easter season. For your convenience, attached to this bulletin is a summary sheet of Lenten observances for posting on your bulletin board or fridge. A second sheet will soon follow with the full schedule for Holy Week and the Easter Octave. May all of us follow the inspirations of the Holy Spirit to fully participate in our beautiful Catholic traditions which lead us

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Feb22) Sacrament of Reconciliation - Retreat Morning. This Saturday starting at 9:30am at ICC. Keep the families in your prayers please as the children prepare to celebrate the amazing grace of the Sacrament.

(Feb 22) 50th Anniversary Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest. Cobequid Council 6633 of The Knights of Columbus is holding their Basketball Free Throw contest at Redcliff Middle School, Saturday Feb. 22nd starting at 12 noon. The contest is open to all boys and girls aged 8-14. It will start with free pizza and pop for all contestants. Come out and have some fun!

(Feb 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/>

(Mar 1) First Saturday Mass, Rosary and Devotions at 9 am. 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.

(Mar 1) Syro Malabar Catholic Rite Mass at 6pm on the First Saturday of each month. All are welcome to experience this different Rite of our Catholic family having its roots in India.

(Mar 2) St. Michael's Pancake Brunch Sunday March 2nd St. Michael's will be hosting a Pancake Brunch from 11am-1pm. \$10.00 Adult and \$5.00 child. The brunch includes pancakes with syrup, sausages, beans, buttermilk biscuit and tea or coffee.

(Mar 9) RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Catechumens from our Parish and across the Diocese will be registered in the Book of Electors on the 1st Sunday of Lent at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica with Archbishop Brian Dunn. Accompanied by their Sponsors, they'll be welcomed to continue their journey to Christ and full entry into the Catholic Church at Easter.

(Mar 22) Winter Parish Gathering On Saturday morning of March 22 our parish will provide an update, pray and feast together at Immaculate Conception Church. More specifically, we'll hear a livestream message from Archbishop Dunn, provide an update on our Evangelization, Pastoral Council and Finance Council activities and celebrate the many blessings in our parish. Everyone in the parish is invited, please mark the date!

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