



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!

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday



**He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way
to death, his death on the cross.**

Philippians 2.8

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

We begin today's liturgy in joy. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he did so in triumph, as a hero would when returning from a victorious battle. What the crowds did not truly realize—but we do today—is that Jesus' battle was just beginning. More importantly, the battle would look to be lost when he dies on the cross, when instead this was his victory over sin and death. Therefore, as we hold these branches high and sing hosannas to acclaim our king, we do so not only with heaviness in our hearts for Jesus' suffering and death, but with joy as well, for it is on the cross that Jesus redeems us from our sins.

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Diane Howden

Tuesday, 12:00 pm- Chrism Mass St. Mary's Cathedral

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Cheryl Ann Fritz, † Anne White

Holy Thursday, 7:00pm - † Elmer Taylor

Good Friday 10:00am Mary's Way of the Cross

3:00pm Service

Saturday, 8:00pm- EASTER VIGIL

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Jonas Richard Tkacz; For the People

EASTER WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

8:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

9:00 am - 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

Holy Week is March 29th - April 5th. It begins on Palm Sunday with our regular weekend Mass schedule. The remaining Holy Week has celebrations scheduled at each of our churches and at our Cathedral. This is the most holy time of year for Christians. Our participation in this week, preceded by our Lenten practices, will prepare us for the glorious celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. For those with sensitivities, please note that **incense will be used at our significant celebrations of Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil.**

Annual Chrism Mass is Tuesday, **March 31st** at noon in St Mary's Cathedral Basilica. **There is no Mass in our Parish and the office will be closed.** You are invited to join Archbishop Dunn and all clergy for this celebration and blessing of our Holy Oils.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament : St. Bridget's Tuesdays 5pm-7pm

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.



Pope Leo's Lenten Message This Lent, Pope Leo encourages Catholics all over the world to fully enter into Lent as a time of conversion; a time to "place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." In his message, the Holy Father reflects on listening and fasting and the importance of living these actions with intention during our 40 day Lenten journey. Read Pope Leo's Lenten message by visiting www.vatican.va

LET US PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2 NIV

Lord, I ask that you would renew the minds of students. Help them to let go of negative thoughts and replace them with your truth. When fear or doubt creeps in, remind them of your promises. Let every mind be transformed so that students and staff can walk in strength and confidence in you. Protect them, Lord, and help them to make Godly choices so that they would not conform to the world's patterns. 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

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.



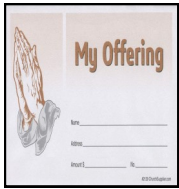
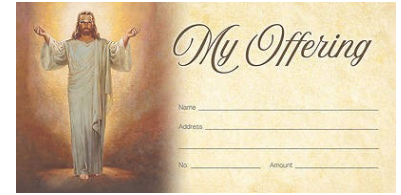
COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was:

ICC = \$3590.30; Sacred Heart = \$692.80; St. Michael's = \$275.00;

St. Bridget's = \$765.00

St. Kateri = \$185.75



Giving Envelopes Would the parishioners who use envelope numbers **162, 233, 287,288 and 396** please contact Trish in the office, office@icctruro.org or 902-893-7188. There are no names assigned to these numbers in our data base. It is important to write your name on your envelopes just in case your name isn't assigned to your envelope number. Thank you.

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 31 while the Bishop Colin Campbell bursary is due by May 15th. Both are valued at **\$2000.00** and are on the Church website. For more information, contact Randy Works at 895 0489 or email worksrandy99@gmail.com.

(Mar 31)Bus for Chrism Mass. Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at Noon in St Mary's Cathedral Basilica. The fee is \$15.00 per person or \$40.00 for parents and children. **Departure time is 9:30am from ICC.**

40 Cans for 40 days of Lent: The Knights of Columbus have placed boxes in Campbell Hall to collect nonperishable food items during Lent. All items collected will be donated to our local Food Bank for Easter.



Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Our life 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://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/p1c5x8> from Feb 18th-**Mar 31st** (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 **April 5th**. 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 **Mar 29th** after the 9 am Mass. All families with children in grades 1-5.



Youth News

Grade 6 and Up - Catechism Classes

Monday Nights weekly - 6:30-8:30pm

Confirmation Prep Monday Nights weekly - 6:30-8:30 pm

For those youth who have indicated a "readiness" (see "Are You Ready for Confirmation" bookmark) and have signed the Confirmation Commitment Form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(Mar31)The Parish office will be closed. Trish will be attending the Chrism Mass at the Basilica.

(April 3) Candle Light Prayer at Spring Brook, Indian Brook Please join the faith community of St. Kateri for the century tradition of collecting Holy Water at Spring Brook, Robinson Rd. at 5am on Good Friday, April 3rd. This tradition of collecting Holy Water has been known to Indian Brook for hundreds of years. It has been said that Spring Brook is a place where Holy Water flows between 3am to 7am. Blessing of the water will take place at 5am by Fr. Phil. St. Kateri Pastoral council will be providing tea, coffee and hot cross buns.



(April 3)Divine Mercy Novena – *Divine Mercy Novena* begins on Good Friday, Apr.3rd for 9 consecutive days in preparation for the great graces of *Divine Mercy Sunday* celebrated on the last day of the Octave of Easter, Apr.12th. You can pray on your own. As well you may join us as we pray together at 4 pm following Good Friday Service; and 30 minutes before weekday Masses at Immaculate Conception Church. Pamphlets are available at the church.



(Apr 4)Easter Vigil 8pm at Immaculate Conception Church The Easter Vigil is our highest liturgy of the year and we urge your presence at this glorious celebration. We'll hear God's plan of salvation unfold in four readings from the Old Testament along with their associated and sung psalms from the Kingdom of David. We'll hear the climatic Gospel of the Resurrection. With the Eucharist prayers we make the very same Savior, Jesus the Christ, present among us and celebrate the initiation of new members into our Catholic family. To aid participation in our celebration we'll use our projection screen for our hymns and prayers while we make known the four Rites as they're celebrated. Come let us celebrate this most holy of nights together



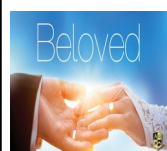
(Apr 5-12) Octave of Easter. So significant is the Solemnity of Easter Day, it's celebrated over eight calendar days as if one day. We invite you to join us for Weekday Masses in the glory of this day.

(April 12)Divine Mercy Sunday in addition to our weekend Masses, you are invited to our 3pm *Divine Mercy Sunday* celebration at Immaculate Conception church in Truro on April 12th. We will begin our celebration at 3pm with devotions, prayer, adoration and veneration of the Divine Mercy image. The opportunity for confession will also be available beginning at 2 pm. To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday view this 10 minute video



<https://youtu.be/4R2tOEFddig> called- *Divine Mercy Sunday Explained: How to Receive the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday.*

(April 24 & 25) Marriage Enrichment: Uncover the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of marriage. On Friday evening, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 our parish presents "Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage," a series of videos and private discussions for married couples (and those preparing for marriage). Meals and snacks are included. To reserve a spot, contact the parish office by April 14 at office@icctruro.org.



What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? Bring your spouse on a date to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do," whether you said it last year or many years ago.



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