

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 21, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent

**Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,
and they shall name him**

Emmanuel

which means "*God is with us.*"

- Matthew 1:23



Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

As we approach the festive day on which we may receive gifts and guests into our homes, we take a moment to recall that during this season of Advent we are called to prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts. Yes, we receive him in a most special way at Christmas, the day we celebrate the world receiving him in the flesh, but we also have the opportunity to receive him each and every day. Let us humbly ask God to prepare our hearts to receive him in the Eucharist here today.

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, **11:00 am Funeral Mass for Anne Chiasson**
Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Martin Whelan; † Bill Whelan;
One hour Adoration following Mass
Wednesday Christmas Eve, 6:00 & 9:00 pm -
† Rose Salmons
Thursday Christmas Day 10:00 am- † Annette Knockwood
NO ADORATION
Friday, 12:15 pm-The spiritual welfare of each priest of the
Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth
Saturday, 4:00pm - † Pat Pictou
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

From **January to Easter** the **Wednesday Mass** is moved from 7pm to **9am**. This places it in Daylight hours which is beneficial for senior parishioners and it frees up an alternative evening for Alpha.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament :

Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. **NO THURSDAY ADORATION FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. See announcement for Tuesday Adoration.**



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.

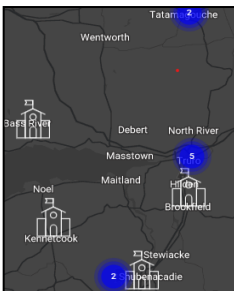


Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for *December*****

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 = \$3,471.80; Sacred Heart = \$314.00; St. Michael's = \$222.00; St. Bridget's = \$1095.00;
St. Kateri = \$256.50
Capital = \$125.00



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.



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



"St. Vincent de Paul Society sends a HUGE THANK YOU to all parishioners! Through your generosity, the Bake Sale made over \$1,300.00 in sales and donations. You have also helped 35 families enjoy a very merry Christmas by providing gifts for 106 children, parents and grandparents who are in need in our community. The Society wishes each and every one of you a very joyous holiday season. A more detailed overview of our work and what you have helped us accomplish in 2025 will be provided in the new year. And, we are always looking for new members. So, if you are thinking of another way to help those in need, you are welcome to come to our next meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 7:30 pm to join us in our mission to serve the poor. Hope to see a lot of new faces in attendance. God bless!"



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

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 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.



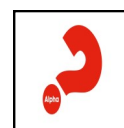
Dec 29-Jan 2 The Parish Office Closed. Merry Christmas to each of you and Happy New Year.



(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.



Christmas Season Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass, Wednesday, December 24th:
Immaculate Conception, Truro – 6:00 pm
Immaculate Conception, Truro – 9:00 pm
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie – 6:00 pm
Sacred Heart, Millbrook – 6:00 pm
St. Kateri, Indian Brook – 8:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass, Thursday, December 25th:
Immaculate Conception, Truro – 10:00 am
St. Michael's, Brule – 10:00 am

Octave Weekday Mass Times at ICC, Truro:
Friday, December 26th – 12:15 pm
Monday, December 29th – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 30th – 7:00 pm
(Regular Schedule for Saturday, December 27th and Sunday, December 28th)

New Year's Eve Mass, Wednesday, December 31st:
Immaculate Conception, Truro – 4:00 pm
St. Michael's, Brule – 4:00 pm

New Year's Day Mass, Thursday, January 1st:
Immaculate Conception, Truro – 9:00 am
St. Kateri, Indian Brook – 10:00 am
Sacred Heart, Millbrook – 11:30 am
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie – 11:30 am



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