



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 25, 2025
6th Sunday of Easter



"Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

John 14.27

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

As we continue this glorious Easter season, we approach the solemnity of the Ascension, marking Jesus' ascent from this earth to be with the Father in heaven forever. In John's account of the Last Supper, Jesus, knowing that his time here was short, prepared the disciples for the future. He specifically promises to leave them with two gifts: his peace and the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks for the peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit, two incomparable gifts which nearly two thousand years later we have been given as well.

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm 40th Wedding Anniversary Hector &

Maggie Romero

Tuesday, 12:15 pm Irma Delia & Eduardo Alvarez

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † John & Kay Brennan

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Yolilio Montesa

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Alice Swan; † Holy Souls

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Gary O'Neill

Sunday, 9:00 am -† Julianne Mukankundiye

WEEKEND MASSES**Saturday**

4:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

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

Sunday

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception, Truro

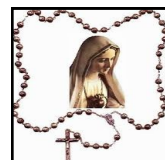
10:00 am - St. Kateri, Indian Brook

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 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.

Seminararian 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.



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 = \$3442.75; St. Bridget's = \$425.00

St. Michael's = \$166.15; Sacred Heart= \$403.00; St. Kateri = \$68.00 Capital= \$139.00

April PAR= ICC=\$6207.00; St. Bridget's= \$100.00; St. Michael's = \$370.00



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.



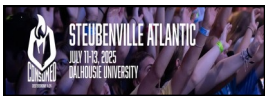
We are looking for volunteers as EMHCs, If you are interested, please call the EMHC Coordinator, Jane Allen at 902-843-0269.

"St. Vincent de Paul Society sends a big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the bake sale last weekend. With your support from baking sweets, buying treats and donations, we raised over \$1,000.00 to help those in need in our community. God bless you all!"



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:

(May 25, June 1, June 8) "Our Story" The Bible is our story of salvation, and it is both inspirational and educational. This series is made up of 3 – 1 ½ hours sessions (video and discussion) to introduce or re-acquaint interested and curious adults with the general makeup of the Bible and the Catholic approach to it. Join us for three consecutive Sundays at 10:30 am following Mass and Reception in the Veritas Room opposite the Parish Office. Bring your own Bible, as well as some will be available to use.



(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.



(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. Tickets are \$35 for a single person. Our parish will fund this cost for those wishing to attend.

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