



Immaculate Conception Parish

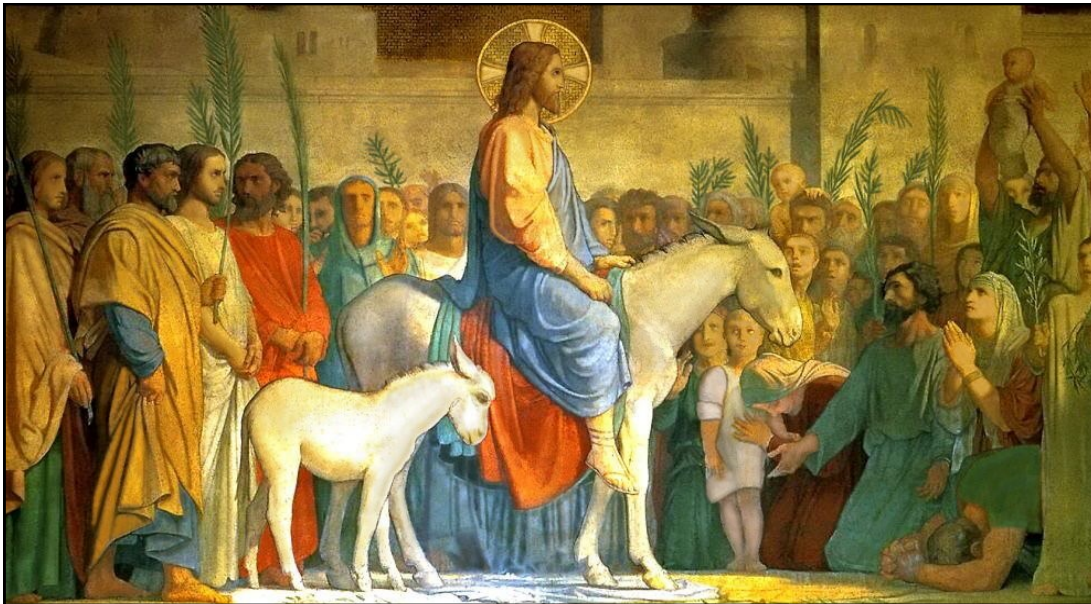
With the Churches of :
Immaculate Conception Church, Truro; St. Michael's Church, Brule;
St Kateri, Indian Brook; Sacred Heart, Millbrook;
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie



Welcome Everyone!

A special welcome to new parishioners and visitors to our Parish!

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Luke 22.14-23.56

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

We begin the holiest week of the year by holding palm branches in our hands, which recall the palm branches the crowds used two thousand years ago to welcome the Lord into the holy city. Our palm branches are blessed, for they also welcome the Lord to this holy place. Though the people of Jerusalem had no idea what the true nature of Jesus' triumph would soon be, we do and so we anticipate Jesus' ultimate victory while recognizing the intense suffering and profound grief that will accompany it. Let us raise our voices along with our branches as we sing out as even the stones will, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

MASS ES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Joan Sampson

Tuesday, 12:00 - Chrism Mass St. Mary's Cathedral

† Teresa Mantin; † Edward S. Phillips

Wednesday, 7:00pm - † Elmer Taylor; † Sarah Sack

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

Good Friday ,10:00am Youth, Mary's Way of the Cross

3:00pm Service

Saturday, 8:00 pm - EASTER VIGIL

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Vince Gillis

EASTER WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

8:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

Sunday

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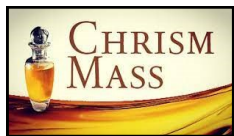
9:00 am - St. Michael's, Brule

10:00 am - St. Kateri, Indian Brook

11:30 am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

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

Holy Week is April 13 to 20. It begins on Palm Sunday with our regular weekend Mass schedule. The remaining Holy Week has celebrations scheduled at each of our churches and at our Cathedral. This is the most holy time of year for Christians. Our participation in this week, preceded by our Lenten practices, well prepare us for the glorious celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. For those with sensitivities please note that **incense will be used at our significant celebrations of Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil.**



Annual Chrism Mass is Tuesday, **April 15** at noon in St Mary's Cathedral Basilica. **There is no Mass in our Parish and the office will be closed.** You are invited to join Archbishop Dunn and all clergy for this celebration and blessing of our Holy Oils.

Bells for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Bring your bell with you to ring loudly as we reintroduce the Gloria into our Liturgy. While the Last Supper otherwise still carries a somber mood, it anticipates the resurrection and the feeding of many. Then we are in full glorious celebration mode at the Vigil.



Easter Vigil is our highest liturgy of the year and we urge your presence at this glorious celebration. We'll hear God's plan of salvation unfold in four readings from the Old Testament along with their associated and sung psalms from the Kingdom of David. We'll hear the climatic Gospel of the Resurrection. With the Eucharist prayers we make the very same Savior, Jesus the Christ, present among us and celebrate the initiation of new members into our Catholic family. To aid participation in our celebration we'll use our projection screen for our hymns and prayers while we make known the four Rites as they're celebrated. Come let us celebrate this most holy of nights together.



Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for April For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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. Everyone is invited to join us.



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, May 30th** 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 = \$3982.80; St. Bridget's = \$765.00 ; St. Michael's = \$393.35; Sacred Heart = \$439.50; St. Kateri = \$136.00 Capital = \$420.00

RCIA. There are several dates on which the Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated as listed below. Please welcome and pray for each person receiving them.



- * Baptism, Confirmation and Communion for Jessica MacDonald at the Easter Vigil
- * First Communion of three Isenor-Reade children (Benjamin, Cassidy, Joshua) on Easter Sunday at St Michael's Church
- * Confirmation and Communion of Parker Masters and Angela Masters on Divine Mercy Sunday at Immaculate Conception Church
- * Confirmation and Communion for Candidates (to be announced) on May 31 at Immaculate Conception Church

Seminarian Morgan Wilson says : "It has been an excellent semester! Just like last semester, the theology classes are a great joy to be a part of. The Archbishop visited a few weeks ago, and it was wonderful to see him. He told me I would be at the Cathedral for the summer, which is exciting since I'll get to greet pilgrims who visit during this Jubilee Year of Hope, but it also means I'll be close to Truro and will be able to visit as frequently as possible. I will be home by May 2nd, and will have a week or so to see my family and the parish before I head to Halifax. Immaculate Conception remains ever in my prayers, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!"

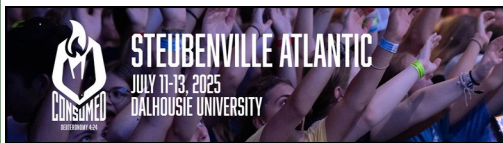
THANK YOU!! The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary wish to thank all the Parishioners who contributed to our successful Monsignor Martin bake sale. We are blessed to have such a generous Parish.



Monsignor Martin Memorial Bursary - The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary - ICLA - is offering to graduating students of our parishes the \$1000.00 Monsignor Martin Memorial Bursary again this year. Graduating students going on to further their education can access the required forms on the Immaculate Conception Church website or check with student services at your school.

All submissions must be in by May 1st with hardcopies mailed or handed in to the church office in Truro. Any questions call 902 895-7757.

The Knights of Columbus Council Bursary, (Bishop Colin Campbell bursary) is available to anyone entering post secondary school. Deadline is May 5th. Contact Randy Works at worksrandy99@gmail.com or 895-0489.



Youth Events

Registration for Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference - July 11-13, 2025. Dalhousie University. Register **NOW** online. <https://www.halifaxymouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic>

FFF Important Upcoming Events (mark your calendar):

Retreat Morning - First Holy Eucharist - Saturday, 26 April from 10 am to Noon – all children preparing for the Sacrament are to attend with their families.

Mary's Way of the Cross Good Friday Drama Practice - Friday Night (11 April) 6-8. Looking forward to seeing you. There is a part for everyone! Prayerful dramatization of The Stations of the Cross from Mary's perspective as part of the 10 am Good Friday service. Practices are Friday, 11 April & Tuesday, 15 April – 6:00 - 8:00 pm. All ages are welcome.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist - 4 May @ 9 am Mass.

Family Mass - 9 am Sunday, 4 May.. If you are interested in being involved, sign up at the parking lot entrance to the church and those who have signed up, please arrive by 8:30ish.) **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Sundays during 9 am Mass (except 1st Sunday of the month).

Mass Activity Booklets - available at the parking lot entrance to the church.

Catechism Classes

FFF Classes - Next gathering is Sunday, 27 April after 9 am Mass.

Youth - (grade 6 and up) - Mondays - 6:30 - 8:30 pm Bring your Ministries Journal, Bible and Chosen Book (for

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.



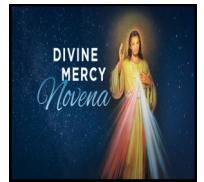
(April 13) ICLA meeting at 2pm in Campbell Hall. Don't forget your Birthday Cake kits!!

(April 15) The Parish office will be closed. Trish will be attending the Chrism Mass at the Basilica.

(April 18) Candle Light Prayer at Spring Brook, Indian Brook Please join the faith community of St. Kateri for the century tradition of collecting Holy Water at Spring Brook, Robinson Rd. at 5am on Good Friday, April 18th. This tradition of collecting Holy Water has been known to Indian Brook for hundreds of years. It has been said that Spring Brook is a place where Holy Water flows between 3am to 7am. Blessing of the water will take place at 5am by Fr. Phil. St. Kateri Pastoral council will be providing tea, coffee and hot cross buns.



(April 18) Divine Mercy Novena – *Divine Mercy Novena* begins on Good Friday, Apr. 18 for 9 consecutive days in preparation for the great graces of *Divine Mercy Sunday* celebrated on the last day of the Octave of Easter, Apr. 27th. You can pray on your own. As well you may join us as we pray together at 4 pm following Good Friday Service; and 30 minutes before weekday Masses at Immaculate Conception Church. Pamphlets are available at the church.

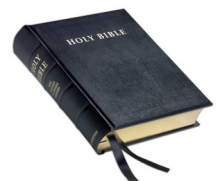


(Apr 20-27) Octave of Easter. So significant is the Solemnity of Easter Day, it's celebrated over eight calendar days as if one day. We invite you to join us for Weekday Masses in the glory of this day.

(April 25-27) 5th Annual Daughters of Zion Women's Conference The weekend will consist of anointed throne room worship, dynamic life-changing talks, Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, and fellowship with sisters in Christ from the Atlantic Region. Conference location is the Travelodge by Wyndam in Amherst, N.S. **Early-bird registration rate - \$179.00 until April 21st.** (Registration includes all Conference sessions, Continental breakfast Saturday, Luncheon Saturday, Banquet Turkey dinner Saturday, Continental breakfast Sunday). \$199.00 after April 21st. Call Rhonda-Lynn Clarke to register and information on accommodations at: [902-448-3660](tel:902-448-3660).

(April 27) Divine Mercy Sunday in addition to our weekend Masses, you are invited to our 3pm *Divine Mercy Sunday* celebration at Immaculate Conception church in Truro on April 27th. We will begin our celebration at 3pm with devotions, prayer, adoration and veneration of the Divine Mercy image. The opportunity for confession will also be available beginning at 2 pm. To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday view this 10 minute video <https://youtu.be/4R2tOEFddig> called- *Divine Mercy Sunday Explained: How to Receive the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday*.

April 29-May 25) Our Story The Bible is our story of salvation, and it is both inspirational and educational. Our Story is made up of 3 one hour sessions (video and discussion) to introduce or reacquaint interested and curious adults with the general makeup of the Bible and the Catholic approach to it. Try this before you start reading or participating in a Bible Study. Available on **Tuesdays at 2 pm and 7 pm, April 29, May 6 and May 13.** and **Sundays at 10:30 am** following Mass and Reception on **May 11, 18, 25 Veritas Room.**



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