



# *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 18, 2025* *5th Sunday of Easter*



"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13.34-35

### **Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy**

Spring can be a delight for our senses. We see trees starting to bud, flowers poking their heads out of the ground, and grass turning a lovely shade of green. We hear migrating birds and feel the warm sun on our faces. God's words in Revelation seem especially apt: "Behold, I make all things new." Much as we can behold spring making all things new, when God raised Jesus, freeing our lives from sin and death, we too were made brand new. Let us give thanks to God for continually renewing our world and our lives.

**MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church**

Monday, 7:00 pm - † F.X. Doyle

Tuesday, 12:15 pm † Sr. Anne Gillis ; † Sally Gillis

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - James Whalen; † Judith MacDougall

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Martin Whelen

Friday, 12:15 pm- Camilla and David Mahoney

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Margaret Dwyer

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

**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 = \$4357.45; St. Bridget's = \$505.00

St. Michael's = \$215.00; Sacred Heart= \$767.30; St. Kateri = \$297.90

Capital= \$275.00



**Are you at least 16 years old? Are you or will you soon be fully installed in the RC Church?**

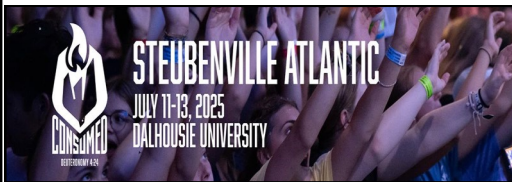
Do you strive to live the Gospel message in your daily life? Have you ever thought about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)? We are all called to be in the presence of Christ, and your willingness to serve as an EMHC reflects not only a response to your baptismal call to serve the people of God, but a commitment to Christ as you share in the preaching, teaching and leading aspects of the church.



**We are looking for volunteers as EMHCs**, If you are interested, please call the EMHC Coordinator, Jane Allen at 902-843-0269.

**E-Transfers Are Accepted**- If you would like to send your donations by sending an e-transfer you can send your donation to [office@icctruro.org](mailto:office@icctruro.org). Thank you for your continued generosity!

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**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.

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

**(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 19) The Parish Office is closed.** On Monday May 19th the office will be closed to observe Victoria Day.

**(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](mailto: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!**

**(June 7&8) Significant Wedding Anniversary** Are you celebrating your 5th, 10th, etc., to 55th, 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 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.



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