



# *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!



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image from  
Immaculate  
Conception  
Church  
Truro NS

## *June 1, 2025*

### *Ascension of the Lord*

### *World Communications Day*



"I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Luke 24.49

### Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

On this special day, we celebrate twin milestones: Jesus' ascension from earth to heaven and the commissioning of the disciples. Before Jesus left them, he told his disciples to preach in his name to all the nations, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Then his apostles saw him lifted up and out of their sight, never to return in bodily form until the end of time. As his disciples, let us carry on the mission of the first apostles, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide us and empower us to be witnesses to the world of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

### **MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church**

Monday, 7:00 pm - Fr. Andrew's 44th Anniversary of his Ordination

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Holy Souls; † Doreen Knockwood

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Tracey Knight;  
† Sandra Ollerenshaw

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Special Intentions

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Socrates Ariosa;  
† Wayne Christopher Ollerenshaw

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Margaret Dwyer

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Judith MacDougall

### **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

**Seminarian** Please continue to welcome Morgan Wilson, one of our four seminarians, who will often be with us on Saturdays even though placed at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica for the summer. At the end of the summer Archbishop Dunn will be at our parish to install him as a Lector. Praise God for his goodness and pray Morgan's formation will be fruitful to its end.

**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.



**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.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation** :30 mins prior to weekday Masses or by appointment.

### **Monthly Papal Prayer Intention for June.**



Monthly Prayer Intentions

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



**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, July 25th** 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 = \$3220.90; St. Bridget's = \$555.00

St. Michael's = \$255.00; Sacred Heart= \$566.00; St. Kateri = \$198.00; Santacruzian = \$340.65

Capital= \$139.00



**The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund** was established to accept donations from 73 Catholic Dioceses across the country, and to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives, fulfilling the \$30 million financial commitment made by Canada's Bishops in September 2021. The fund seeks to support projects that are determined locally, in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners. The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund has established the following criteria for grant applications;

- Healing and reconciliation for communities and families;
- Culture and language revitalization;
- Education and community building; and
- Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture.



The fund has been designed to meet the highest standards of transparency and good governance and is overseen by a Board of Directors made up of Indigenous leaders.

For more information go to [www.irfund.ca](http://www.irfund.ca).



**Website** We are forming a small group to review/revise/update the parish website. Suggestions for what could/should be featured on the website to make it welcoming and informative are needed and no computer expertise is required. If you have an interest in helping with this project, please contact our office to leave your contact information.

### **Youth Events**



#### **Registration for Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference**

**Only 4 spots available now.** Time to register! July 11-13, 2025 @ Dalhousie University. Chaperones attend and we experience the weekend together as a group!

### **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):**

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - Saturday, 31 May @ 4 pm Mass. Keep our youth in your prayers please as they continue to prepare. Archbishop Brian Dunn is presiding.

**Family Mass** - Will resume in the Fall. Although, anyone interested in remaining involved in a monthly Mass ministry may contact the Parish Office to sign up.

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

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

### **Catechism Classes**

**FFF Classes** - Will resume in the Fall (biweekly after 9 am Mass).

**Youth** - (grade 6 and up) - Mondays - 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Will continue until the end of May.



**Parking.** Dear Parishioners, by the grace of God, the number of worshipers in our churches has increased. In Truro, this is also noticed by demand for parking. Our neighbours at First United on Lorne St. have noticed their lot has become unavailable for their Sunday morning worship service. Please therefore, do not park in their church lot.

On our part, we are preparing to add parking spots on our gravel lot immediately available to us on ICC property.

Finally, we urge parishioners to not park in exit/emergency lanes on ICC and other properties.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

**(June 7&8) Significant Wedding Anniversary** Are you celebrating your 5th, 10th, etc., to 50th, and certainly any year following 55th? We'll offer a special prayer at our weekend Masses to recognize the gift of marriage. The Knights of Columbus have graciously agreed to provide a token gift to each couple.

**(June 8) ICLA meeting** is June 8th/25 at 2pm. **It is a potluck.** Next meeting will be in Sept.



**(June 14) LOBSTER-HAM Dinner by the Knights of Columbus** Tickets will go on sale starting the weekend of **May 17th** after each Mass in Campbell Hall. Lobster tickets are \$28.00 and Ham are \$14.00.



**(June 14) A Halifax March for Life** is organized by Campaign Life Coalition Nova Scotia (CLC NS) on June 14. At 1 PM, Marchers will walk from the meeting point of St. Mary's Cathedral on Spring Garden Rd. to outside Province House where we will peacefully witness to the dignity and humanity of preborn children and pray for an end to abortion. For those 29 and under, they are also hosting a **Pro-Life Youth Summit that morning from 10:00-12:00**, with lunch provided afterwards, and culminating in the March for Life. The event will be focused on the role of social media in the pro-life movement, and how to approach men and women who have a history with abortion. Their guest speakers are Shania Fernandes, a former CLC intern and UN delegate who has experience in using social media to advance the pro-life message, and Madison Gorham, a university student and volunteer with Project Rachel, a post-abortion healing ministry. If any youth wish to attend this event, we ask that they RSVP to [ruth@campaignlifecoalition.com](mailto:ruth@campaignlifecoalition.com). Tickets are \$35 for a single person. Our parish will fund this cost for those wishing to attend.

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