



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 6, 2025
5th Sunday of Lent



"Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one sir." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

John 8. 7-11

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Even as the Israelites recall their rescue from Egypt, Isaiah pleads with them to notice that God has rescued them once again, leading them out of the desert of exile. Paul confesses to the Philippians that his faith in the Lord is more important than anything else he has. In the Gospel, Jesus saves the life of the adulterous woman, rescuing her from certain execution and giving her a new chance at life by forgiving her. Truly, as we sing in the psalm, the Lord has done great things for us.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Elizabeth Ann Nevin

Tuesday, 12:15 - † Julie Langille ; † Charlie Gloade

Wednesday, 12:15 - † Wadi El-Kouri; † Tracey Knight **Note Change in time. See announcements.**

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

Friday, 12:15pm -† Beatrice Reid; † Magdalene Martin

Saturday, 4:00 pm - † Vince Gillis

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Wadi El-Kouri

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

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.

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, 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 = \$3882.60; St. Bridget's = \$621.25 ; St. Michael's = \$210.00; Sacred Heart= \$723.90; Capital= \$80.00

March PARS= ICC= \$6552.00; St. Bridget's = \$240.00; St. Michael's= \$370.00

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!"



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.

Ministry of the Altar Servers. This ministry is looking for young men and women willing to serve the Lord in his Holy Altar. Are you a Baptized Catholic aged 10 to 17? A resident of the parish? Willing to give time for serving and for scheduled meetings, recollections and parish based on-going formation programs? If interested, please contact our office to inquire or register .



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.



Treasurer for the St. Vincent de Paul After several years of service the treasure for the St. Vincent de Paul in Immaculate Conception 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.

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>

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

Family Mass - 9 am Sunday, 6 April. 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:)

FFF Classes - Next gathering is Sunday, 6 April after 9 am Mass.

Youth Night - Mondays - 6:30 - 8:30 pm Bring your Ministries Journal, Bible and Chosen Book (for those who have it).

!!! Volunteers needed or may be cancelled !!! 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. Practices are Tuesday nights starting 8 April and again 15 April – 6:00 - 8:00 pm. All ages are welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sundays during 9 am Mass.

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

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 6) 5th Sunday of Lent and Solidarity Sunday, Catechumens celebrate the Third Scrutiny along with Presentation of the Our Father and Book of the Gospels.

(April 5&6) ICLA Annual Monsignor Martin Bake Sale: Will be held **Saturday, April 5th and Sunday April 6th**, after each Mass. Donations of Baked goods will be gratefully accepted on **Saturday April 5th** starting at 12pm. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. Money raised will go towards the Bursary to a student from our parish.



(Apr 9) Wed 7pm Mass is moved to 12:15pm. Priests are away in Amherst assisting with their Day of Reconciliation.

(April 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!



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

(April 15) Bus for Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 15 at Noon in St Mary's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to this significant celebration with Archbishop Dunn and all Clergy. We are **open to organizing a bus** for parishioners to and from the Mass to ease the travel and parking arrangements. The subsidized fee is \$15.00 per person or \$35.00 for a family. Please advise Trish at our office if you are interested. **"This trip is considered a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage"**



(April 18) Candle Light Prayer 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.



(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.

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