



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 9, 2025
1st Sunday of Lent



“Man does not live by bread alone.” Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

Luke 4. 4-12

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Each year on the first Sunday of Lent we hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil three times during his forty days in the desert. Each time, Jesus resisted the devil, finding strength in God's word. As we embark on these forty days of Lent, we will encounter temptation as well. Our temptations will vary, but each will sound attractive in its own way. This Lent, let us keep in mind Jesus' responses to the devil in the desert and pray for the strength we need to discern and resist the temptation and to repent of the times we fail to do so.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Craig Horton

Tuesday, 12:15- † Elizabeth Ann Nevin ; † Charlie Gloade

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † ;Jileen Julien † Jordan Denny

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

Friday, 12:15pm -† Teresa & Joe Nicholson

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Charlie Snell

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Joe Walsh

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

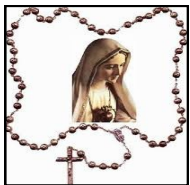
11:30 am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

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 at least one year in advance.



COLLECTION UPDATE



Previous Week's Collection was: ICC = \$7339.35 ;St. Bridget's = \$568.00
St. Michael's = \$148.45; Sacred Heart= \$417.25 ; St. Kateri \$153.00 Capital= \$395.00

Are you Interested in Researching the History of our Parish? We are seeking someone or a small group of parishioners who enjoy history and the collection of historical materials. Our goal is to compile a small pamphlet for each church or even a slender book of all the churches in our parish that can become a resource for others. Information can be sought from multiple, reliable sources, including local libraries/archives, newspaper articles or on-line documents. We would also love to hear stories and memories from parishioners of church related special events that have happened in their lives. Of particular interest would be: the date the current church was built and did it replace an existing church; how the church and wider community was involved and any fundraising efforts that were undertaken. Also, does the church have a dedicated prayer, cemetery or celebrate specific feasts. Maybe, you have some old photographs of your church and activities that you would be willing to share. NOTE: Although this could be a timely endeavor, there is no fixed timeline. For more information on this exciting project, please reach out to Trish in the Parish Office.



The Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus recently took part in the Coldest Night of the Year. Our team raised close to \$3,000.00 for this great community outreach. We would like to thank all the people who donated for this worthy cause.

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.



Announcing that Veritas Truro location will close this month. 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 new linen schedule is now available in our mail slot.

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

No Classes during March Break

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

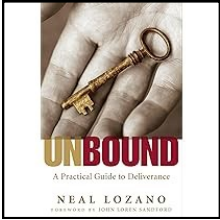
Youth Night - will resume Monday, 24 March - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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.



Unbound Program Would you like to go deeper in the abundant life that Jesus has promised? 'Unbound: Freedom in Christ' takes you on a reflective journey over 8 weeks into the heart of the Gospel message. It guides you to apply the Gospel in day-to-day life to find deeper identity and freedom in Christ. Unbound ministry is a safe, loving and effective model of prayer. As children of a loving God, we were created to live in relationship with Him. Sin broke this relationship and separated us from God. Sin also opens the door for lies and bondage to enter our life, causing problems like fear, anxiety, hopelessness and shame. The Good News is that Jesus brought salvation and liberation. Unbound starts April 7th 2025 - Monday evenings 6:30-8:30 at Stella Maris Parish, Halifax. Books and workbooks are \$24 each. To register email sherryflemming@gmail.com or call 902-423-3114. Register by March 20th 2025 to ensure material arrives before start date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(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 10) March Break begins Monday, March 10th. Blessings to the students as they enjoy time off for regeneration. May they come to realize God as the source of their good experiences.

(Mar 11) Parish Website. We are forming a small group to review/revise/update the parish website. If you have an interest in helping with this project, no computer expertise is required. Suggestions for what could/should be featured on the website to make it welcoming and informative are needed. Please join us for our initial meeting at the church on Tuesday, March 11th 7 p.m. If you are interested but are not available on March 11th, please call or email Father Jim so we can contact you about future meeting dates.

(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!

(Mar 30) Praise and Worship Event at St. Michael's Church. Please join us Sunday, March 30 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.

(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. For more information you can contact Michael Isenor mc.isenor@gmail.com or Deacon Wilfred wilfboudreau@gmail.com Come join us and bring a friend!



(June 4) Pilgrimage to St Anne de Beaupre and St Joseph's Oratory, Quebec from June 4 - 7, organized by St. Andre Bessette Parish. Of two buses (premium road coaches with an on-board toilet), 12 or so seats are still available for pick up at Immaculate Conception, Truro. Accommodation is at the Delta Marriott in Beaupre for 3 nights. There will be a private Mass, time for Adoration and also a visit to Old Quebec City and Notre Dame Cathedral where the Holy Door is located. Cost is \$804 double occupancy, \$1222 single occupancy. Contact Dave Lewis 902-452-2502 for questions or payment information.

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