

Immaculate Conception Parish

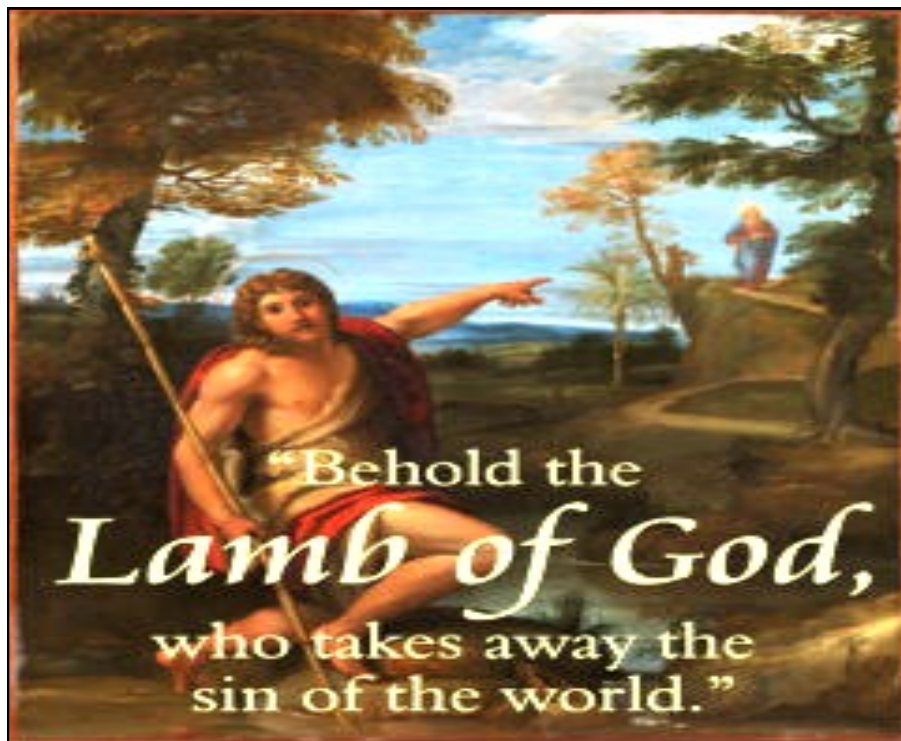


With the Churches of :
Immaculate Conception Church, Truro; St. Michael's Church, Brule;
St Kateri, Indian Brook; Sacred Heart, Millbrook;
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

Welcome Everyone!

A special welcome to new parishioners and visitors to our Parish!

January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today we are reminded to listen for Jesus' call to follow him. Isaiah realized God's call of service, referring to himself as God's servant, commissioned to proclaim God's salvation to the ends of the earth. Paul recognized that God willed him to be an apostle and today we hear him tell the members of the church in Corinth that God calls them to be holy. John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God and Son of God, the one to follow instead of him. May we listen for his call so that we may respond, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, **NO MASS**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- The spiritual welfare of each priest of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

Wednesday , **9:00 am** - † Lorne & Betty MacDougal

Thursday , 7:00pm - Robert "BOB" Evans

Friday, 12:15 pm-† Audrey McNeill

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Donald McDonald

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Frank Marble

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.

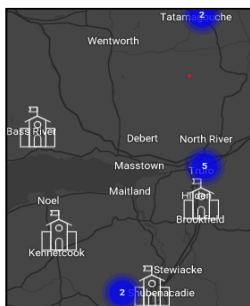


Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for *January*****

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



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

Lord, guide students as they make big and small decisions this week. Help them to trust what is good, even when it costs more. When they feel unsure, give them peace and understanding to know that they're not alone. 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 = \$2,939.50; Sacred Heart = \$271.00; St. Bridget's = \$260.00; St. Michael's = \$315.00
St. Kateri = \$138.00
Capital = \$300.00



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!

e-Transfer



Communion for Home Bound. We have 4 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.



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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 17 & 18) This weekend Deacon Larry Worthen is visiting our parish as the homilist to speak about MAiD, Medical Assistance in Dying. He'll share that not only is MAiD a grave sin against God's divine plan as He alone the author of life from conception to natural death, it also violates the conscience protection of medical staff who are forced to cooperate. Please support the organization of Christian medical professionals as they challenge the ideology of MAiD and other matters creeping into our beloved Medical profession.

Medical Assistance
in Dying (MAiD)

(Jan 18-25) Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), is observed with the theme: *"There is one body and one Spirit"* (Ephesians 4:4). Let us pray for Christian unity and love to prevail in our hearts. We are grateful to cooperate with our Protestant brothers and sisters in the works of mercy, in the sharing of our parking lot and in ecumenical pastor meetings. Each of us is building the kingdom of God in the ways given to us at this time. May many souls come to know the love of God through His Son Jesus and the many works He inspires through His people.



(Jan 20) Our Winter Alpha Starts St. Michael's. Explore ... Life, Faith, Meaning. Alpha begins at 6pm 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.



(Jan21) Alpha at ICC started on Jan14th. New participants are still welcomed to join us on Wednesday night from 6-8pm.

(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!



(Mar16-27) PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE - Join Group Leader Rhonda-Lynn and Father Danny Wilson on Pilgrimage to Medjugorje March 16 to 27, 2026. The cost includes Flights from Halifax, Ground Travel in Europe, accommodations and 2 Meals per day. The cost is \$3299.00 Canadian. A deposit of \$600.00 per person is required. We can accommodate Flights from other airports with in Canada and the US with adjusted costs. Call Rhonda-Lynn 902 448 3660 for further information and itinerary .



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