



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 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14.27

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Over the last two thousand years Jesus has been given many titles, from Bread of Life to Our Savior. One of his first titles, going back to when he first stood and proclaimed God's word in the synagogue, is Rabbi, or Teacher. How appropriate to focus on that title on this first Sunday of September, a time of year when millions of young people are returning to school. Today we hear Jesus teach the crowds what it means to be a disciple. May he teach us as well as we gather together in his name.

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

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

Tuesday, 12:15 pm-† Irene Baker

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Simon Mathai

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † John Rundle

Friday, 12:15 pm- † John Cronin

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Barry Matthews

Sunday, 9:00 am -† Charlton Jacob De Guzman

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

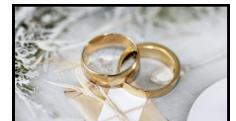
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all
creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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 = \$2798.85; Sacred Heart= \$596.05

St. Bridget's = \$ 520.00; St. Kateri= \$128.00

Capital= \$40.00



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 will be served. Please bring a Wi-Fi-enabled device (phone/tablet) to participate in our interactive activity.

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



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. 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. 9) Weekday Masses restart Tuesday. There is no Mass on Mondays. Thankfully, Fr Jim is well enough to celebrate publically. Keep him and Fr Andrew in your prayers for full recovery. On weekends we will maintain our Mass schedule with visiting priests, thanks be to God.

(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. Dues are now due \$20.00 paid at the meeting or by direct deposit at iclatruro@gmail.com

(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!



(Oct. 5) Silent Life Chain Save the date, on Oct. 5th there will be a silent Life Chain held on 212 Willow St. and 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



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