



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 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday



" Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen yet have come to believe.."

John 20.29

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

In 1931, a young Polish nun named Faustina Kowalska saw Jesus appear with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. He asked that an image of his divine mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter Sunday, which had long been associated with the final day of the Octave of Easter. On April 28, 1935—nearly exactly ninety years ago—Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated for the first time with a completed painting of her vision of the merciful Lord. In 2000, Saint John Paul II decreed that this feast be made official worldwide. Today, with hearts filled with Easter joy, we offer our prayer of praise and thanksgiving for God's mercy.

MASS ES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Maxima Loyola

Tuesday, 12:15 pm † Carmelina Berardi; † Charlie Gloade

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Vince Gillis; † Ambri White

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Mark Yuri Stephens

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Sylvester Saniga ; † Jileen Julien

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Donald McDonald

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Barbara W.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

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

Sunday

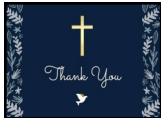
9:00 am - Immaculate Conception, Truro

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



Thank You. Fr Jim, Fr Andrew, Fr Phil and Deacon Wilf thank each and every one of you for the many greetings, cards and tokens for this Easter. It is a joy and great blessing for us to serve you, the People of God. Let us continue to build what is beautiful, the kingdom of God, together.

May is a month we traditionally honor our Blessed Mother. We are encouraged to ask for her intercession by praying the Rosary individually, in our families or in our church. All are welcome to join us at any of the following times before the regularly scheduled Masses:

- Friday at 11:40am at Immaculate Conception (as well as Sunday through the year at 8:20am)
- Saturday at 3:40pm at St Michael
- Sunday at 9:45am at St Kateri



Monthly Prayer Intentions



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

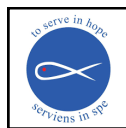
Previous Week's Collection was: ICC = \$5360.80; St. Bridget's = \$700.00

St. Michael's = \$380.95; Sacred Heart= \$790.65; St. Kateri = \$338.75; Good Friday =\$2729.60

Capital= \$115.00



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, our formal process of learning and rituals for entry into our Catholic Church. As we welcome our newest member, Jessica, from our Easter Vigil, we also invite others. Do you know of anyone who may be interested in discerning membership in our beloved Church? The process is joyful and informative and it encourages discernment right up to the Vigil, therefore, entering the process is not an irreversible commitment to become Catholic, but a commitment that may develop. Please contact our Parish Office to inquire.

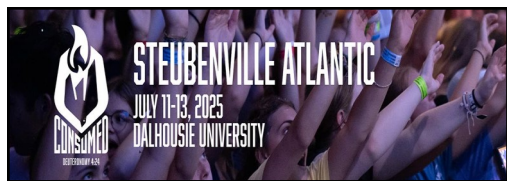


Treasurer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Immaculate Conception after several years of service, the treasurer is stepping down and our conference is seeking the assistance of a volunteer to join our Executive in this capacity. Interested parishioners should contact **Dave Mahoney at 902 956 0395**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



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.halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic>

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."

FFF Important Upcoming Events (mark your calendar):

CANCELLED – First Holy Eucharist Retreat !! - unfortunately, we have had to cancel Saturday's Retreat. See you at class on Sunday. Super important to be there:)

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

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

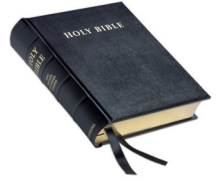
Catechism Classes

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

Youth - (grade 6 and up) - Mondays - 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Next class is 28 April. Bring your Ministries Journal, Bible and Chosen Book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(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.

Prayer Ministries in our Parish. Listed are the times and locations. Please join us at any of them throughout the year:

- St. Michael Wednesday 7pm
- St. Bridget Friday 11:00 am
- St. Kateri meet in homes
- Sacred Heart meet in homes

Immaculate Conception has the following:

- Daily Masses
- Sunday Rosary 8:20am
- Tuesday for Parish Intercessory Prayers 12:45pm
- Thursday Bible Study 10am
- Thursday 10am-noon and 7:30 pm to 8 pm for silent adoration
- Thursday 2 pm for men
- Friday Rosary 12:45 pm



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