



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 15, 2026
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but fulfill.”

Matthew 5.17

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

On this final Sunday before Lent, our readings remind us of the commandments. God's infinite wisdom has given us laws that enable us to live a good, righteous life. Since we enter Lent later this week, today is a good opportunity to ask ourselves how we are keeping the commandments, especially the supreme commandment to love God and neighbor. Let us reflect on this as we prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Frank Marble
Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Zoilo Jeff Montesa; † Barb Paul
Wednesday , 7:00 pm - † Ann Marie White;
† Gordon Weatherby
Thursday , 7:00pm - † Simon Mathai
Friday, 12:15 pm- † Mark Hinchey; † Jileen Julien
Saturday, 4:00pm - † David Hanlon
Sunday, 9:00 am- † BJJ

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 : “NEW” St. Bridget's Tuesdays 5pm-7pm starting **Feb.17th.**
ICC Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. and after the 7:00pm 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.

Stations of the Cross An ancient devotion since the early centuries and a powerful contemplation on the suffering Christ. Come pray the weekly Stations this Lent and enter the mystery of Christ's suffering and death as we move along our journey to the Resurrection.



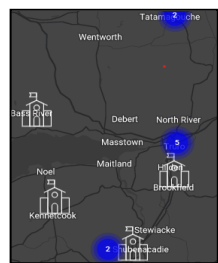
Friday 12:45 pm - Immaculate Conception (following Mass) Friday 1pm - St Bridget
Friday 6:00 pm - St Kateri Saturday 3 pm St Michael (prior to Mass)

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



Father to the fatherless, defender of widows — this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families.

Psalms 68:6

Today, we pray for those who have lost a family member. May students, teachers and staff who are dealing with grief and loss experience your comfort and closeness. Surround those who feel alone by providing them with a healthy community that will walk with 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, 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 = \$3,376.15; Sacred Heart = \$465.00; St. Michael's = \$80.00; St. Bridget's = \$702.00
St. Kateri = \$348.10

Capital = \$385.00

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

The Linen schedule will be available to be picked up in our slot this week-end.



OCIA Let us continue to pray for those on the journey into full communion with our beloved Catholic Church. In particular, on the first Sunday of Lent, two from our parish will meet with our Archbishop at the 10:30am Sunday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica to greet all Catechumens (preparing for baptism) from the whole Diocese. This year there are a great number, more than recorded in years past. There they will celebrate the Rite of Election and anyone is welcome to attend. Remaining rituals for them and those already baptized (Candidates) will be celebrated in each of their own parishes. The actual Sacraments will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter season.



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.

Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Our is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Immaculate Conception Parish. The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/p1c5x8> from Feb 18th-Mar31st (Paper surveys will also be available) and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ.



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 **Feb 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, 23 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 23rd!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Feb 16) Office is Closed for Heritage Day. This year's Heritage Day honoree is the Honourable Joseph Willie Comeau. Joseph Willie Comeau (1876–1966) devoted his life to public service and to strengthening Acadian life in Nova Scotia. Raised in Digby County and educated at Collège Sainte-Anne, he worked across education, business and politics, guided by a deep commitment to community, culture and service. He served nearly five decades in the Nova Scotia Legislature and the Senate of Canada championing Acadian language, education, and culture.



(Feb17) Adoration at St. Bridget's. Weekly Adoration will begin at St. Bridget's in Shubenacadie on Tuesdays from 5:00-7:00 pm. There is no Mass or Benediction associated with it, just quiet time with Jesus. Come for 10 minutes, half-hour, or an hour, whatever time your schedule allows. All are Welcome!



(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 18) 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!



(Feb18) Disciple Maker Index survey begins, ending March 31st.

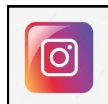


(Feb 21) Sacrament of Reconciliation & Retreat Join us for a special First Reconciliation Retreat on February 21st from **9 AM to 12 PM** IN Campbell Hall! This enriching event is designed for children preparing for their First Communion, offering them a chance to deepen their understanding of reconciliation in a fun and engaging atmosphere. Parents are warmly invited to participate alongside their children for the retreat and the receiving of the sacrament—together, you can explore this important sacrament and strengthen your family's faith. Don't miss this opportunity for connection and growth!



(Feb 21) Knights of Columbus BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST Cobequid Council 6633 of The Knights of Columbus is holding its 51stth Anniversary Basketball Free Throw contest at Redcliff Middle School on Saturday, February 21st, starting at 12 noon. The contest is open to all boys and girls aged 8 – 14 in the Truro and Colchester County area and will start with free pizza and pop for all contestants. Winners in each age group will receive plaques and will represent Truro/Colchester County in the Provincial championship, to be held on March 28, 2026, also at Redcliff Middle School. Second and third place finishers will receive medals. The age group the contestant competes in is determined by the contestant's age as of January 1, 2026. Entry forms are available through area schools, the Colchester Basketball Association, or you may also register at the door. Participants and spectators are reminded that they must wear sneakers inside the school. **ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

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



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