



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 7, 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent



"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3.11

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" So proclaimed John the Baptist as he prepared the world for the coming of the Messiah. We may not be preparing for Jesus Christ's arrival in the flesh or plunging into the Jordan River, but John's words apply just as much today as they did then. We must recognize and repent of our sins in order to be prepared for the Lord's arrival in our lives in any way. And the kingdom of heaven is still at hand, glimpsed when we are reconciled with God and our neighbor. May we hear John's words as if they were directed to us here and now .

MASSES & INTENTIONS at Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 10:00am-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Silas MacDonald
7:00pm St. Mary's Basilica **Halifax**
Tuesday, 12:15 pm- **NO MASS**
2:00pm Funeral Mass † Bill Whelan
Wednesday, **9:00am** - † Eldon Melanson
Thursday, 7:00 pm- † Clinton Surette;
2:00pm Funeral Mass †Bob Ritacco
Friday, 12:15 pm- Vincent MacDonald
Saturday, 4:00pm - † Mike MacNeil
Sunday, 9:00 am- † Virginia Jimenez

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.



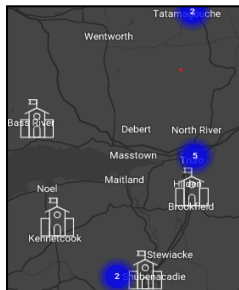
Sacrament of Reconciliation :30 mins prior to weekday Masses or by appointment.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for *December*****
For Christians in areas of conflict

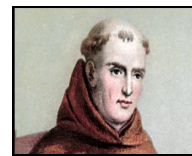
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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.



Serra Halifax belongs to the international lay Serra group named after St. Junipero Serra to support our priests and to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our latest Serra group project for 2025/26 is to contact each parish in the Archdiocese of Hfx.-Yar. and request to have a Mass said in each church of a particular parish. The special Mass intention for each Mass is the same:" For the spiritual well-being of each priest in our Archdiocese. We pray that each church congregation, whether big or small, will join their prayer intentions for their priests with ours at this Mass and thus show our dear Lord how precious our priests are to us.



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 30th** 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 = \$4,792.85; Sacred Heart = \$797.10; St. Michael's = \$165.90; St. Bridget's = \$582.40
St. Kateri = \$407.10
Capital = \$75.60



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.



Thank you for the wonderful Kitchen renovation. Wayne Caines led the project which had come in under its \$50,000 budget, though not without challenges typical to renovations. However, he managed it with much volunteer help, professional services and donations from many parishioners. We are grateful and feedback is great for the new appliances, flooring and cabinetry. Praise God for this resource which serves many ministries and people in our church.



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



Alpha Series 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!

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 **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

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 **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:

(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 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.

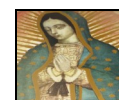
(Dec 8) Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at **10am Monday in ICC**. This is an important Solemnity for our parish having the same name, and therefore our Patron. Archbishop Dunn is also inviting all parishioners to our Diocesan celebration at **7pm on the same day, at St Mary's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



(Dec 10) Wednesday Mass is moved from 7pm to 9am. 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.

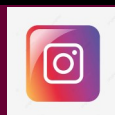


(Dec 13 & 14) Bake Sale- The St. Vincent de Paul Society is having its annual Christmas Bake Sale fundraiser in Campbell Hall after mass on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14. Please come and buy some goodies and treats! **Bakers** - please bring your baked goods to Campbell Hall **before** mass. 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 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!



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