



# *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 8, 2026*  
*5th Sunday of Ordinary Time*



**“You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before human beings, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”**

**Mathew 5.14;16**

### **Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy**

Light binds together today's scripture readings. Isaiah preaches that when we share what we have with those in need, light will drive out the dark. In the psalm we sing that the one who acts with justice is a light in the darkness. Paul tells the Corinthians that the power of the Holy Spirit has enlightened their faith. In the Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to let their light shine, so the world can see the good that they do. As we listen to the words of scripture, let us appreciate the metaphor of light in expressing what God asks us to do.

**MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church**

Monday, **NO MASS**

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Margaret Ann Chaisson

Wednesday , **9:00 am** - † Ann White

Thursday , 7:00pm - † Perseus Montesa

Friday, 12:15 pm- † Richard Chaisson

Saturday, 4:00pm - † Bill Whelan

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Kenn Munro

**Ash Wednesday February 18th**

12:15 St. Michael & St. Bridget 4pm Sacred Heart

6pm St. Kateri

7pm Immaculate Conception

**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.

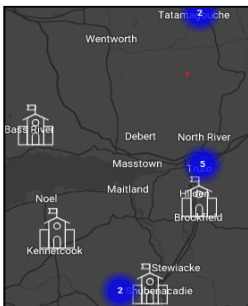


**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for \*\*\*February\*\*\***

**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**



*"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,"*

Ephesians 3:14, 15

Lord, this week, we pray for families to place their trust in you, to know the love of God. For those who carry shame associated with their family name, we pray for them to know the significance of being named by God. We ask that you would heal families from shame and walk in confidence with Christ. 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 = \$3,278.25; Sacred Heart = \$637.10; St. Michael's = \$115.00; St. Bridget's = \$665.00  
St. Kateri = \$152.00

Capital = \$775.00

**Giving Envelopes** There are still envelopes outside the Parish office to be picked up.

**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](mailto:office@icctruro.org). Thank you for your continued generosity!

e-Transfer

**Palms and Ashes.** A reminder to bring your palms to the church for proper disposal. We'll burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 18.



**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](mailto:worksrandy99@gmail.com).



### **Our Lenten Mission with FORMED.ORG**

**Hear God's voice in new ways** in *The Heart of Prayer*, as Bishop Cozzens walks you through the beauty and transcendence of prayer. Drawing from sacred scripture and the life of the saints, Bishop Cozzens shares **guidance and reflection that will change the way you approach prayer** in this holy season. Visit <https://signup.formed.org/>, enter our parish postal code (B2N 1G5) and then enter your email address. **Walk deeper into the desert with Jesus** this Lent!

## **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 15th** 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.



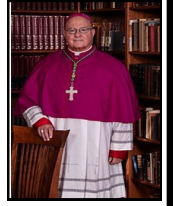
## **Youth Night**

**Youth Night Monday, 9 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:

**(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).

**(Feb 8) ICLA Meeting** There will be a meeting for ICLA members at ICC starting at 2pm.



**(Feb 11) World Day of the Sick** Each year on February 11, Catholics around the world recognize the World Day of the Sick. On this, the 34<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick, we are mindful of all who are sick and ill in any way and those who care for them.

**Fr. Phil invites you to St. Kateri to join him for a 6pm Mass** with prayer for inner healing. (healing of life's hurts.)

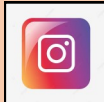


**(Feb 18) marks Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. It is a season of reflection on one's transgressions, fasting, abstinence from meat, and repentance; all of which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance. The ashes symbolize our penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. Please join our celebrations as listed in the Mass Schedule section.



**(Feb 25) Priest Lenten Day of Reflection** to be held on February 25. There will be no Mass at 9am.

**(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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