



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!

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

Matthew 5.11

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Matthew structures his Gospel around five lengthy sermons of Jesus and today we hear the beginning of the first of them, the well-known and oft-quoted Sermon on the Mount. It can be a challenge to hear it as the radical departure from conventional thinking that it was when Jesus first spoke these words from the mountaintop. May we ask God for the grace to realign our ideals and realize the kingdom of heaven.

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- † George McNeil
The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Tuesday, 12:15 pm- **NO MASS**
Wednesday , **9:00 am** - † Regina Currie
Thursday , 7:00pm - † Claude Drouin
Friday, 12:15 pm- Gavin Sumarah
Saturday, 4:00pm - † Lorne Paul
Sunday, 9:00 am- † Rick Virostek

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.

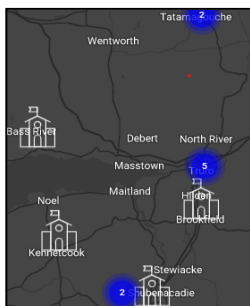


Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for *February*****

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12 NIV

Lord, raise up young leaders who lead with kindness, confidence, and love. May students set an example by how they speak, how they treat others, and how they live. Remind them that they have influence, even when they don't feel it. We also pray that teachers and staff would be cheerleaders for students who are leading well. 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, March 27th 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 = \$4,507.35; Sacred Heart = \$433.50; St. Michael's = \$110.00; St. Kateri = \$130.50

Capital = \$20.00



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



The Knights of Columbus State scholarship and the Bishop Colin Campbell bursary applications are now available to all grade 12 students. The State scholarship is due by March 31st while the Bishop Colin Campbell bursary is due by May 15th. Both are valued at \$1000.00 and are on the Church website. For more information contact Randy Works at 895 0489 or email worksrandy99@gmail.com.



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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 **Mar 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 **February 1st** 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 Monday, 2 February 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 2nd!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Jan 25-Feb 5) Vacation for Fr Jim He is away for 10 days from this Sunday afternoon. Please pray for his re-creation as he spends time with his family and friends. Pray also for Fr Andrew who will be managing daily Mass and other ministries as they arise. Thankfully, Fr Phil Thibodeau will also help, and on weekdays Fr Gerald David from our neighbouring Enfield parish may be available.

(Feb 2) The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be celebrated on **Monday with 7pm Mass**. All are invited. With Fr Jim still away, Fr Andrew will not celebrate Mass on the next day.



(Feb 3) No 12:15 pm Mass on Tuesday

(Feb 4) Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats (normally Feb 3). He was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor in the fourth century. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise." We will recognize this Saint and offer a blessing of throats at **9am Mass on Wednesday, February 4 at ICC**. All are invited.



(Feb 6) First Friday we'll celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus during our regularly scheduled Mass.



(Feb 7) First Saturday Devotion. We celebrate this devotion at the request of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 for the conversion of Russia and the Communion of reparation of the ungrateful who continue to pierce her motherly heart. Benefits also a crew to the souls who embrace this devotion. Please join us at 9am in Immaculate Conception Church for Mass, Rosary and a Litany. Reconciliation will also be offered.

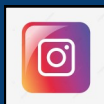


(Feb 8 and 15) Archbishop Dunn will celebrate at each of our churches over the next two weekends. Primarily, he's coming to fill-in in case we're short a priest. Of course, he's also coming in his capacity as Archbishop. We welcome our Bishop to our parish and appreciate his willingness to serve us in our circumstances. Praise God!

On the February 8th weekend he'll celebrate at Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart.

On the February 15th weekend he'll celebrate at St Michael, St Kateri and St Bridget. (Note, after 11:30 am Mass in St Bridget, he's off to 2 pm Mass in Dartmouth).

(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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