



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!



July 20, 2025 *16th Sunday in Ordinary* *Time*

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10.41

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Friends, today our prayer is that we will continue to welcome Christ into your hearts. We do not know when, where, or how our Lord will come to us. He could appear as a stranger, as someone in need whom we have never met before. Or maybe we'll encounter Jesus in a dream, while in deep reflection, or in prayer. We are assured of encountering him here and now in a number of ways: as an assembly gathered in his name, in the priest celebrating Mass, in each other, in his Word and certainly in the Eucharist, when we receive his Body and Blood. Our readings today remind us that the Lord comes in many ways and we are called to always respond with attention and kindness, listening attentively and prayerfully.

Stained glass image from Immaculate Conception Church Truro NS

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Special Intention

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Geraldine Brooks

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

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Gaudet Family

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Special Intention; † Martin Whelan

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



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.



St. Michael's Prayer Group has changed their prayer group's day and time. It was on Wednesday's at 7pm and has been changed to **Sunday's at 3pm** at the church. All are welcome.



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

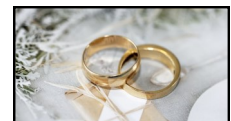
For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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.



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, July 25th** 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.



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COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was: ICC = \$2988.80; St. Michael's = \$227.00
Sacred Heart= \$580.40; St. Bridget's = \$775.00; St. Kateri = \$84.15
Capital= \$165.00



Sign up for EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network). 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.

Pastoral Care. 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



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. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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."

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).

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) - Mondays - 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Will resume in the fall.

Please contact the Parish if financial assistance is needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(July 23) St Bridget of Sweden Feast Day, a Wednesday this year. (2025) (c. 1303 – 23 July 1373). She was a Swedish widow, mystic, saint, and the founder of the Bridgettines. Outside Sweden, she was also known as the Princess of Nericia and was the mother of Catherine of Vadstena. Bridget is one of the six patron saints of Europe, together with Benedict of Nursia, Cyril and Methodius, Catherine of Siena and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. (Credit: Wikipedia). We'll offer a special prayer for the parishioners of St Bridget at Mass on July 20.



(July 25-31) Visit of Saint Andre Bessette This summer the Archdiocese will host a visit of the reliquary of Saint André Bessette from July 25 to July 31, 2025. Several of our parishes, including St. André Bessette Parish, will host a number of gatherings to offer the opportunity to pray with and venerate the relic. For more details scan the QR code to see the schedule of events.

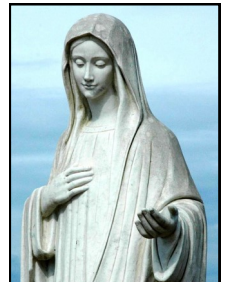


(July 26) Feast of St Anne, Saturday There will be a 2pm Mass at both Indigenous churches to celebrate the grandmother of Jesus. At St Kateri it's preceded by a Novena at 6pm each evening, beginning Sunday, July 16. At Sacred Heart, prayers in their cemetery will follow Mass. All are welcome.



(July 27) Grandparents and the Elderly will be recognized by the church for the fifth consecutive year with the theme "Blessed are those who have not lost hope." The theme, drawn from the Book of Sirach, expresses "the blessedness of the elderly and points to the hope placed in the Lord as the way to a Christian and reconciled old age." Established by Pope Francis in 2021, the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly aims to honour the elderly and their role in families and communities.

(Sept. 6-18) Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Join Spiritual Director Fr. Mark Cherry and Group Leader Rhonda-Lynn Cormier-Clarke on the Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The cost is \$3699.00 per person tax included. The deposit is due now. Spaces and time are limited so book as soon as possible by calling Rhonda-Lynn at 902-448-3660.



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