



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 21, 2025

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time



"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much."

Luke 16.10

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

"You cannot serve both God and man," we hear Jesus tell his disciples in today's Gospel. He challenges us to decide where our priorities lie. Which do we spend more time and energy building up: our faith or our wealth? It is difficult to ignore the need for money, if only to have enough to get by, let alone pursuing more so that we can live a comfortable life. But we believe our treasure can be found in the kingdom of God, in which money is irrelevant. May today's liturgy remind us of that truth.

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

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

Tuesday, 12:15 pm-† Gordon Weatherby

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Vera Boudreau

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Special Intention

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Barb Paul

Saturday, 4:00pm - † GBF

Sunday, 9:00 am -† Bill Lake

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

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

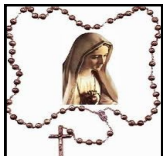
Sunday

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.

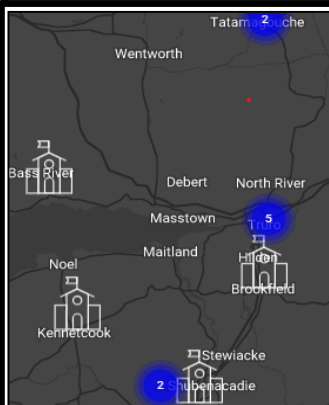
Sacrament of Reconciliation :30 mins prior to weekday Masses or by appointment.



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.



LET US PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS These are extraordinary times. And these
students are extraordinary too. They are a digitally savvy generation who are
inclusive, authentic, and curious. But they are struggling with anxiety and loneliness.
They are looking for hope. Meaning. Purpose. And they are open — one of the most
spiritually open generations in history. Our parish has committed to pray for our
students at CEC, École Acadienne de Truro, Central Colchester Junior High School,
Bible Hill Junior High School, Colchester Christian Academy, Tatamagouche
Regional Academy, Northumberland Christian School, South Colchester
Academy, West Colchester Consolidated School, L'nu Sipuk Kina'muokuum
School, École Secondaire de Clare, Hants East Rural High School. Please join us at
home or at Intercessory prayer meetings at any of our churches.

COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was: ICC = \$4602.50; Sacred Heart= \$603.00

St. Bridget's = \$ 661.00; St. Michael's = \$205.00; St. Kateri= \$89.00

Capital= \$340.00



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.





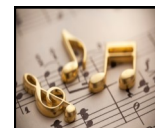
Jubilee Presentation

This Sunday

1pm at ICC



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



Thank you for the many prayers and kind words and gestures for both Frs. Andrew and Jim. We are both blessed to have been sent here to minister in God's love for each of you. We are grateful for your love in return. Thankfully, we are improving, most especially Fr Jim with only minor surgery. He has returned to only a casual level of ministry for the next few weeks. However, Fr. Andrew has more challenges and requires more time. He is certainly determined to return to his ministry. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

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:

(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) Treaty Day Mass at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited for a **9:30 am** celebration. Our regular **7pm** Mass at ICC will also be celebrated.

(Oct 1) Presentation on ICC Nave Alterations is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, following the 7pm Mass. Please come to learn more about the project and share your comments for discussion.

(Oct.2) Bible Study Resumes On Thursday Oct. 2nd at 10am. Join us in the Kinsella room for a bible study on the sermon on the mountain. (Matthew 5-7) chapter by chapter. Very informal and beginners are welcome. For more information you can contact Tony Harvey 902-977-0808.

(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 4) Blessing of the Animals. 1030am on Saturday, October 4, at **Immaculate Conception Church**. This follows the First Saturday celebration at 9am, to which all are invited. The blessing of animals is occurring all over the world on the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that animals are led to churches for a special ceremony. Please bring your pet to the Church at 669 Prince St, Truro for the blessing. It'll be outdoors (weather permitting). At **St Bridget Church** we'll have the blessing following 1130am Sunday Mass, October 5.

(Oct. 5) Silent Life Chain Save the date, on Sunday, 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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