



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!



Welcome Everyone
To Our 2026
Celebrations
for
Easter Vigil

&

Easter Sunday



Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

We begin this holiest of nights, when we first celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave, by gathering around this fire: this source of light, warmth, and life, and a symbol of the light, warmth, and new life of the Resurrection. Fire has been a sign of the divine presence going back to ancient times. The Lord appeared to Moses in the burning bush. When the Chosen People escaped from captivity, God appeared as a pillar of fire to lead them across the sea and light their way through the desert. We keep vigil, looking to the Lord to lead us out of the captivity of sin and death. Alleluia, the Resurrection accomplishes this! With joy and gratitude, we praise God, who raised Jesus from the dead to new life in the eternal kingdom. Let us rejoice! Let us be glad! Gathered together today to celebrate the Eucharistic banquet, let us join with all

MASSES & INTENTIONS At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Anne White
Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Vincent Gillis; † Gordon Weatherby
Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Cheryl Ann Fritz, † Anne White
Thursday, 7:00pm - † Chris Macgillivray
Friday 12:15 pm - † Paz Montesa ; † Kenneth Patrick Gloade
Saturday, 4:00pm- Hazel Saniga
Sunday, 9:00 am- †Margaret Dwyer; For the People

EASTER WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

8:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Truro

Sunday

9:00 am - St. Michael's, Brule

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.



On April 12, Divine Mercy Sunday, at our 9am Mass we will celebrate Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception Church for those already baptized in a denomination and are entering the Roman Catholic Church. Let us welcome these Candidates into our worldwide Catholic family.



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

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31 NIV

Lord, we put our hope in you. When students feel weary, remind them that you are their source of strength. Help them not to rely on their own ability but to lean on you. Renew their energy, passions, and their faith. Empower them to run this race with endurance and joy, trusting that you are with them every step of the way. 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.



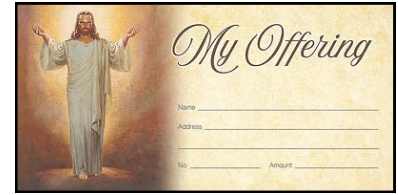
COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was:

ICC = \$4434.10; Sacred Heart = \$798.25; St. Michael's = \$369.50

St. Bridget's = \$410.00; St. Kateri = \$200.00

Capital = \$ 435.00



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.



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 **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 **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 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 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.**

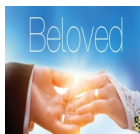
(April 12) Divine Mercy Sunday in addition to our weekend Masses, you are invited to our 3pm *Divine Mercy Sunday* celebration at Immaculate Conception church in Truro on April 12th. We will begin our celebration at 3pm with devotions, prayer, adoration and veneration of the Divine Mercy image. The opportunity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



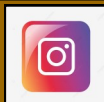
<https://youtu.be/4R2tOEFddig> called- *Divine Mercy Sunday Explained: How to Receive the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday.*

(April 12) The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary will have their meeting in Campbell Hall Sunday April 12th at 2pm.

(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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