



Immaculate Conception Parish



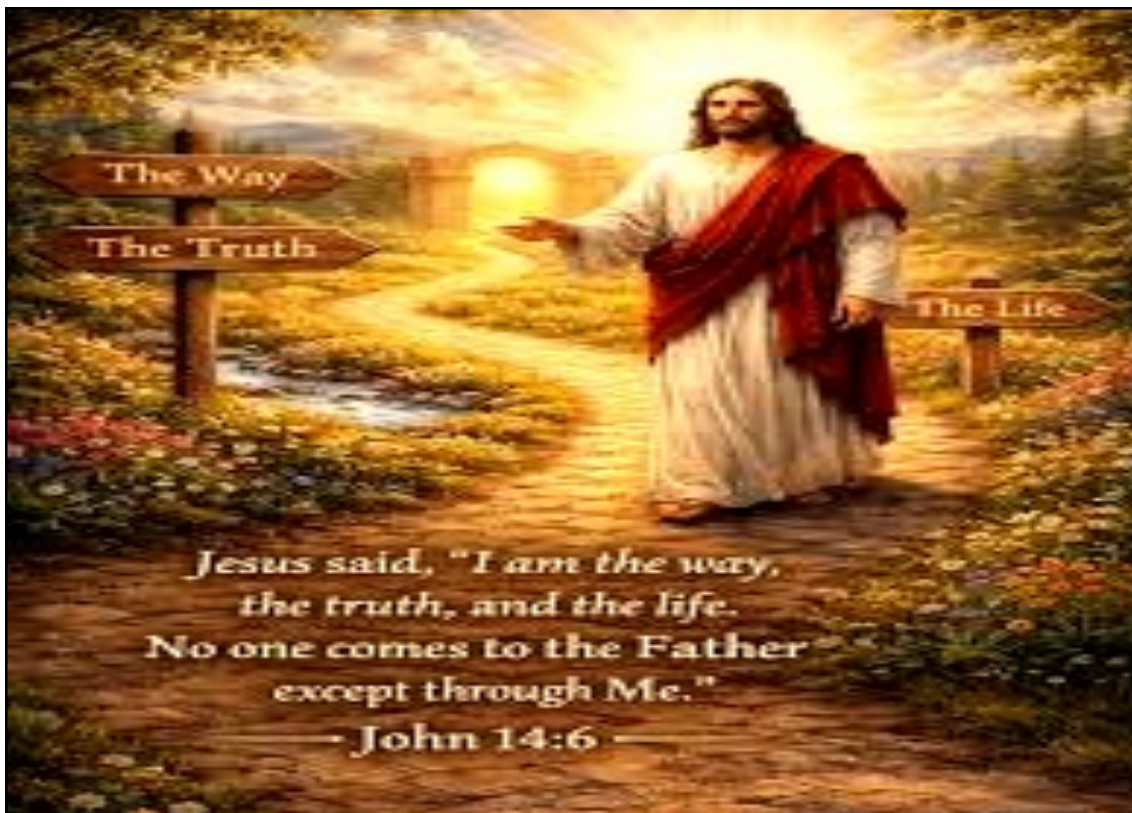
With the Churches of :
Immaculate Conception Church, Truro; St. Michael's Church, Brule;
St Kateri, Indian Brook; Sacred Heart, Millbrook;
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

Welcome Everyone!

A special welcome to new parishioners and visitors to our Parish!

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter



Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

On the night before he died, Jesus assured his disciples that "in my Father's house there are many dwelling places. . . . I am going to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). Jesus knew that their faith would be severely tested and their hope would be dashed in the coming days. Our faith and hope waver as well. May the words of our Lord in today's Gospel reassure us through our doubts and despair about our future. God's house has a place for each of us.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00 pm- † Arnold Nickerson

Tuesday, 12:15 pm- † Charlotte Burgess; † Frank Marble

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - † Charles Goill;
† Francine Massicotte

Thursday, 7:00pm - † Jordan Matheson

Friday 12:15 pm - † Jack Callaghan; † Donald McDonald

Saturday, 4:00pm- † Anne White

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Corazon Pascual ; 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

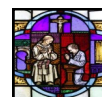
11:30 am - St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

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.

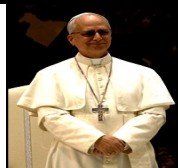
During the month of May, St. Michael's in Brule, will be said 30 minutes before Mass.



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 *May*****

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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.

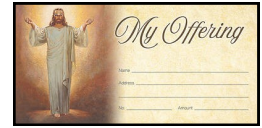


COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was:

ICC = \$4633.75; Sacred Heart = \$696.35; St. Michael's = \$185.00

St. Bridget's = \$440.00; St. Kateri = \$127.00 Capital = \$45.00



Sign up for EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network). This Catholic Network began in 1981, with a \$200 investment, a makeshift studio in Irondale, Alabama monastery garage and one on air personality, Mother Angelica herself! EWTN, now the largest Catholic media network in the world, reaches more than 380 million TV homes in 145 countries and territories, and draws millions more to its online resources, radio networks and publications. What hasn't changed since that first broadcast in the mission with Mother Angelica and EWTN, to spread the eternal word of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. They may be accessed on television (Cable companies charge a nominal \$3.00 fee) or online for free. To enjoy their programming, contact your TV provider or download their app from an app store.

Decree Of NULLITY "The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth invites people with questions or concerns about the application for nullity process to contact the Marriage Tribunal Office. The office is open and ready to assist anyone who seeks additional information or guidance in how to begin the process. We can be reached by phone at 902-429-9800 ext. 321 or please visit the "Marriage Tribunal" on the Archdiocesan website:

<https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/marriage-tribunal>



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).

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 - Fall registration will be available in August.



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:

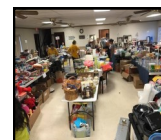
(May 1) First Friday we'll celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus during our regularly scheduled Mass.



(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.

(May 3) St Philip and St James, Apostles, is normally celebrated this day as a Feast. Because it falls on a Sunday, the Sunday liturgy takes precedence. However, please recall them in your prayer for their intercession in our lives, in our parish and in our world.

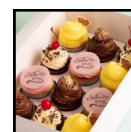
(May 9) Knights of Columbus Cellar to attic sale Knights of Columbus are having a cellar to attic yard sale on **Saturday May 9th**. Sale will be in Campbell Hall, opening at **8:00 AM**. We will be setting up on **Friday the 8th**. If you have items to donate please bring them at that time.



(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.



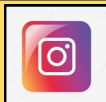
(May 9 & 10) St Vincent de Paul Society Mother's Day Bake Sale - Will be held in Campbell Hall after mass on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10. **Bakers** who wish to donate - please bring your baked goods to Campbell Hall **before** each mass (we will be there 45 minutes before mass). **All Parishioners** - 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 10-17) National Week for Life and Family The annual National Week for Family and Life Week 2026 (NFLW2026) is coming up! This initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) calls Canadian Catholics to highlight the ways we can pray for and promote life and the family. The theme is **"I am with you always"** (cf. Matthew 28:20), which reminds the domestic church that Christ remains with us in our joys, struggles, across generations, and in all of life's experiences. For more information visit www.cccb.ca.



(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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