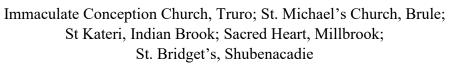


Immaculate Conception Parish

With the Churches of:





Welcome Everyone!

A special welcome to new parishioners and visitors to our Parish!

August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Luke 12.15

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

"You can't take it with you." It's a reminder that the wealth we accumulate in this world does not transfer to the next. While there is a useful place for wealth in our secular society, this saying often implies that you should spend your wealth now while you can enjoy it, but our faith demands that we look at wealth differently. Too much emphasis in building or spending material wealth can easily distract us from what is truly important. As disciples of Christ, let us lift our hearts and raise our voices to God, who is the source of our true wealth.

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Cletus Doucet

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Mary Rogers; † Doreen Knockwood

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Nancy Manahan ; † Jileen Julien

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Sarah "Ting" Boutilier

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Walter Sawlor ;† Gordon Weatherby

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Margaret Dwyer

Sunday, 9:00 am -† Donna MacNeil

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



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.

<u>Becoming Catholic</u> Have you considered journeying into the Catholic Faith? RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of learning about Jesus Christ and possibly formally joining the Church he founded. Consider having greater unity with your spouse and family, taking a step in your faith journey or celebrating missing



sacraments, etc. Please contact our office or complete a Welcome Card and hand it in at any Mass.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for ***August***

For mutual coexistence, let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Parish Jubilees 2025 Please see the linked 10-minute video which explains the upcoming Parish Jubilees in the Fall of 2025: https://youtu.be/l4HTVgwYKIA Diocesan and parish Jubilees in the fall of 2025 are from September through December, parishes will host four Jubilee events, each focused on one of the diocese's pastoral priorities: Catechesis (September 21), Evangelization (October 19), Social Justice (November 16), and Liturgy (December 7). These dates may be adjusted slightly to accommodate the needs of individual parishes. Each event will include liturgical elements such as blessings and commissioning for those involved in ministries related to that month's theme. In addition, parishes will gather for reflection through video presentations and other materials developed collaboratively by the diocese and the local parish community.



<u>Baptism Preparation</u>: 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, September 26th** 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.

<u>Marriage Preparation</u>: 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 = \$3949.90;St. Michael's = \$251.60

Sacred Heart= \$287.90; St. Bridget's = \$490.00

Capital= \$165.00





<u>Sign up for EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network)</u>. This Catholic Network began in 1981, with a \$200 investment, a makeshift studio in Irondale, Alabama monastery garage and one on air personality, Mother Angelica herself! EWTN, now the largest Catholic media network in the world, reaches more than 380 million TV homes in 145 countries and territories, and draws millions more to its online resources, radio networks and publications. What hasn't changed

since that first broadcast in the mission with Mother Angelica and EWTN, to spread the eternal word of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. They may be accessed on television (Cable companies charge a nominal \$3.00 fee) or online for free. To enjoy their programming, contact your TV provider or download their app from an app store.

<u>Pastoral Care.</u> By the Grace of God we have the essential ministry of bringing Communion to shut-ins. However, additional members are needed to meet the need of this ministry. Is our Lord calling you to serve in this heart moving ministry? Please contact John Aubey for more details. (506) 624-3431.





<u>Fundraiser for Evangelization Events</u>!!! We are now accepting donations of your refundables. The account is set up at the Subway Bottle Exchange, 25 Pictou Rd. to offset the cost of activities planned for evangelization events. For your convenience your cans, bottles etc. can be left in the blue bin at the Campbell Hall entrance of ICC. Thank you!!

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."

<u>Family Mass</u> - 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 Sunday **September 21st** and will continue biweekly after the 9 am Mass.

Registration - You can register now for the Fall session. We have an early bird special \$40.00 (there are family discounts) for all classes until August 30th. After August 30th the cost will be \$50.00. Register online or at the registration table at Sunday social starting July 27th. If you have any questions please contact Bella at icp.familyfaithformation@gmail.com.

Youth - (grade 6 and up) - Will resume in the Fall.

Please contact the Parish if financial assistance is needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Aug 4) Office closed Monday for Heritage Day. Have a safe day with family and friends as we celebrate and are grateful for all we have inherited from previous generations.

(Aug 3 & 6) Altar Server Meeting. On Sunday Aug. 3rd at 10:30 and Wednesday Aug 6th at 7:30, all aspiring altar servers and their parents are invited to come to this meeting for information in our upcoming program and training. Jake Erediano, the leader of this ministry, will be there to answer any questions or concerns. Hope to see you all there!



(Aug 9 & 10) New Members Welcome. We invite our recently registered families, anyone new and those considering us as their parish. You're invited to visit with Fr Jim and Bella Rochon following our weekend Masses. We want to welcome you while you get to know other parishioners. We'll also share a little about what we envision for our parish. Please join us following 4pm Saturday or 9am Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.



(Aug. 12) Pray and Paint night. Come join us in Campbell Hall for our second pray and paint night Tuesday August 12th from 6:30-9pm. Art supplies and snacks will be provided. All ages welcome. To register email evangelization.iccp@gmail.com or contact the office.



(Aug. 14) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be a vigil celebration at 7pm at ICC.30 minutes of Adoration will follow. Note, there is no Mass on Friday due to Priests celebrating at the Basilica.

(Aug 15) No Mass Friday at ICC. Rather, the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, our Diocesan Feast Day, will be celebrated at noon at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Parishioners are warmly invited to join our clergy at this Solemnity Mass.

(Aug.21-23) Vacation Bible School All youth ages 5-12 are invited to attend the Vacation Bible School here at ICC.It will be in Campbell Hall August 21-23 from 8am-12pm. Join Bella for faith based learning, music, games and crafts. To register please contact Bella at evangelization.icc@gmail.com or call the office.



(Sept. 21) FFF Classes - Will resume Sunday September 21st and will continue biweekly after the 9 am Mass. You can register now for the Fall session. We have an early bird special \$40.00 (there are family discounts) for all classes until August 30th. After August 30th the cost will be \$50.00. Register online or at the registration table on Sunday. If you have any questions please contact Bella at icp.familyfaithformation@gmail.com



(Sept. 23) Alpha Series starts! Tuesday September 23rd we will start our next Alpha series. We hope you'll join us in this opportunity to discover the meaning of life and how Jesus fits into it through discussions and video. You can also enjoy a meal and have a chance to make new friends! The series runs on Tuesday nights from 6-8 until December 9th. You can register online at www.icctruro.org/alpha or fill out a registration form that are located at the church entrances. Come join us and bring a friend!



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