



# *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!

*August 10, 2025*  
*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks."

Luke 12.35-36

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

Today's selections from scripture celebrate our forebears for their faith. Abraham's faith was willing to sacrifice his beloved son. Centuries later, the Chosen People have faith sufficient to courageously make their escape from bondage. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in his return. In this day and age, for too many it's tough to rely on faith. But this is what God has asked us to do for thousands of years. One day our time on earth will come to an end—or the world itself will come to an end. We should be prepared at all times, just in case. Let us pray that when we gather together each week to worship God with our community of faith, our own faith is strengthened so that we can face our future with hope and resolve.

### **MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church**

Monday, 7:00 pm - † Connor Keaveney

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- Sara MacIntyre ; † Charlie Gloade

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Ron & Claire Martin

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Mark Yuri Stephens

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Socrates Ariosa; † Magdalene Martin

Saturday, 4:00pm - Ali& Fathima Muhammad

Sunday, 9:00 am -† Barry Matthews

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **Saturday**

**4:00 pm** - Immaculate Conception, Truro

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

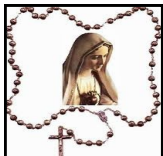
#### **Sunday**

**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.

**Becoming Catholic** 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\*\*\***

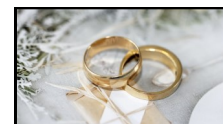
For mutual coexistence, let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**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.



**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, 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.

**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 = \$3500.95; St. Michael's = \$144.75  
Sacred Heart = \$510.40; St. Bridget's = \$470.00; St. Kateri = \$135.00  
Capital = \$730.00



**Fundraiser for Evangelization Events!!!** 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!!



**Nave Alterations.** In 2021, sanctuary and stained glass enhancements were completed at Immaculate Conception Church. We are now considering additional changes, though comparatively minor in cost, to the walls around the nave (pew area). The objectives include improving access to the church, increasing reverence and reducing noise before Mass, increasing opportunities for adoration prayer, relocating the Nativity scene, and enhancing the screen wall. These proposed alterations will be presented in September. Such enhancements are in keeping with the urging of recent Popes to make our churches more appealing to those seeking. What are they seeking? They are seeking the reverence and ancientness of the church, its consistency in rituals and biblical teaching, a hospitable faith community and a place to heal, as in a spiritual hospital Pope Francis spoke of. Benedict XVI spoke in Poland that in a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Pope Leo XIV has emphasized the importance of an "open" and "missionary" church, calling for unity and reconciliation within the Catholic Church and beyond.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.iccp@gmail.com](mailto:evangelization.iccp@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](mailto: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](http://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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