



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!

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent



"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Matthew 11.11

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice, for we know that the Lord is near. With eyes of faith, we can sense his presence even as we prepare for the celebration of his coming to us as a newborn infant. With eyes of faith, we can see his coming as well as the prophet Isaiah or the New Testament prophet John the Baptist, who each prepared his people for God's transformative presence. With eyes of faith, let us glory in Jesus' presence right here, right now: in God's word, in the Eucharist, and in those around us.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, **NO MASS**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Cesar Montessa Sr.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - Honey Lynn

Thursday, 9:00 am- † Clarence Stockley; **NO EVENING ADORATION; Morning Adoration follows till Noon**

Friday, 12:15 pm- † James Flynn

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Kathleen Hickey

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Sven Petersen

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. **NO EVENING ADORATION THIS WEEK**

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.

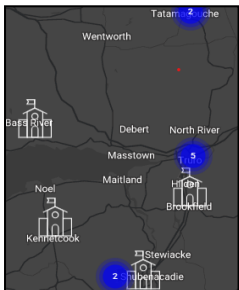


Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for ***December***

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS



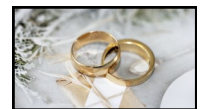
"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

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.



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, January 23rd** 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 = \$3,755.65; Sacred Heart = \$1,052.00; St. Michael's = \$220.00

Capital = \$873.00





Giving Envelopes are available for pick up at the back of each church. They begin on January 1st. Praise God for you and for your generosity. Are you on PAD (Pre Authorized Debit) to replace your regular weekly donation? We encourage you to participate; PAD sign-up forms are available in each church. Still, with PAD, while weekly Envelopes are not included, special Envelopes are, for specific giving opportunities with ministries like: family programs, Heat, Cemetery, St Vincent de Paul, etc. Please contact our office with any questions or to sign up.

E-Transfers Are Accepted - 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!



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



Communion for Home Bound. We have 3 parishioners who are looking to receive Communion in their home after Saturday or Sunday Mass. The parishioners live in Truro and Bible Hill. Serving Communion to home bound parishioners are done in pairs. If you are interested in participating in this Ministry please contact Trish at the parish office.

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 **Jan. 4th**. 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 **January 18th** 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- Phase II

We are now at the end of 2025 and Phase I of our Youth Program for the Catechism Year. The Alpha Series has come and gone (Phase I). What a blessing this time has been for our Youth, the Team and those who helped behind the scenes — faithfully, prayerful and joyfully! Thank you to the many, many volunteers who provided meals, prayers in the church during the series, service in the kitchen, cooking, cleaning, love and acceptance toward the youth and even those who asked "how are things going with Alpha?" So many thank you's to you!! We are overwhelmed by your generosity and support and are so grateful!

In January, we start Phase II. Youth Night will continue to run on Monday nights starting at 6:30 pm. Youth will be greeted by the Team, music, games and socializing followed by Worship and Opening Prayer. Please note, there will be two key changes: (1) There will be a snack provided **but no meal** (meals are included as part of the Alpha Series). Parents are welcome as well! May God bless your Advent Season and see you in the New Year!



Youth Group for grades 6-8. Starting in the new year on **Monday night**, we will be starting a youth group for grades 6-8 with Bella. The group will start at **6:30pm** 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:

(Dec 13& 14) Gifts for Needy Families: There are still **35 families** in need of being sponsored. This is the last weekend there will be a small tree in 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 14) Parish Jubilee on Liturgy. Fr Jim will preach about our work and worship in Liturgy at remaining churches this weekend 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 13 & 14) Bake Sale- The St. Vincent de Paul Society is having its annual Christmas Bake Sale fundraiser in Campbell Hall after mass on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14. Please come and buy some goodies and treats! **Bakers** - please bring your baked goods to Campbell Hall **before** mass. Contact Della Fougere for more information - 902-893-8481.



(Dec 13 & 14) New Members Social Welcome are recently registered families, anyone new and those considering us as their parish. You're invited to visit with Fr Jim and Bella Rochon following our weekend Masses. We want to welcome you while you get to know other parishioners. We'll also share a little bit about what we envision for our parish. Please join us following 4pm Saturday or 9am Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

(Dec 18) Evening Mass moved to 9am with Adoration following until noon. Priests are away in the evening in Amherst for their parish Reconciliation.

(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. All Filipinos and friends are invited!



(Dec 23 & 30) Thursday adoration falls on Christmas Day and New Years. We'll reschedule adoration to Tuesday on Dec 23 and 30 for an hour following 12:15 Mass. This is a time to experience peace and spiritual renewal amidst the busy season.

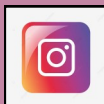
(Dec 28) A "CHRISTMAS KITCHEN PARTY" You are invited to join the **9am CHURCH CHOIR** for a fun gathering in Campbell Hall following the 9am Mass. There will be a free-will offering for St. Vincent de Paul. Please come and enjoy the music! For more information you can contact Ann Legere at 902-895-6532 **OR** 902-814-1502.



(Jan 7-9) Steubenville Atlantic 2026: Registration Opens With interest growing rapidly across Atlantic Canada (and beyond!), parishes in our Archdiocese will have access to an **exclusive Pre-Registration window from January 7-9, 2026** to ensure they can secure spots before registration opens more widely.



(Jan 14) Our Winter Alpha Starts Wednesday January 14th 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 Wednesday nights from 6-8 until March 25th. 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!



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