

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!

January 11, 2026 *Baptism of the Lord*

When Jesus was baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3.21-22

Stained Glass image of the Baptism
taken from the Immaculate Conception
Church.

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

On this final day of the Christmas season we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear in dramatic fashion of Jesus rising from the waters of the River Jordan, the heavens opening before him, the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and a voice from the heavens proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Though not as visibly, we too have risen from the waters of baptism and received the Holy Spirit. As beloved children of God, we pray that God is also well pleased with us.

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, **NO MASS**

Tuesday, **2:00 pm- † Funeral Mass Rick Virostek**

Wednesday , **9:00 am - † Dan White**

Thursday , 7:00pm - Special Intention

Friday, 12:15 pm-† Bill Whelan

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Donna MacNeil

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Audrey McNeill

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. 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.

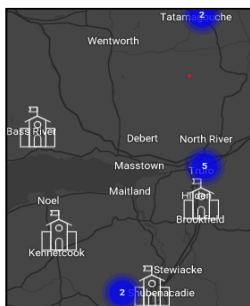


Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for *January*****

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS



No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

Lord, we know students face so many pressures. When they're tempted to go along with the crowd or make decisions they will regret, give them strength and heighten their senses to hear you for a way out. May they choose the way out rather than following the crowd. Show them wise and caring people to surround themselves with, people who bring out the best in them. 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 = \$3,775.95; Sacred Heart = \$413.50; St. Bridget's = \$510.00; St. Michael's = \$160.00
St. Kateri = \$173.00



New Year's Donations Collected: ICC= \$2,443.80; Sacred Heart = \$285.00; St. Michael's = \$71.00
St. Bridget's= \$150.00; St. Kateri = \$145.00
Capital = \$540.00



Giving Envelopes are available for pick up at the back of each church. They began 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.



"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!"



Sign up for EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network). This Catholic Network began in 1981, with a \$200 investment, a makeshift studio in Irondale, Alabama monastery garage and one on air personality, Mother Angelica herself! EWTN, now the largest Catholic media network in the world, reaches more than 380 million TV homes in 145 countries and territories, and draws millions more to its online resources, radio networks and publications. What hasn't changed since that first broadcast in the mission with Mother Angelica and EWTN, to spread the eternal word of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. They may be accessed on television (Cable companies charge a nominal \$3.00 fee) or online for free. To enjoy their programming, contact your TV provider or download their app from an app store.

Family Faith Formation (FFF News):

Liturgy

Family Mass - On the first Sunday of every month at the 9am Mass at ICC. The next family Mass is **Feb.1st**. 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



Youth Night starts up again on **Monday, 19 January from 6:30-8:30**. The theme is "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In." The purpose of this night is to reconnect with each other, become familiar and be inspired by the lives of the Saints giving us a chance to respond to the call of holiness. A snack will be provided, but no meal. *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.* Parents are encouraged to attend and participate with their youth. See you on the 19th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Jan 14 & 20) Our Winter Alpha Starts at ICC & St. Michael's. Explore ... Life, Faith, Meaning. Alpha begins at 6pm in both **ICC** on Wednesday, **January 14** and at **St Michael's** on Tuesday, **January 20**. What is Alpha? Once a week over ten weeks, Alpha is a way to inspire and equip churches to create a space where people from any background can encounter Jesus. Registration forms are in each church or online on our website. Only want to sample it? Then, our first evening is a Come and See.



(Jan15) Bible Study On Thursday January 15th at 10am the Bible study group will re-commence. We shall be reading together from 1st Corinthians. This is very informal, all are welcome. For more information you can contact Tony Harvey at 902-977-0808.



(Jan 18) ICLA AGM Our AGM (Annual General meeting) is on Jan. 18th at **Smitty's** from 12:30 - 3:30. We will need a head count so please let Olga Langille know as soon as possible as there is limited space available. Olga can be contacted at 902-890-4466 or respond by email olga.langille@bellaliant.net



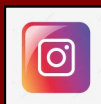
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(Jan 24 & 25) Ministry Expo in Campbell Hall following each Mass. On this weekend we'll showcase our ministries in Immaculate Conception Church. We are blessed to have many works of mercy, liturgical and educational ministries. Please come to learn more about them. Perhaps you'll find the Holy Spirit inspiring you to participate in one or two. Come and See!



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