



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 To Our 2025 Celebrations for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday



Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Alleluia! He is risen! Jesus Christ, having made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of our sins, has been raised from the dead. He has atoned for our sins and conquered death. Neither death nor sin have the final say any longer. We are a people redeemed, pilgrims of hope on a journey to new life. We gather at the Easter Vigil to hear God's marvelous story of salvation as we accept our newest adult church member with the Sacraments of Initiation. On Easter Day we gather in joy in this holy place to hear the testimony of his earliest disciples, to renew our baptismal promises, and to partake in the Eucharistic feast and receive the risen Lord. Truly this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

MASS ES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Theresa Caines

Tuesday, 12:15 pm † Savina MacNeil ; † Barb Paul

Wednesday, 9:00 am - (NOT 7:00pm) † Paz Montesa

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Julie Langille

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Martin Whelen; † Sarah "Ting" Boutilier

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Irma Delia & Eduardo Alvarez

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Bill Lake

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

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

Sunday

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception, Truro

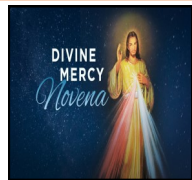
9:00 am - St. Michael's, Brule

10:00 am - St. Kateri, Indian Brook

11:30 am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

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

Happy Easter, from Father Jim, Father Andrew, Father Phil and Deacon Wilford! Thank you for the many recognitions, cards and tokens of your love for us. Our joy is to heed our calling from Christ to serve the people of God and we are blessed to be here with each of you. Have a glorious Easter with many blessings.



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 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Pamphlets are available at the church.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Would a group at your parish be interested in making a pilgrimage to Rome during the Jubilee Year in 2025? Collette Tours has a series of faith-based tours (and many other types of tours!) and is offering a specific 2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year - A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. If you want to explore what options are available contact Nick Levasseur at Collette to learn more. Nick can be reached at (613).301.7076 or nlevasseur@collette.com



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 = \$4244.75; St. Bridget's = \$570.00

St. Michael's = \$; Sacred Heart= \$339.00

Capital= \$580.00





Treasurer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Immaculate Conception after several years of service, the treasurer is stepping down and our conference is seeking the assistance of a volunteer to join our Executive in this capacity. Interested parishioners should contact **Dave Mahoney at 902 956 0395** for details respecting this important position with the Society.

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.



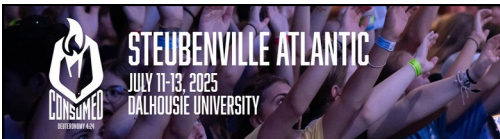
- * Baptism, Confirmation and Communion for Jessica MacDonald at the Easter Vigil
- * First Communion of three Isenor-Reade children (Benjamin, Cassidy, Joshua) on Easter Sunday at St Michael's Church
- * Confirmation and Communion of Parker Masters and Angela Masters on Divine Mercy Sunday at Immaculate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

Marriage Enrichment: What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? Bring your spouse on a date to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do," whether you said it last year or many years ago. Uncover the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of marriage. On Friday evening, May 9, and Saturday, May 10, our parish presents "Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage," a series of videos and private discussions for married couples and those preparing for marriage. Meals and snacks are included. The cost is \$120 per couple. To reserve a spot, contact the parish office by April 25 at office@icctruro.org.



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.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday, 31 May @ 4 pm Mass

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

Mary's Way of the Cross Good Friday Drama Practice - Thank you to everyone who made this service a prayerful and memorable one! A special thank you to the parents who drove them back and forth; and, of course, to the cast. God is delighted!

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. No class on Easter Monday (21 April). Next class is 28 April. Bring your Ministries Journal, Bible and Chosen Book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

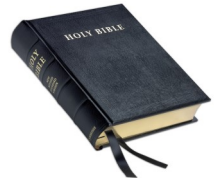
(Apr 20-27) Octave of Easter. So significant is the Solemnity of Easter Day, it's celebrated over eight calendar days as if one day. We invite you to join us for Weekday Masses in the glory of this day.

(April 23) Wednesday Mass is moved to 9am. Fr Jim will celebrate in the evening at Nova Prison and Fr Andrew will be at an appointment.

(April 23) - LAST TRIVIA NIGHT : The St. Vincent de Paul Society's last Trivia Night for the season is being held on **Wednesday, April 23rd** from **7:30 to 9:00**. 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 our last fun filled Wednesday evening for this season, and many thanks to members of the Parish and the Community who have helped us raise considerable funds to over the last year help us support the less fortunate members of our community.

(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.**

(May 17) Chalice Share Outreach Ministry . Starting May 17, at 10 am, the parish Chalice Share outreach ministry is hosting 8 'breakfast video presentation' on personal money management. The ministry has a 'critical need' loan fund of \$2,150 to support loans of up to \$750, which is available to participants. This is a unique opportunity to walk, discuss, share, and learn how you and others are coping with high prices, debt, and other daily financial demands. If you would like to donate to our loan fund, help prepare the breakfast, or simply want more information, please contact ministry coordinator, Selvi Roy at selviroy@chalice.ca, or the parish office.

(May 22-25 & May 29-Jun 01) Cursillo Retreat There will be a Men's weekend - May 22-25, and Women's weekend - May 29-Jun 01 at St Michael's Basilica in Miramichi N.B. If anyone is interested please contact John Aubey 506-624-3431 or Gerry Newell 902-893-9733

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