



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 9 ,2025
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



For Simon Peter and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had taken. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."
Luke 5.10

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today we hear how two key figures in the Bible—Isaiah and Peter—are called. God calls Isaiah in a vision. Jesus calls Simon Peter after performing a miracle. Though both go on to great things on the Lord's behalf, each initially feels unworthy of their call. Only after being reassured do they respond affirmatively. We may well feel unworthy ourselves of a call to join Jesus on his mission. Let us consider how we can still respond as Isaiah did: "Here I am . . . send me."

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Magdalene Martin

Tuesday, 12:15- † Mark Yuri Stephens; † Sarah Sack

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Catherine Bresolin; † Jordan Denny

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Richard Chiasson

Friday, 12:15pm - † Doreen Knockwood ; † Dana Gloade

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Gordon Weatherby

Sunday, 9:00 am - † John Bina Fitzgerald

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.



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 = \$4290.45; St. Bridget's = \$545.35

St. Michael's = \$133.75; Sacred Heart= \$343.10; St.Kateri = \$325.05

Monthly PAD's for January was: ICC= \$5770.00 ; St. Bridget's= \$400.00; St. Michael's \$220.00

Capital Projects=\$1120.00



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.

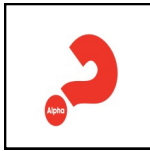
Marriage Preparation : For those wishing to be married at the Immaculate Conception Parish, please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance.

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!!



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.

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.

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!



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

!! Confirmation Holy Spirit Retreat Day !! - For those youth preparing to be Confirmation in May 2025 – Monday, 17 February – 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm (including Mass @ 7 pm – families are encouraged to attend Mass). Parents are asked to send 1 snack item (fruit, veggies, chips, etc) and 1 sweet (dessert) item with your youth.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Reconciliation Retreat Day - Saturday, 22 February - Children who have been preparing and have completed the classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (along with their families) will experience a morning of prayer and celebration. See you at 9:30 am. Pizza lunch will be provided to conclude the Retreat.

Grades 1 - 5 - Home Lessons are available in the "rack" at the bottom of the stairs just before the double white doors to the classrooms. Next class and family gathering is Sunday, 16 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

Grade 6 - 7's - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. Next class is Monday, 10 February.

Grade 8's - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. Next class is Monday, 10 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, 10 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Feb 9) The ICLA AGM (Annual General Meeting) We will not be having a potluck . We will have our AGM meeting at 2pm to discuss among other things our Monsignor Martin bake sale. Please if you have been exposed to or have any symptoms of flu or cold please stay home or wear a mask.

(Feb 11) World Day for the Sick is annually observed on February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. While not on our liturgical calendar, it's an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II in 1992 as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses and to aid them in offering it up for the good of the Church and to remind everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ".

At our 12:15pm Tuesday February 11th Mass we'll celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick, and then following Mass, we'll pray a Litany for Healing for those who are not able to come at this time.

(Feb 14) St Valentine. officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of his life is reliably known, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome. Archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. He is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers, and young people. Despite its commercialization, Catholics should celebrate the feast through intentional gifts, acts of service and letters expressing how we truly feel - gifts that honor the people we give our lives for - our spouses, our families and our friends. (Information is adapted from Catholic Online)

(Feb 15&16) New Members Social Welcome are recently registered families, anyone new and those considering us as their parish. You're invited to visit with Fr Jim and Carol Matthews following our February 15th and 16th Weekend Masses. We want to welcome you while you get to know other parishioners. We'll also share a little bit about what we envision for our parish. Please join us following 4pm Saturday or 9am Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

(Feb 17) Confirmation Holy Spirit Retreat Day - Monday, from 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.

(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/>

(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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Saint Vincent De Paul Society Help Line: 902-897-0222

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