



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 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter



He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;

Luke 24.30-31

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today, on the third Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of the two disciples who encounter the risen Lord as they walk the road to Emmaus. They listen to this stranger as he opens the scriptures to them, explaining that the Christ had to suffer and die before rising in glory. After inviting him into their home, they recognize him when he breaks bread with them at their table. Every Sunday we live out this experience. We listen to the risen Lord speak to us through God's word. Then we receive him in the Eucharist. May we, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, invite him into our midst.

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MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Kellie Zemeckas
Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Mark Mahoney; † Magdalene Martin
Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Bill Whelan; † Joyce McMillan
Thursday, 7:00pm - † Sarah "Ting" Boutilier
Friday 12:15 pm - † Charlotte Burgess ; † Mark Yuri Stephens
Saturday, 4:00pm- † Anne Marie White
Sunday, 9:00 am- † Eldon Wood ; For the People

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro
4:00pm - St. Michael's, Brule
(Except 3rd Sunday)

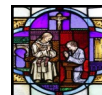
Sunday

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:

We are pleased to announce that, beginning **April 19**, we will begin offering a Sunday Mass 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

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14,15 NIV

Lord, we pray for educators and students who are curious about the story of Jesus. We pray that they would hear of your great love and how it has changed many lives. May those who have been changed by this great love pass it on to those around 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, 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.

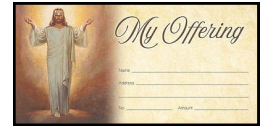
Marriage Preparation : For those wishing to be married at the Immaculate Conception Parish, please contact the Parish Office. While not always necessary, a year in advance is recommended.



COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was:

ICC = \$3592.85; Sacred Heart = \$793.35; St. Michael's = \$241.00;
St. Bridget's = \$1475.00; St. Kateri = \$211.50 Capital = \$ 795.00



Happy Easter, Father Jim, Father Andrew, Father Phil and Deacon Wilford! Thank you for the many recognitions, cards and tokens of your love for us, your clergy. Our joy is to heed our calling from Christ to serve the people of God.



ST. Vincent de Paul Society – We have an immediate need for furniture donations to assist families who are suddenly required to move into new accommodations and have no furniture available. Beds, tables and chairs are in most demand.

We are also in need for new volunteers to join our team **of dispatchers**. This is a vital role within our Conference and we will provide the IT equipment and training to assist you in helping respond to the many requests for assistance we receive from our neighbours in need throughout our community. Please contact the Conference President, Dave Mahoney at 902 956 0395 for details on how to volunteer for this important role.



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. 26th** 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 19) Saint Michael's Brule: We will begin offering a Sunday Mass once a month at 9:00 AM, held on the third Sunday of each month. See inside for more details.

(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 will expand 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 21) ALPHA Come and See Night This Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:00 pm in Campbell Hall. Curious? Come and see what it's all about. No commitment necessary. Bring your questions. Bring your friends! Hope you'll join us on Tuesday.



(April 23) St. Michael's Brule will host an Eventide on Thursday, **April 23 at 6:30 PM**. An hour of reflective Christian music and prayer, followed by a light reception. All are welcome to gather and celebrate through music, regardless of faith tradition or background. Come for a peaceful time of reflection in a world full of distractions.

(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

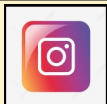


(April 25) St Mark, Evangelist is celebrated this day as a liturgical Feast. St Mark was not one of the twelve Apostles but he was a loyal disciple of Christ and a Gospel writer. There is no special Mass this Saturday so please ask for his intercession in personal prayer. St Mark, pray for us.

(May 1) First Friday we'll celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus during our regularly scheduled Mass.



(May 2) 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.



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