



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!

March 16, 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent



"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Luke 9.35

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Like Advent, Lent is a season of preparation—in this case, for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and the glory of his resurrection. We prepare our souls through repentance and our bodies through fasting. We prepare our relationship with God through prayer and our relationship with others through almsgiving. In today's reading, in the midst of all our preparation, we are given a preview of Christ's risen glory when he appears transfigured to Peter, John, and James. May the promise of a life transfigured encourage us as we continue to prepare for Easter glory.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Svens Petersen

Tuesday, 12:15- † Gail Coe ; † Joyce Wilson

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Fraser/ Brown Family

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Zeidan & Marie Zoghaib

Friday, 12:15pm -† Margaret & Roli Johnston

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Charlie Snell

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Joan Sampson

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

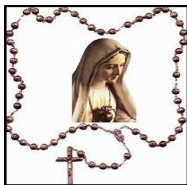
11:30 am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

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

Monthly Prayer Intentions



Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for March: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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.



Stations of the Cross An ancient devotion since the early centuries and a powerful contemplation on the suffering Christ. Come pray the weekly Stations this Lent and enter the mystery of Christ's suffering and death as we move along our journey to the Resurrection.

Friday 12:45 pm - Immaculate Conception (following Mass)

Friday noon - St Bridget

Friday 6:00 pm - St Kateri

Saturday 3 pm St Michael (prior to Mass)



Women of Grace Rosary prayer group:

Fridays @ ICC 10:15-11:30 Inspired by Our Blessed Mother's call to form communities who pray the Rosary, this ladies' prayer group meets weekly on Fridays to pray the Rosary, reflect on Sunday's scriptures and to build each other up in Christian fellowship.

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. While not always necessary, a year in advance is recommended.



COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was: ICC = \$4124.55; St. Bridget's = \$729.00

St. Michael's = \$436.00; Sacred Heart= \$418.00 ; Capital= \$245.00

Monthly PAD'S for February= ICC=\$5947.00; St. Bridget's = \$300.00 ; St. Michael's =\$120.00



You are invited!!



Winter Parish Gathering

Saturday March 22nd at 9am - 1pm

Our Parish Gathering takes place in Campbell Hall for an update on how our parish has progressed in the last while and on some things we're working on. More specifically, we'll hear a video message from Archbishop Dunn, provide an update on our Evangelization, Pastoral Council, Metrics and Finance Council. There will be a **Continental Breakfast as well as a lunch**. By the grace of God we have many good things to share and celebrate.

Come hear our **guest speaker, Bill Scollard**, who has led the formation of over 100 Small Groups. He'll speak about why Small Groups are increasingly important to faith communities. By the way, did you know they are not new to our parish?

Youth Events

Registration for Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference - July 11-13, 2025. Dalhousie University. The Early Bird Deadline is just over a week away and it is over 40% sold out !!

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

No Classes during March Break

FFF Classes - will resume Sunday, 23 March after 9 am Mass

Youth Night - will resume Monday, 24 March - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Mary's Way of the Cross Good Friday Drama - Looking for children/youth to participate in the prayerful dramatization of The Stations of the Cross from Mary's perspective as part of the 10 am Good Friday service. Practice details will be forthcoming.

No Children's Liturgy of the Word during March Break - will resume on Sunday, 23 March during 9 am Mass.

Family-Centered Mass (1st Sunday of the month) - Sunday, 6 April. 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:



(Mar 5-April 16) 40 Cans for 40 days of Lent: The Knights of Columbus have placed boxes in Campbell Hall to collect nonperishable food items during Lent. All items collected will be donated to our local Food Bank for Easter.

(Mar 16) RCIA on the 2nd Sunday of Lent Our adult Candidates who are preparing for Confirmation and entering full communion (converting from another Christian faith) and Catholics completing sacraments of initiation are invited to take part in the "Rite of Calling Candidates to Lenten Renewal".

(Mar 19) Knights of Columbus are having the ICON of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our church. Booklets and prayer cards will be distributed to members and parishioners at the Wednesday 7:00 PM Mass. The Icon is a source of truth and goodness.

(Mar 19) TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK! The St. Vincent de Paul Society re-started Trivia Nights on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month from **7:30 to 9:00**, with the next event being held on **Wednesday, March 19th, 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 (\$1- \$5) 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.

(Mar 19) Announcing that Veritas Truro location will close after March 19th.

Online and in person sales will continue to be available through the Halifax location at Farnham Gate Mall. With declining sales, we would like to thank the many volunteers that worked in this ministry. We also thank our customers who supported this Veritas location. We will remain open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until March 19. Any items remaining will be transferred to the Halifax Store, while furniture, shelving, display cases become the property of the parish, for use or disposition. At this time the parish leadership team is considering options for use of the space like meetings, prayer, office.

The logo for Veritas Catholic Books & Gifts, featuring the word 'VERITAS' in a bold, serif font above 'Catholic Books & Gifts' in a smaller, sans-serif font, all within a purple rectangular background.

(Mar 22) CALLING ALL LECTORS!! A one-hour workshop for all lectors will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 1:30pm. (Following our Gathering lunch) We will meet in the church and go over a proposed new schedule and other items. A special invitation is extended to anyone who may be considering becoming a lector. Please join us at this meeting to find out more. Training will be offered and there is no obligation to join. But do "Come and see"! Contact Debbie at demacneil1@gmail.com

(Mar 23) RCIA on the 3rd Sunday of Lent Our Catechumen, Jessica MacDonald, celebrates the First Scrutiny of the Elect along with Presentation of the Creed. This begins the period of Purification and Enlightenment with our prayers and blessings on her final leg of the journey to the waters of Baptism. Joining her will be the Candidates, those for adult Confirmation, who accompany Jessica on her journey and who also are prayed over.

(Mar 25) Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord occurs on Tuesday this year. We'll celebrate with our regular weekday Mass time at Immaculate Conception. All are invited to celebrate with us.

(Mar 30) Praise and Worship Event at St. Michael's Church. Please join us Sunday, March 30th from 2 - 3.30 PM for an afternoon of traditional and contemporary music by several North Shore musicians. This will be followed by a light reception in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.

(May 9 & 10) Marriage Enrichment Program is planned for Friday evening Saturday. All are welcome.

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