



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!

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday



" Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen yet have come to believe.."

John 20.29

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today we hear the well-known story of Saint Thomas, the apostle who doubted that Jesus had truly risen, refusing to believe until he touched the nail marks in the Lord's hands. Out of mercy for the single apostle who had missed his first appearance after rising from the dead, Jesus returned to invite Thomas to probe his wounds. Thomas, with the faith we hope to emulate, immediately exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we ask God to strengthen our faith to overcome our doubts so that we too may see the risen Lord in our midst.

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Sheila Callaghan
Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Terry Hines ; † Doris Maloney
Wednesday , 7:00 pm - †Teresa Martin
† Doreen Knockwood
Thursday , 7:00pm - Tom Keaveney
Friday 12:15 pm -† Souls in Purgatory ;† Elvie Tan
Saturday, 4:00pm- † Bill Whelan
Sunday, 9:00 am- †Grace Mary Denomy ;For the People

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro
4:00pm - St. Michael's, Brule

Sunday

9:00am- St. Michael's, Brule
3rd Sunday Only
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 : 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.

Saint Michael's Brule:

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once a month at 9:00 AM, held on the third Sunday of each month. So there will be no regularly
scheduled Mass these weekends. We would like to thank Fr. Jim for accommodating our
request and pray that this will be fruitful for our faith community.



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



For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the
accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and
prayer.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

*It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the
seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will
be rewarded for their own hard work. 1Corinthians 3:7-9 NLT*

Lord, we pray for students who desire to see their friends know you. May they be moved by love and
compassion. May they also respect the boundaries of those who don't know you yet. May they not feel
pressure to see a result, but to trust that you will be the one to work in the hearts of those around them. Lord,
let them live authentic lives with Christlike character as a true example. 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, May 29th 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 rec-
ommended.

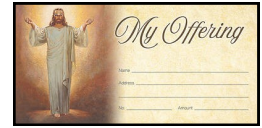


COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was:

ICC = \$7118.25; Sacred Heart = \$1449.85; St. Michael's = \$479.00

Good Friday = \$ 2447.85 Capital = \$ 230.00



Easter Memorial Flowers Thank you to all who generously donated flowers in memory of loved ones this Easter. Your gifts helped to beautify our church and celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. You are now welcome to take your memorial flowers home following Mass this weekend.

Nova Scotia United for Life: is launching a pro-life awareness initiative called “**Project Can’t Un See.**” The campaign displays a laminated image of 10–12-week preborn baby models on our church bulletin boards. The goal is to educate and encourage reflection, as many people believe that at this stage the unborn child is only a cluster of cells rather than a developing human life.



Seeing an image can leave a lasting impression. This initiative aims to help people, especially young people, better understand early human development. Informational cards are also available for parishioners who would like to learn more or share the message. We are grateful to Archbishop Brian Dunn for his continued pro-life support (His letter is available on request and is posted on the bulletin boards as well).



The Knights of Columbus Bishop Colin Campbell Bursary

Applications are now available to all grade 12 students. Bishop Colin Campbell bursary is due by **May 15th**. The Bursary is valued at **\$2000.00** and is on the Church website. For more information, contact Randy Works at 895 0489 or email worksrandy99@gmail.com.



Monsignor Martin Memorial Bursary

Students who are graduating from high school this year are eligible to apply for the Monsignor Martin Memorial Bursary. Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary is offering their \$1000.00 scholarship again this year to youth members of our parishes. This is open to those who are going to university, NSCC or other training institutions. Information can be obtained on the web site and copies will be emailed to Guidance office in all high schools in our district in care of the school services office. Hard copies will be available in the church office. All entries must be in by **May 1st**.

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 **May 3rd**. 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 **Apr. 12th** after the 9 am Mass. All families with children in grades 1-5.



First Holy Communion will take place at the 9am Sunday Mass **May 17th**. Please contact Bella eveangelization.iccp@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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:

(April 12)The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary will have their meeting in Campbell Hall Sunday April 12th at 4pm.



(April 11-12) Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxillary Annual Monsignor Martin Bake Sale, Will be held **Saturday, April 11th and Sunday April 12th**, after each Mass. Donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted on **Saturday April 11th** starting at 12pm. **Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. Money raised will go toward the Bursary for a student from our parish.**

(April 12) We formally welcome the newest members to our Catholic community this Sunday. Baptized already in a denomination, they'll now celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. For them, it has been at least a year long journey of catechesis and liturgical experiences. As well, a couple unable to attend this date will celebrate at our Wednesday evening Mass. May they continue in Christ's significant call to become holy and to build his kingdom.



(Apr 11&12)100 Slightly Used Computer Monitors The Knights of Columbus will have 100 slightly used 24" computer monitors which will be available to all parishioners for a minimum donation of \$25.00. The monitors will be available in Campbell Hall on a first come first basis on the weekend of April 11th & 12th. All proceeds go to the ICC Capital Campaign.

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(April 19) This weekend will remind us of our need to stand for the truth of life. In a letter from Bishop Dunn, he says MAiD continues to be a growing concern for many Catholics. In particular, the access to MAiD continues to broaden beyond those who are facing imminent death and its impact on our society is grave. On March 17, 2027, access to MAiD was expanded to include those who suffer from mental illness. Mental illness is not an incurable disease nor is death imminent when one suffers from mental illness. Support and resources to regain one's mental health are available. As Catholics we must take a stand against MAiD. To do so informing, educating, and empowering the faithful to do what they can to protect and stand up for the dignity inherent in all life is key.

(April 19 and 26) Final Masses for Fr Andrew. As we know, the end of April is close and, sadly, it's time to say goodbye to Fr Andrew. He has asked we not have formal farewell receptions, but, he'll be presiding on the following dates and churches in which a farewell may be offered.



Saturday, April 18 at 4pm in ICC

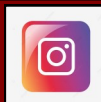
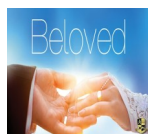
Sunday, April 19 at 11:30am in St Bridget

Saturday, April 25 at 4pm in St Michael

Sunday, April 26 at 9am in ICC and 11:30am in Sacred Heart

(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.



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