



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 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good, and out of evil treasure, the evil person produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.”

Luke 6.45

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

As we approach the penitential season of Lent, we hear a warning from Jesus about sin. Don't focus on the sins of your brother, your sister, or your neighbor; look at your own sins. Every year, Lent affords us the opportunity to recognize our sinfulness and our need for God's forgiveness, which Jesus offers us most dramatically on the cross. Gathered for Mass today on the eve of Lent, let us commit ourselves to recognizing our own faults and failures, repenting of our sins, and resolving to follow the Lord more faithfully.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Edward S Phillips

Tuesday, 12:15- † Charlie Gloade; Trevor Carey

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Anna Saniga; † Tracey Knight

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

Friday, 12:15pm - † John Saniga ; † Doreen Knockwood

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Peter Grant

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Magdalene Martin

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

4:00 pm - St. Michael's, Brule

Sunday

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception, Truro

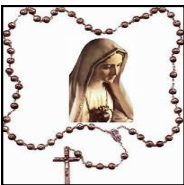
10:00 am - St. Kateri, Indian Brook

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.



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)



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.



Becoming Catholic Have you considered journeying into the Catholic Faith? RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of learning about Jesus Christ and possibly formally joining the Church he founded. Consider having greater unity with your spouse and family, taking a step in your faith journey or celebrating missing sacraments, etc. Please contact our office or complete a Welcome Card and hand it in at any Mass.

COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was: ICC = \$3700.95 ; St. Bridget's = \$410.00
St. Michael's = \$240.00; Sacred Heart = \$605.00 ; Capital = \$95.00



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!

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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).

 Chalice

 VERITAS
Catholic Books & Gifts

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.



Youth Events

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

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.

Grades 1 - 5 - Next class and Family Gathering is 2 March.

Grades 6 - 12 - Monday nights - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - weekly. If you are unable to attend, please let the Office or Ann know that we can plan accordingly. So appreciated!

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:

(Mar 4) Kane's Kitchen Committee will hold its annual general meeting, beginning at the **12:15 mass** at ICC with a celebration of this ministry of service. At **1 pm** we will meet in Campbell Hall. (coffee/tea & refreshments available). All Kane's Kitchen volunteers and interested parishioners are invited to attend. New volunteers are always welcome! There are many opportunities to participate in this ministry of service to our community.

(Mar 6) Dying with Christ, Living with Hope Sessions The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA) will have their last session on Thursday **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/>

(Mar7)World Day of Prayer at 2pm on the North Shore is hosted this year by St. George's Presbyterian Church in River John with St. Michael's Catholic Church participating. Join all inter-church members to this special celebration on Friday, March 7, 2025, @ 2p.m. This day is an international ecumenical Christian lay women's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The theme for 2025 is "I Made You Wonderfully", based on Psalm 139:1-18.

(Mar 9) ICLA will hold their AGM and regular meeting in Campbell hall at 2pm.

(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 16) Praise and Worship Event at St. Michael's Church. Please join us Sunday, March 16 at 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.

(Mar 22) Winter Parish Gathering On Saturday morning on 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!

(Apr 9)St. Bridget's Church will be hosting an Alpha Series Starting Wednesday April 9 at 6pm. We hope you'll join us in this opportunity to discover the meaning of life and how Jesus fits into it through discussions and video. You can also enjoy a meal and have a chance to make new friends! The series runs on Wednesday nights from 6-8 until June 25. You can register online at www.icctruro.org/alpha or fill out a registration form that are located at the church entrance. Come join us and bring a friend!



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