

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 4, 2026 *Epiphany of the Lord*



Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today we commemorate the day when Jesus Christ was made manifest to the wider world. The magi, who were not Jewish and not from that region, were guided by the star, which eventually led them to Bethlehem. There they paid him homage and offered their finest treasures as gifts. In many cultures and traditions, today is the day Christians travel to be with loved ones and exchange gifts, often celebrating Epiphany as the high point of the Christmas season, for it marks the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world.

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, **11:00am- Funeral Mass for Charlotte Burgess**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Collen Ryan

Wednesday , **9:00 am** - † Dick Butler

Thursday , 7:00pm - † Bill Whelan

Friday, 12:15 pm-† All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, 4:00pm - † George W. Hames

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Bob Ritacco

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.

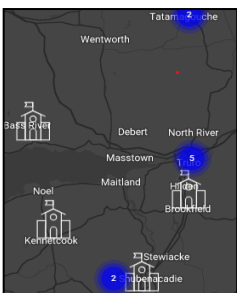


Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for *January*****

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



She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21 NIV

Thank you for the gift of your Son.
Thank you for the one who came as a baby
To show us how much you love every student across Canada!
During the Christmas break,
We ask that all families may experience your love in a new and wonderful way.
We ask, Lord, that all would experience your love, joy, peace and hope.
May they experience community and draw closer to you. 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 = \$5,593.25; Sacred Heart = \$1,292.00; St. Bridget's = \$425.00; St. Michael's = \$140.00
St. Kateri = \$378.00

Christmas Donations Collected: ICC= \$7,772.30; Sacred Heart = \$639.15; St. Michael's = \$227.00;
St. Bridget's= \$1269.00; St. Kateri = \$90.00
Capital = \$25.00

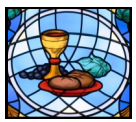


Giving Envelopes are available for pick up at the back of each church. They begin on January 1st. Praise God for you and for your generosity. Are you on PAD (Pre Authorized Debit) to replace your regular weekly donation? We encourage you to participate; PAD sign-up forms are available in each church. 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.



"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!"

Thank you to you, the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish, for your cards, gifts and affection this Christmas. Fr Andrew, Fr Phil, Deacon Wilf and Fr Jim, as well as our many visiting priests, are grateful to serve the body of Jesus Christ in this community. May your hearts be warmed this Christmas by the power of the Holy Spirit and receive the promised new life, as Jesus did, and go on with him to build the Kingdom of God in our families and communities.



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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

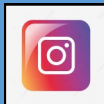
(Jan 7-9) Steubenville Atlantic 2026: Registration Opens With interest growing rapidly across Atlantic Canada (and beyond!), parishes in our Archdiocese will have access to an **exclusive Pre-Registration window from January 7–9, 2026** to ensure they can secure spots before registration opens more widely.



(Jan 14 & 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.



(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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