



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 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"Anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. "

John 10.1-2

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Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today we hear Jesus make a wonderful promise to us and all those who follow him. He promises that we "might have life and have it more abundantly." This is why he came, he tells the crowds. Since we know now that Jesus came to bring salvation to the world, we realize he was speaking of eternal life with God as the more abundant life we can have. Let us listen for the call of the Good Shepherd so we might follow him to the verdant pastures of abundance.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Vincent van Zutphen
Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Martin & † Bill Whelan
Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Anne & † Ambri White
Thursday, 7:00pm - † Kellie Zemeckas
Friday 12:15 pm - † Cheryl Ann Fritz ; † Vince Gillis
Saturday, 4:00pm- † Rick Virostek
Sunday, 9:00 am- † George W. Hames & † Craig Yorke
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.

During the month of May, St. Michael's in Brule, will be said 30 minutes before Mass.



Sacrament of Reconciliation : 30 mins prior to weekday Masses or by appointment.

Saint Michael's Brule:

There will be 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

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 Christ like 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 recommended.

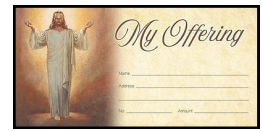


COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was:

ICC = \$3066.60; Sacred Heart = \$805.30; St. Michael's = \$197.80

St. Bridget's = \$660.00; St. Kateri = \$385.00 Capital = \$95.00



NET Canada is currently recruiting young adults to become missionaries. Below is a message about their upcoming discernment event. Perhaps there's a young person or two in our parish who might consider this life changing ministry. Too often young people don't know Christ! They are separated from God and his plan for them - afraid, alone, anxious, and lacking meaning. Yet, the Church needs your help! Join us in proclaiming Jesus to high school students and showing them how to respond and live for Him.



Catholics ages 16-30 are invited to join us at one of our upcoming online NET Mission Discernment Events. The next one is happening on Saturday, **April 25th from 3-4pm EST!** Get a glimpse into what this transformative year of mission could look like! Interested or know someone who would be? Sign up at netcanada.ca/apply! Have questions? Email recruit@netcanada.ca or call/text 613-292-9991! For more information on NET visit: <https://www.netcanada.ca/>

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.

THANK YOU!! The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary wish to thank all the Parishioners who contributed to our successful Monsignor Martin bake sale. We are blessed to have such a generous Parish.



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. **This is the last in session class.**



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 25 and 26) Final Masses for Fr Andrew. As we know, the end of April is here 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 25 at 4pm in St Michael

Sunday, April 26 at 9am in ICC

11:30 Sacred Heart

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



(May 1) Monsignor Martin Memorial Bursary Attention high school graduates. Applications for the Monsignor Martin Memorial Scholarship should be in for **May 1st**. Application forms can be found on our ICC website. Any questions call 902 895 7757



(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.

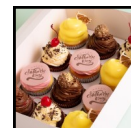
(May 9) Knights of Columbus Cellar to attic sale Knights of Columbus are having a cellar to attic yard sale on **Saturday May 9th**. Sale will be in Campbell Hall, opening at **8:00 AM**. We will be setting up on **Friday the 8th**. If you have items to donate please bring them at that time.



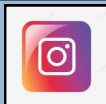
(May 9 & 10) Chalice is coming to our Parish! At each weekend Mass, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.



(May 9 & 10) St Vincent de Paul Society Mother's Day Bake Sale - Will be held in Campbell Hall after mass on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10. **Bakers** who wish to donate - please bring your baked goods to Campbell Hall **before** each mass (we will be there 45 minutes before mass). **All Parishioners** - Please come and buy some goodies and treats (cash/cheque accepted and e-transfer may also be available). Contact Della Fougere for more information - 902-893-8481.



(May 15) The Knights of Columbus Bishop Colin Campbell Bursary Applications are 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.



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