



# *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 31, 2025*  
*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14.11

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

This Labour Day weekend we recognize and honor all those who work. There is a dignity in work no matter how humble the task or job may seem or whether it is paid or not, and all who work or who are looking for work are celebrated on Labor Day. As we gather today around the table of the Lord, we hear Jesus teach guests also gathered around a banquet table of the importance of humility. May we approach both our work and the Eucharistic table with humility, recognizing God's grace in making us worthy of both

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

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

Tuesday, 12:15 pm-**NO MASS**

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

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

Friday, 12:15 pm- **NO MASS**

Saturday, 4:00pm - Joe MacLean

Sunday, 9:00 am -† Nathan Archibald

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **Saturday**

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

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

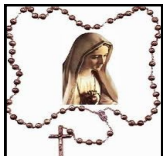
#### **Sunday**

**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.



#### **Rosary for our Priests' Healing**

**Tuesday Sept.2nd at 12:15** followed by Intercessory Prayers and **Friday Sept. 5th** at 12:15 in prayerful support of our priests, specifically for recovery of both Fr. Jim and Fr. Andrew, and for the good health of the visiting priests each weekend. We will offer the Rosary asking Our Lady to intercede for their full and complete healing. All are welcome to join us in person or in your home.



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

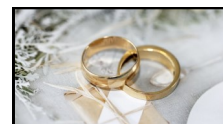
For mutual coexistence, let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**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.



**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 = \$3260.65; St. Michael's = \$285.00

Sacred Heart= \$466.10

Capital= \$60.00



**Social Media** Did you know that our parish has active Instagram and Facebook accounts? Gratefully, Bella Rochon has been hired to lead us not only in FFF, but in Evangelization as well. The latter has her posting parish events to social media. This greatly assists in "getting the word out". You, all parishioners, are invited to join our Instagram and/or Facebook accounts to help share our parish news and to pray that many will come to know our Lord Jesus.

**Follow us on  
Facebook**



**Follow us on  
Instagram**



## 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. **This is the last week for the early bird special \$40.00 (there are family discounts) for all classes.** After August 31st 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 Monday October 6th at 6:30.

Please contact the Parish if financial assistance is needed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

**(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 and our labour for ourselves and future 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.

**(Sep 2) Rosary** There is no Mass, though you are encouraged to visit Immaculate Conception Church at 12:15pm for the Rosary, followed by Intercessory Prayers.

**(Sep 5) First Friday** There is no Mass, though you are encouraged to enter Immaculate Conception Church to reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and ask for the health of our priests' with the Rosary beginning at 12:15pm.

**(Sep 6) First Saturday** There is no Mass, though all are encouraged to pray the Rosary for this Marian devotion asking for specific intercessions from Mary's Immaculate Heart.

**(Sept. 7) Parish Picnic** Our annual Parish picnic is on Sunday Sept. 7th from 2-5. There will be free Hamburgers, hotdogs and treats, games and entertainment.

**(Sept.7) Canonization of Carlo Acutis and Giorgio Frassat** Join Catholics worldwide in celebrating the Canonization of Carlo Acutis and Giorgio Frassati! Watch the Canonization Mass on September 7, 2025, at 4:00 AM AT or the replay at 7:00 PM AT on the EWTN App or at EWTN.com. Let their witness inspire us to use our gifts for Christ's Kingdom.

**(Sept. 10) St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, September 10 at 7:30 pm** in Campbell Hall. All current members are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in joining are especially invited to come to the meeting. We hope to see a lot of people at our gathering!

**(Sept.14) ICLA meeting** The next ICLA meeting will be Sunday Sept. 14th at 2pm in Campbell Hall.

**(Sept. 15) "Happy Harmonies is looking for new members"** who enjoy singing, having fun and experiencing the camaraderie with like minded seniors. It is not necessary to read music and we are currently looking for new women to join our group. Happy Harmonies meets every Monday in the First United Church from one to three. We perform at area nursing homes throughout the year. If this interests you, please contact Valerie Hoegg-Briand at [strangerbaby@icloud.com](mailto:strangerbaby@icloud.com) or Claudette Priddle at [cpridd8@gmail.com](mailto:cpridd8@gmail.com). We plan to have our first rehearsal on Monday, Sept. 15 at one o'clock at First United."

**(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 31st. After August 31st 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/](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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