



# *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 4, 2025*  
*3rd Sunday of Easter*



" When you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will fasten the belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go. Follow me."

John 21.18-19

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

In the days and weeks that followed the Resurrection, the risen Lord kept appearing to his disciples when and where they least expected: in a locked room in Jerusalem, on the road to Emmaus, on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. Each time, it took a while for them to recognize him. We often fail to recognize him as well, even though we know he continues to appear in our midst today. Whether in the person in need, in God's word, in the Eucharist, or in each other, let us be reminded that he continues to offer his presence to us every day.

### **MASS ES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church**

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Vince Gillis

Tuesday, 12:15 pm Murray MacIntyre ; † Tracey Knight

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - **Requiem Mass for Pope Francis**

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † The Chisholm's

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Gordon Weatherby; † Barb Paul

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Margaret Dwyer

Sunday, 9:00 am - † Gerard MacDonald

### **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

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 11:40am 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



#### **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.



**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.



**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 = \$5457.75; St. Bridget's = \$626.00

St. Michael's = \$105.00; Sacred Heart= \$625.90; St. Kateri = \$410.60

Capital= \$75.00



First Communion this weekend at 9am Sunday Mass. Congratulations to our young Communicants. Physically receiving Jesus body in their young bodies begins a lifetime of forming them into the Christians our Father in heaven has planned for them. May we all become Christ like with personal prayer and frequent consumption of Holy Communion.



Condolences on the death of Pope Francis. We are grateful for the many of our friends and neighbours who have expressed sorrow. In particular are two warm letters from our brothers and sisters at the churches of First United and Immanuel Baptist (in our office for viewing). As the deaths of family often does, our unity as a people becomes apparent. Thanks be to God and may Francis's soul rest in peace.



**Treasurer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Immaculate Conception** after several years of service, the treasurer 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.



Knights of Columbus thank everyone who participated in the project, 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent. You contributed 247 lbs of food and a \$125.00 donation to our local food bank.

**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](mailto: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.halifaxyarmouth.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."*

### **FFF Important Upcoming Events (mark your calendar):**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist** - 4 May @ 9 am Mass.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - Saturday, 31 May @ 4 pm Mass



**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Sundays during 9 am Mass (except 1st Sunday of the month).

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

### **Catechism Classes**

**Youth** - (grade 6 and up) - Mondays - 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Next class is 5 May. Bring your Ministries Journal, Bible and Chosen Book.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

**(May 7)** Our parish will join other parishes around the world in having a **Requiem Mass for Pope Francis at 7pm on Wednesday**. Please come to celebrate his Pontificate and the repose of his soul.

**(May 10&11) Carnations for Sale!** The Ladies' Auxiliary will be selling carnations to be placed on the altar, in memory of Mothers' on Mother's Day weekend. Red carnations for living, pink for deceased, at a cost of \$3.00 each. Auxiliary members will be selling the carnations before the 4:00 pm and 9:00 am Masses. Cassandra Armsworthy will arrange the flowers on the altar along with a book containing all the Mothers' names.



**(May 10&11) St. Vincent de Paul Society Mother's Day Bake Sale** - Come buy some sweet treats to celebrate Mother's Day and to help those in need; after 4 pm mass on Saturday (May 10) and 9 am mass on Sunday (May 11). Bakers, please have your goodies delivered prior to mass each day. Call Della Fougere (902-893-8481) for further information. Thank you all for your support!



**(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. Available on **Tuesdays at 2 pm and 7 pm, April 29, May 6 and May 13, and Sundays at 10:30 am** following Mass and Reception on **May 11, 18, 25 Veritas Room**.



**(May 17) New Members Social** Welcome are 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 June 7th and 8th 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 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, 4:00 pm mass and **Santacruzán** street procession followed by a "Salo-Salo", an evening potluck meal of traditional Filipino food.

Introduced by the Spaniards in the Philippines, May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mother in her title "Queen of Flowers." The Mayflower festival known as "Flores de Mayo", (Flowers of May), a devotion of floral offerings, Marian songs in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary culminates in the **SANTACRUZAN**, a colorful vibrant procession, where young women called **"Reynas"** Queens in gowns representing images of the Blessed Virgin Mother and biblical figures escorted by young boys (**"Constantinos"**) clad in Filipino attire, "Barong Tagalog" parade on street to reenact the story of how Queen Empress Helena or "Reyna Elena", mother of young Emperor King Constantine the Great uncovered the Holy Cross in which Jesus Christ was crucified. It is an effective way for the younger generation of the Catholic faithful to be catechized in this traditional Filipino pageant. **All are welcome!**

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