



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

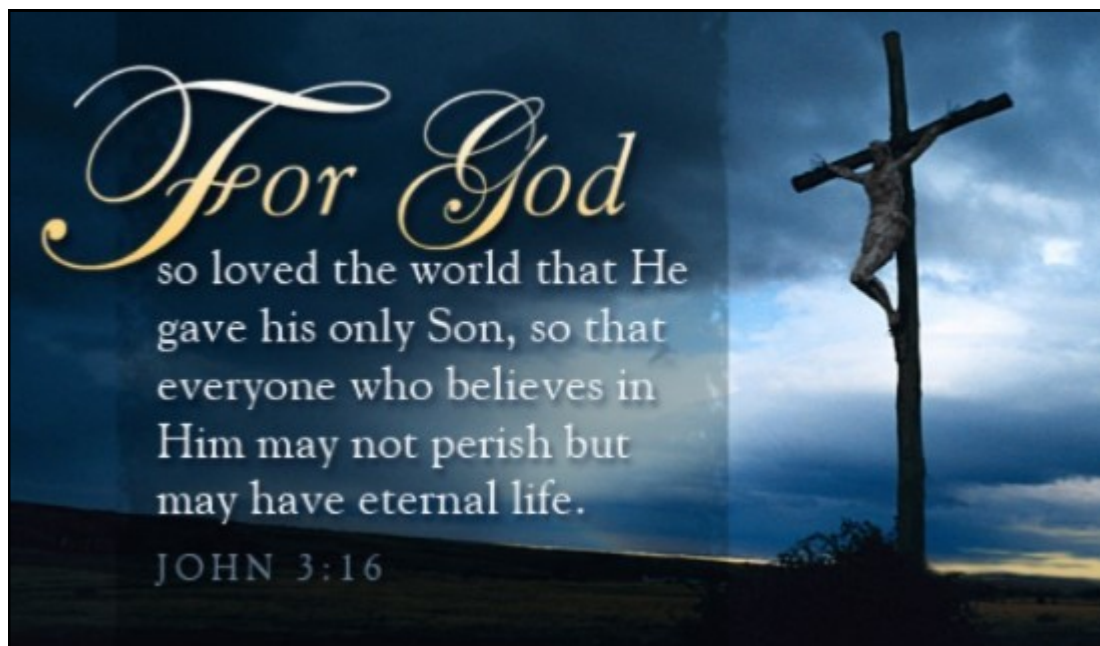


Welcome Everyone!

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

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross



Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

By his crucifixion, Jesus transformed the cross from a profane instrument of execution to a symbol of triumph. Jesus sanctified the cross, making it holy, by sacrificing his life to win our salvation. We exalt the holy cross in a special way today, but we also exalt it every time we make the sign of the cross to express and bear witness to our faith. May the cross be a sign for us of Christ's power to overcome death and give new life.

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

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

Tuesday, 12:15 pm-† Leo Rovers

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Doreen Knockwood

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Special Intention

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Elizabeth Ann Nevin

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Edward S. Phillips

Sunday, 9:00 am -† Sven Peterson

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.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for *September***** **For our relationship with all of creation**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



A prayer for students, volunteers and staff as they make the transition from carefree summer days to school day schedules. May the academic year be filled with many graces, gifts, and blessings! *LET US PRAY ... Almighty God, we thank you for the start of a new school year full of promise! Bless all students with courage and strength to face the challenges that come their way. Help them to make wise decisions that will lead to positive outcomes. Give them patience and perseverance so they can stay focused and not give up when school, work, and relationships get hard. Guide their teachers, school administrators and staff as they navigate the ups and downs of academic life with grace, Godly wisdom, and clarity. Bring peace, joy, and contentment into their lives as they learn. May we all be reminded of the importance of building each other up rather than tearing one another down. Thank you for this new year, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!* (From our diocesan website and an adapted online prayer.)

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 = \$3904.10; Sacred Heart = \$678.25

St. Bridget's = \$ 727.00; St. Michael's = \$385.00; St. Kateri = \$179.65

Capital = \$1000.00



4pm Choir Director, accompanist and members needed. Our two ICC choirs resume rehearsals this month and we need you, especially at our 4pm Mass. Yes, you. God has given each of us gifts to build up the body of Christ. If you can carry a tune and have a heart for worship, your parish needs your voice. You do not need formal training, you simply need to show up with a willing spirit. If you're gifted already and can direct or accompany; your parish needs you. We need all voices, certainly men's. If you're one who sings from the pews but thinks someone else will join instead, think again. We notice when you're not there. Choir is not just about singing. It's about community, commitment, and serving the church in a powerful and prayerful way. If you've ever found yourself leaving Mass humming a hymn, it may be the Holy Spirit trying to get your attention. Don't bury your talent. Come and see what it is like to be part of this ministry. You are welcome and you are needed. Speak with our 9am choir director, Anne Legere (902-814-1502), or contact the parish office to inquire more.



Fall Sessions: Dying with Christ, Living with Hope Join us on Zoom for one of three free three week options to experience Dying with Christ – Living with Hope—a powerful, hope-filled course exploring suffering, grief, dying, and our Christian call to care. Led by theologians and healthcare professionals, this series offers timeless insight into how dying with Christ is attainable for everyone.

Choose the option that works best for your schedule (Atlantic Time): **September 16, 23, & 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

AST October 15, 22, & 29 at 8:00 p.m. AST November 13, 20, & 27 at 7:30 p.m. AST

This series also equips you to bring the program to your church or community and to explain Christian teaching around MAiD.

Register or learn more: cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope-spring-series



Parish Jubilee Gathering: Celebrate Our Mission Together! Join us on **September 21st at 1:00pm at ICC** as we celebrate our parish's role in the Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese of

Halifax-Yarmouth! Each month this Fall we will host a Jubilee on each of the pastoral priorities of the diocese: Catechesis, Evangelization, Social Justice, and Liturgy. September is the Jubilee of Catechesis. This 90-minute gathering will feature inspiring stories, a short video from the diocese, table conversations, and a time to recognize the incredible service of our volunteers. This event's focus is on Catechesis: teaching and deepening our faith. We hope the whole parish can attend and hear our signs of hope in this area, and also contribute to the conversation themselves. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

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 online or contact Bella at 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:

(Sept. 20) Nine-Day Novena with Saint Michael the Archangel, leading up to his Feast day on September 29. As their patron, it'll be celebrated in Brule with a reception following the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, September 27, 2025. Copies of the novena prayers will be available in each church and online through a link attached to our bulletin. <https://mikemorrell.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Saint-Michael-the-Archangel-Novena.pdf>

(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 online or contact Bella at icp.familyfaithformation@gmail.com.

(Sept. 21) Parish Jubilee Gathering: Celebrate Our Mission Together! Join us on **September 21st at 1:00pm at ICC** as we celebrate our parish's role in the Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth! Please see inside for details.

(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!

(Sep 27) St Michael the Archangel, one of our patrons, Feast day is September 29. It'll be celebrated in Brule with a reception following the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, 27th. The name Michael signifies "who is like to God?" And was the war cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Holy Scripture describes St. Michael as "one of the chief princes" and as leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. He has been especially invoked and honored as Patron and Protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called "the Archangel" the Greek Fathers and many others placed him over all the angels - as Prince of the Seraphim.

(Sep 30) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal statutory holiday, provides us with a chance to recognize and commemorate the intergenerational harm that residential schools have caused to Indigenous families and communities, and to honour those who have been affected by injustices. At our normally scheduled 12:15 pm Tuesday, 30th Mass we'll make special mention and offer prayers of reparation and also thanksgiving that our Lord brings goodness from difficulty. Please come and celebrate with us.

(Oct 1) No Mass Tuesday. Fr. Jim will be celebrating Treaty Day at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited for a 10:30 am celebration.

(Oct 3) First Friday we'll celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus during our regularly scheduled Mass.

(Oct 4) First Saturday will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church with 9am Mass and special Marian prayers. Visiting us will be the Diocesan Marian Gathering Ministry. All are invited.

(Oct. 5) Silent Life Chain Save the date, on Oct. 5th there will be a silent Life Chain held on 212 Willow St. near Needs convenience store. This is an opportunity to show your support in valuing all life.

(Oct. 18) 4th Annual Empowered Men's Catholic Conference On Saturday, Oct. 18th join keynote speakers **Fr. James Mallon** and **Fr. Isaac Longworth** at St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Rd. Dartmouth, NS for the 4th Annual Empowered Men's Conference — a full day of **faith, fellowship, and formation** for Catholic men. Events like this are essential for spiritual renewal, helping men grow in their faith, discover their mission in Christ, and strengthen their roles in family and community life. For full details, please see the flyer or visit: www.empoweredccfm.ca.

(Oct 25) Upcoming 4th Annual Pro-Life Conference – October 25, St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Rd. Dartmouth NS: Nova Scotians United for Life invites you to attend their 4th annual Pro-Life Conference, bringing together people from across the province who are passionate about promoting the dignity of life at all stages. This event features dynamic speakers, practical tools, and encouragement for anyone seeking to engage in a positive and life-affirming way. See the flyer on the bulletin board or visit nsul-pr.com for more details.



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