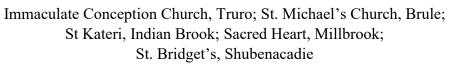


Immaculate Conception Parish

With the Churches of:





Welcome Everyone!

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

November 2, 2025 The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed



'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11. 28-29

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Jesus told his disciples, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Today we mourn all those who have died, especially those we love, those who are close to us. But we indeed are comforted: by our memories of them, by sharing our grief with our loved ones, and by our faith, which tells us that death is not the end. Their souls are in the arms of God, forever comforted from the suffering and hardships they faced in life. Our faith in the Resurrection allows us to be pilgrims of hope in this life, placing our trust in God's love and mercy.

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm - NO MASS

Tuesday, 12:15 pm-† Mary Coady

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Yolilio Montesa

Thursday, 7:00 pm- Fr. Andrew

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Jim Whalen

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Martha MacDonald

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Donna MacInnis

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.



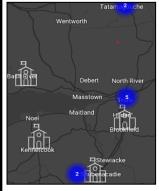
<u>Holy Rosary</u>: In prayerful support of all our ministries, the rosary will be offered before every Sunday 9:00 am Mass, from 8:20 -8:40 am. Everyone is invited to join us. See also the below for October, Mary's month.

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



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for ***November*** For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



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'muokuom School, Riverside Education Centre, École Secondaire de Clare, Hants East Rural High School and Hants North Rural High School. Please join us at home or at Intercessory prayer meetings at any of our churches.

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.



<u>Baptism Preparation</u>: 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, November 28th** 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.

<u>Marriage Preparation</u>: 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 = \$4074.10; Sacred Heart = \$520.00

St. Bridget's = \$ 600.00; St. Michael's = \$430.00; St. Kateri= \$161.00



<u>E-Transfers Are Accepted</u> - If you would like to send your donations by sending an e-transfer you can send your donation to office@icctruro.org. Thank you for your continued generosity!



<u>Multicultural Christmas Concert</u> The Knights of Columbus are planning their second annual Multicultural Christmas Concert for Sunday, **December 7**th, starting at **2:00 PM** in the church. An afternoon of Christmas carols and songs by individuals and groups from within the parish, performing in their native tongues and wearing traditional Christmas dress, along with

traditional Canadian fare will be offered. If you would like to be involved, please contact Len Limpert at len.limpert@eastlink.ca or call 902-893-4769.Let's have an even bigger success than we had last year!



<u>Fundraiser for Evangelization Events</u>!!! 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!!



<u>Coming in January Alpha.</u> We will start our next Alpha series in January 2026. 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!

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."

Liturgy

Family Mass - On the first Sunday of every month at the 9am Mass at ICC. The next family Mass is **Nov. 2nd.** Youth interested in 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 - Next in session class is Sunday **November 2nd** after the 9 am Mass.



<u>Registration</u> You can register now for the Fall session online or contact the parish office office@icctruro.org. If financial assistance is needed please contact the Parish office.

Youth - (grade 6 and up) - Monday 's 6:30-8:30. **Mon. Nov.3rd** is our fourth week of youth Alpha. We share a meal, watch a video and have a discussion. All youth are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Nov 1) First Saturday will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church with 9am Mass, Rosary and Litany. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also offered. All are welcome.



(Nov 2) Clocks Fall Back A friendly reminder that daylight savings time ends at 2:00am Sunday. So don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night so you won't be too early for Mass on Sunday morning!



(Nov 1, 2) Fr Craig Cameron will visit our parish on the weekend of November 2 to speak about vocations. It sounds at first like an odd topic as it is also All Souls Day. At closer glance, it is living out our vocation that merits great reward and brings our soul to heaven. He'll bring an interesting perspective as his vocation ministers to many youth. Let us welcome him.

(Nov2) Family Mass - Youth interested in Mass ministry may contact the Parish Office to sign up.

(Nov 2) All Souls Day -falls on Sunday this year and will be recognized in our regular Sunday liturgies. A special Mass of Remembrance will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on Wednesday, November 12th to commemorate the faithful departed who have passed in the last year. However, on November 2nd Sacred Heart Church will have candlelight prayers at 6pm. May all souls rest in peace and may our prayer provide the spiritual help in their final purification before encountering the fullness of our God.



Mass Mass

Family

(Nov 8) Knights of Columbus Cellar to Attic sale Knights of Columbus are having a cellar to attic yard sale on Saturday Nov.8th. Sale will be in Campbell Hall, opening at 8:00 AM. We will be setting up on Friday the 7th. If you have items to donate please bring them at that time.



(Nov 11) Remembrance Day - We invite everyone to a special Remembrance Day celebration November11th at **9 am** followed by a short reception before we walk down to the cenotaph together. Similar celebrations take place at **9:30 am** in Sacred Heart (liturgy of the word).



(Nov 12) Mass for the Deceased We will commemorate deceased members of families at the 7pm Mass on Wednesday Nov.12th at Immaculate Conception Church and 6pm at St. Kateri Church. During this special Mass, we will read the names of the deceased of the past year and offer family members the opportunity to light a small candle and place it before the altar. These candles will symbolize our loss, our love, our prayer, and our hope before the Lord. If you have lost a loved one in the past year who was outside of our parish, please come to the celebration to light a candle that will be provided for them. All are welcome.

(Nov 14)St. Vincent de Paul Society Dinner - All are welcome! Come join us for our Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, November 14th. Doors open at 6 pm; Dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be sold after mass in Campbell Hall (Nov. 1-2; Nov. 8-9). Or you may contact one of the following members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Brenda Chisholm 902-899-8077 or Suzanne Fougere 902-890-3804) to reserve your ticket. You will enjoy a delicious Italian-themed three course dinner (salad, entree, dessert, tea/ coffee) prepared by Roseanne MacIsaac (and her helpers); cash bar; silent auction; 50/50 draw; music; and a wonderful evening of socializing with everyone. Hope to see a lot of you there! Limit of 100 tickets.

(Nov 18-20) Clergy Study Days take place from Tuesday to Thursday. There is no Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. Please pray for the holiness, fellowship and ongoing education of the many clergy who serve in our Diocese.



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