



# *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 24, 2025*  
*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*



"Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

Luke 13.24

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

God reveals to Isaiah that people from far and wide will be welcomed to the holy city, Jerusalem. The psalmist also invites people of every nation to glorify God. Centuries later, Jesus affirms that people from every point of the compass will be welcomed into the kingdom of God. That having been said, getting in is not easy and some will be sent away. May we embrace God's discipline, in the spirit in which it is explained in the second reading today, recognizing that it is offered out of God's great love for us.

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

Monday, 7:00 pm - **NO MASS**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm-† Jileen Julien

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Elie Zoghaib

**Mass of ministries with Arch Bishop Dunn**

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † John Ballard

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Kenneth Patrick Gloade

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Diane Dionne

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.

**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 = \$3097.45 St. Michael's = \$548.00

Sacred Heart= \$614.00 St. Bridget's = \$1080; St. Kateri = \$246.00

Capital= \$220.00



**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 27) Mass of Ministries at 7pm Wednesday** for seminarian Morgan Wilson's reception of the 'Ministry of Lector'. The Archbishop will be presiding and a light reception will follow. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to celebrate with us as we send Morgan off for his third year of seminary. Praise God!

**(Aug 25) IPCA Worldwide Day of Prayer** Every year, the International Prison Chaplains Association holds an international day of prayer for prison ministry around the world on 25 August. This year, our online prayer meeting will be hosted by IPCA Africa's representatives, but we have also produced Day of Prayer resources (currently in English and French) for use with your churches, prisons, prisoners and chaplaincy colleagues. Fr Jim is the part time Chaplain at Nova Institute for Women. Please pray for him and all those in prison ministry, particularly as we strive to develop a Lay ministry there.

<https://www.ipcaworldwide.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Global-Day-of-Prayer-2025.pdf>

<https://www.ipcaworldwide.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Global-Day-of-Prayer-2025French.pdf>

**(Sep 1-5) No Masses on these weekdays** Both Fr Jim and Fr Andrew will be recovering after medical procedures. On weekends we will maintain our Mass schedule with visiting priests, thanks be to God. Later weekday Masses will be assessed pending recovery progress. Please continue to pray for our priest's health and ministry, without which our parish would be severely affected.

**(Sep 1, 2025) Office closed Monday** for Labour Day. Have a safe day with family and friends as we celebrate and are grateful for all we have inherited from the labour of prior generations

**(Sept. 1) Worldwide Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** Started in 1989 by the Orthodox Churches to celebrate the beginning of their liturgical year. It was adopted by Pope Francis for Catholics in 2015, after publication of his *Laudato Si'*. We'll offer special prayers at each of our Masses in the weekend prior. Also, please offer a special prayer as you begin your day by reflecting on the gift and beauty of creation and a resolve to do our part in keeping it beautiful.

**(Sept. 7) Parish Picnic Entertainment** We're looking for kitchen party type entertainment for the annual parish picnic, being held on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2-5 PM in the church parking lot. If you would like to participate, please contact Len Limpert at 902-893-4769 or [len.limpert@eastlink.ca](mailto:len.limpert@eastlink.ca). We are looking for all types of entertainment, including from the various cultural backgrounds that are part of our parish. Performers will have to provide their own musical accompaniment. Hope we'll see you there!

**(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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