



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!

May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

*World Day of Prayer for
Vocations*



""My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. The Father and I are one.

John 10.27-30

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

How appropriate it is to celebrate Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday on the same day! Many of us are fortunate to have mothers who have cared for us, comforted us, and protected us, much as shepherds do for their flocks. A mothers' love is an example of the Good Shepherd's love for each of us. Let us give thanks for all those who have mothered us and shepherded us throughout our lives.

MASS ES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception ChurchMonday, 7:00 pm - **No Mass** **Priests on Retreat**Tuesday, 12:15 pm **No Mass**Wednesday, 7:00 pm - **No Mass**Thursday, 7:00 pm- **No Mass**Friday, 12:15 pm- **No Mass**

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Margaret Dwyer

Sunday, 9:00 am - Richard & Sophia W.

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

Holy Rosary May is a month we traditionally honor our Blessed Mother. Scripture, Catholic teaching, personal testimonies, and Marian prayer—including the rosary—provide a renewed appreciation of Mary's place in today's world, where she, as always, points the way to Christ. Please ask for her intercession by praying the Rosary individually, in our families or in our church. In our churches, all are welcome to join us at any of the following times before the regularly scheduled Masses:

- Friday at 12:45 at Immaculate Conception (as well as Sunday through the year at 8:20am)
- Saturday at 3:30pm at St Michael
- Sunday at 9:45am at St Kateri



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.



Monthly Prayer Intentions

Monthly Papal Prayer Intention for May. For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



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 = \$3894.65; St. Bridget's = \$375.00

St. Michael's = \$400.00; Sacred Heart= \$479.50;

Capital= \$845.00



All the Faithful Called to Pray for Conclave While we may have a new Pope by Sunday, we are invited to pray for the Conclave and for the new Pope. The Conclave (from the Latin cum clavis, meaning "with key") began Wednesday May 7th with 133 Cardinals from across the world to elect a new Pope. This time, which mirrors the time spent by the disciples in the Upper Room awaiting the Holy Spirit, is marked by constant prayer and discernment for God's will. However, it's not just up to the Cardinals to pray. All the faithful are invited to invoke the Holy Spirit "so that we may elect a worthy pastor of the entire flock of Christ." Therefore, please add the Cardinals, the new Pope, and the whole church to your prayers in the coming days.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) has created a website with resources to guide us as we pray:

In English: www.cccb.ca/about/apostolic-nunciature/pope-francis/the-election-of-a-new-pope

In French: www.cecc.ca/a-propos/la-nonciature-apostolique/pape-francois/pour-lelection-du-nouveau-pape



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):

Congratulations - Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist - Congrats to all the individuals who received Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist last Sunday (4 May). It was a joyous occasion and one they will not forget. It's just the beginning of their new-found walk with Jesus. Let us rejoice with them and encourage them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist as much as they can. Alleluia!

MEGA THANK YOU to all catechists, parents, Sunday social volunteers, choirs, other Mass ministries, Parish staff, Fr. Jim and Fr. Andrew and all who worked behind the scenes to ensure that the First Holy Eucharist celebration on 4 May was a success. Thank you also to the Parish community for your love, support and prayers! You are appreciated!

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

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.

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.



LOBSTER-HAM Dinner by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday June 14th. 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(May 11) Mother's Day will be recognized in each of our churches. We are grateful for our mothers and grand mothers, for Mother Mary and for Mother Church in their many gifts of nurture and selfless giving upon each of us. We include in our prayers all expectant mothers that your giving life to a new human will bring many blessings upon you both and that you will receive the care and health for a safe and joyful delivery.



(May 11-16) All priests will be away from Monday to Friday, May 11 to 16 for their annual Priests Retreat. Please pray for our priests and their ministry in the mission of Jesus Christ.

(May 11-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. **Sundays at 10:30 am** following Mass and Reception on **May 11, 18, 25 Veritas Room**.

(May 17&18) New Members Social Welcome to our recently registered families, anyone new and those considering us as their parish. You're invited to visit with Fr Jim and Carol Matthews following our May 17&18 Weekend Masses. We want to welcome you while you get to know other parishioners. We'll also share a little bit about what we envision for our parish. Please join us following 4pm Saturday or 9am Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.



(May 22) A Halifax March for Life is organized by Campaign Life Coalition Nova Scotia (CLC NS) on May 22. 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. Tickets are \$35 for a single person. Our parish will fund this cost for those wishing to attend.



(May 24) Traditional Latin Mass will be celebrated at St Agnus Church, 6903 Mumford Rd. Halifax. The Mass is at 1030am on Saturday, May 24 with Fr John Kodet, FSSP. All are invited to experience this form of Mass used until Vatican II in the 1960's. It's also referred to as the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, or as the Tridentine Mass, being codified by the Council of Trent in 1570. This older Roman Rite was superseded by our current Rite, Ordinary Form (Novus Ordo) which uses modern languages. Note, that being a Saturday morning celebration, it is not considered as a replacement for our regular Sunday Mass obligation.

(May 25) SANTACRUZAN and FLORES de MAYO. In its second year, a Filipino Catholic tradition will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church on **Sunday May 25, 2025** with a 3:00 pm rosary, 4:00pm mass and **Santacruzán** street procession followed by a "Salo-Salo", an evening potluck meal of traditional Filipino food. **All are welcome!**

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