



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!

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Matthew 24.42-44

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world—and our hearts—throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

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

Tuesday, 12:15- † Leonard MacDonald

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Leo Rovers

Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Bill Hanlon

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Eldon Melanson

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Rose Salmons

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Sheila Callaghan

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



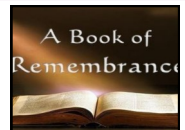
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament : Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and after the 7:00 pm Mass, ending with 8:00 pm Benediction.



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.

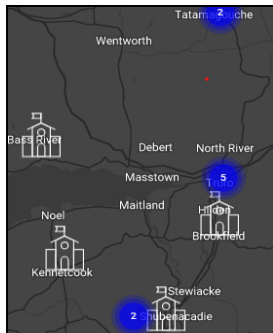
Sacrament of Reconciliation :30 mins prior to weekday Masses or by appointment.

Book of Remembrance is in the foyer of each church throughout November to which you're welcome to add the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be remembered at each Mass during November.



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

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

Lord, we ask that our high schools be filled with teachers, office staff and students who speak words that build up, not tear down. May peer-to-peer conversations bring encouragement, kindness, and peace. For those who feel misunderstood or unheard, remind them that their voice matters and give them the words to communicate how they feel clearly. Amen.

Christmas Eve Nativity Drama: Advent is just around the corner, which means it's time to start thinking about the Christmas Eve Nativity Drama! Parents, please discuss with your children about participating in this joyful tradition. To sign them up, email Andrea at andreamaceach11@gmail.com by **November 30th**. Stay tuned for practice and dress rehearsal times coming soon! Let's make this a memorable celebration!



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, 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.

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 = \$3,708.40; Sacred Heart = \$331.10; St. Michael's = \$215.00; St. Bridget's = \$1040.00
St. Kateri = \$351.00
Capital = \$85.50



ICLA ladies are selling block numbers at \$10.00 each. There will be 200 sold the draw is 50-50 and tickets for a gift card tree value of \$500.00. Tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00.



The Knights of Columbus are having a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for grades primary to Grade 8. Just make a poster showing how you keep Christ in Christmas. It can be made with pencil, crayons, markers, anything you want. Should be approx. 11 x 17 but any size will not be refused. Just put your full name and grade with the poster. It can be handed to Randy Works or Bella or at the office before Dec 31st. Winner gets \$50, 2nd gets \$25 per category. Categories are Grade Primary, 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, and 7&8



Bella Rochon is filled with excitement and a deep commitment to sharing her faith as the new Family Faith and Evangelization Coordinator. Recently relocated to the area, Bella brings with her a warm spirit and a passion for community engagement. Growing up on a farm in Ontario, she has always cherished the great outdoors and the beauty of God's creation. Bella looks forward to connecting with everyone at Immaculate Conception parish and sharing her love for faith and fellowship. She is eager to learn, grow, and inspire others in their spiritual journeys. Feel free to reach out to her—she's excited to embark on this new chapter and can't wait to share her experiences and enthusiasm!

To connect directly with Bella please email: evangelization.iccp@gmail.com

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 **Dec 7th. This will be the last class until the New Year.** 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 Class

FFF Classes - Next in session class is Sunday **November 30th** after the 9 am Mass. All families with children in grades 1-5 are welcome. Registration forms will be available or visit our website and click on the Family Faith Formation tab.



Youth Night

Catechism for Grades 9-12 (includes those youth who are considering Confirmation) every Monday night from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Hall. Come join in the fun, videos, discussion, prayer and, of course, food! Feel free to bring a friend or two or more. Everyone is welcome.



Youth Group for grades 6-8. Starting in the new year on **Tuesday January 20th**, we will be starting a youth group for grades 6-8 with Bella. The group will start at **6pm** and go until 8pm. We will be starting Bible Blast, a youth bible study and game night. Hope to see you all there. Contact Trish at the Parish Office to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Nov 29-Dec 14) Gifts for Needy Families: Every Christmas our Immaculate Conception Church helps over 40 needy families through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Once again this year we invite parishioners to share in the joy of making this blessed season a joyous one for our families. We are especially inviting parents to involve children in sharing with those who have less. From **Saturday November 29h to Sunday December 14h**, there will be a small tree in the foyer outside Campbell Hall, with the names of the children from our sponsored families. If anyone would care to help out by selecting and donating a gift to a child, you can talk to one of our St. Vincent de Paul members after Mass. They will assist you in choosing a child's or parent's name and answer any questions that you may have. Wishing you a joyous Christmas season, St. Vincent de Paul Society.



(Dec 7) Multicultural Christmas Concert The Knights of Columbus are planning their second annual Multicultural Christmas Concert for Sunday, **December 7th**, 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.



(Dec 5) First Friday 12:15 pm at Immaculate Conception First Friday with the focus on the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please come to pray for ourselves and our parish.



(Dec 6) First Saturday will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church with 9am Mass and special Marian prayers. All are invited.

(Dec 7 & 14) Parish Jubilee on Liturgy. Fr Jim will preach about or work and worship in Liturgy at each church over both weekends and present a short slide show and video immediately following Mass. Our liturgies are ancient and inspired by Almighty God among his Chosen People, the Israelites. We continue in this divine tradition to this day. Come, worship and celebrate.

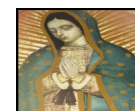
(Dec 8) Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at **10am Monday in ICC**. This is an important Solemnity for our parish having the same name, and therefore our Patron. Archbishop Dunn is also inviting all parishioners to our Diocesan celebration at **7pm on the same day, at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica**. Because Mary is also our Diocesan Patron.



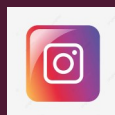
(Dec 10) is Advent Reconciliation Service. At Immaculate Conception we'll begin at 6:30 pm with a short reflection and then have five priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, Dec 10th. Reconciliation will also be available during the afternoon, 1pm to 4pm. In addition, on Sundays at our remaining churches throughout Advent, the presiding priest will be available one hour before Mass. Alternatively, an appointment is possible by calling or emailing a priest for arrangements. These are important opportunities, established by Christ himself, to receive His mercy which sets us free; thanks be to God.



(Dec 12) Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of Indigenous peoples in Canada. There will be a special Mass for reconciliation at St. Kateri Church on **Friday Dec. 12th at 6pm**. All are welcome.



(Dec 21) SIMBANG GABI Our Parish celebrates with the Filipino Community. For the 3rd time SIMBANG GABI (meaning, Night Mass) will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 4pm at Immaculate Conception Church. On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we include the unique Filipino tradition of a Marian Mass. Our aim is to share the rich Filipino Faith-Culture, which embraces the Blessed Virgin Mary, and continue to build our multicultural community. A festive potluck meal follows Mass with their cultural foods and carols. All Filipinos and friends are invited!



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