



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 17, 2026

*Ascension of the Lord
World Communications Day
for the Pope's Pastoral*

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I am always with you, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28.19-20

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Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Forty days after he rose from the dead, Jesus ascended to the Father in heaven. His mission had been accomplished. Now he commands the disciples to begin their mission. Once they receive the Holy Spirit, they are to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. But he assures them of one final thing: even as he reigns at the Father's right hand, he will remain with them always. May that promise reassure us as we take up the mantle the first disciples left for us.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- Hector & Maggie Romero
Tuesday, 12:15pm- † James Whalen; Birth of a child
Wednesday, 7:00pm-† Harold Callaghan ;
† Charlotte Burgess
Thursday, 7:00pm-David Simon Nevin; † Jordan MacLeod
Friday, † Hugh MacLeod
Saturday, 4:00pm- † Bill Whelan
Sunday, 9:00 am-† Arnold Nickerson ; 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.



May is a month we traditionally honor our Blessed Mother. Scripture, Catholic teaching, personal testimonies, and Marian prayer—including the rosary—provide a renewed appreciation of Mary's place in today's world, where she, as always, points the way to Christ. Please ask for her intercession by praying the Rosary individually, in our families or in our church. In our churches, all are welcome to join us at any of the following times before the regularly scheduled Masses:

Friday at 11:40am at Immaculate Conception (as well as Sunday through the year at 8:20am)
Saturday at 3:40am at St Michael Sunday at 9:45am at St Kateri



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

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Lord, Thank you for each principal, teacher, staff member, volunteer, and student being created with a purpose. Even when they don't see the full picture, help them to trust that you are guiding them. Help them to see their potential. Show them the path you have for them and remind them that they are valuable in your kingdom. 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.

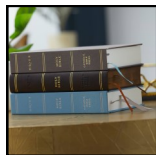
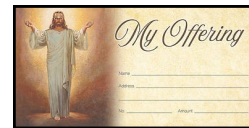


COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was:

ICC = \$3674.15; Sacred Heart = \$582.00; St. Michael's = \$186.00

St. Bridget's = \$600.00; St. Kateri = \$250.20 Capital = \$807.00




Knights of Columbus Bible Drive. Put the Gospel in Someone's Hands. Our parish frequently receives requests for Bibles from those searching for faith or to deepen their faith. To meet this need, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a Bible Drive. Whether it is a spare copy from your home or a new gift, your donation, in any language, will help provide spiritual comfort to a neighbour in need. Please drop off your donations in the Knights of Columbus Bible Drive boxes located near the entrances at ICC Truro. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners - Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for your support in our bake sale last weekend. Through sales and donations, we made **\$1,250.00** which will help people in need in our community. For those who baked, bought, and donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated!



St. Michael's - Fill Our Freezer Drive At St. Michael's we are blessed to have a wonderful little group of volunteers who ensure we are always able to gather for our social time after Mass. While we are truly grateful for all monetary donations that help to cover the cost of refreshments, we are reaching out to anyone that is able to bring along some baked goods that can be shared during our time together. Home baked or store bought - muffins, squares, cookies or biscuits. Any treat that can be frozen will be greatly received. Pantry items such as boxed cookies and crackers would also be appreciated. Please bring all donations to the kitchen before Mass. God Bless our ladies and our beautiful church.



 **Chalice extends a heartfelt "thank you"** to Fr. O'Connor and Immaculate Conception Parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on May 9-10. As a result, **19 children in need were sponsored**, in addition to those who are usually sponsored after more time and consideration. On behalf of these children, thank you for your generosity and hospitality! You have revealed God's love to His precious children. Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit chalice.ca or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission or to sponsor a child today.

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 **June 7**. Youth interested in Mass ministry may contact the Parish Office to sign up. June is the last family Mass until the Fall.

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**. Congratulations on making this very special sacrament!



Youth News

Grade 6 and Up - Catechism Classes

Monday Nights weekly - 6:30-8:30pm **MONDAY MAY 18th NO YOUTH NIGHT (Victoria Day)**

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.

Archdiocesan Household Program Has Spots!



Do you know a young adult looking to deepen their faith and discern where God is calling them within a community of like-minded youth adults?? If you do, let them know that the Archdiocesan households are currently accepting applications! The women's household, Magdalene House on the property of Stella Maris Parish, has two spots open. The men's household, Jerome House, on the campus of the Atlantic School of Theology in the south end, has four spots open. The households are ideal for mature Catholic young adults who want to grow in their faith by participating in a formation program and living in community with other Catholics. Rent is \$600/month, all utilities included. To apply visit: <https://www.vocationsoffice.org/>

The Household Program is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth through the Vocations Office and supported by Holy Cross Chaplaincy. Households are small communities where young adults live together around a shared Rule of Life. They are designed so that young adults can grow through communal discipleship and receive support as they discern a vocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR:

(May 17) First Holy Communion at 9am Sunday Mass we will celebrate a significant moment in the life of the children as they receive their First Communion. From their young ages they have been prepared to understand that they receive Christ himself in his body, blood, soul and divinity. May we continue to nurture them in their faith journey.



May 18) The Parish Office is closed. On Monday May 18th the office will be closed to observe Victoria Day.

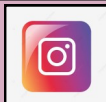
(May 18) No Youth Night. There will be no youth night on Monday May 18th. The next youth night will be **Monday May 25th.**



(May 24) ICLA Meeting The Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary meeting is May 24th/26 Please note time change for this meeting only is **at 3:30** and followed by a potluck. **Please note there will be a special vote to reduce the head count for a Quorum. Please come to vote.**



(May 31) SANTACRUZAN: A Filipino Catholic Tradition, will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, May 31. It begins at 3:30pm with Rosary leading to a 4pm Mass. It finishes with a procession of queens and photos; inside if rain. There is no banquet this year. It was introduced by the Spaniards in the Philippines in the 1800's, to commemorate and to re-tell the story of how Queen Helena, or "Reyna Elena," mother of Constantine the Great, uncovered the Holy Cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. It's an effective way for the younger generation and the Catholic faithful to be catechized about traditional Filipino practices.



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