



# *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 24, 2026*

# *Pentecost Sunday*

"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 20.22-23



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### **Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy**

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to his disciples when he assured them that he would not leave them orphans. We are not left orphans either, as the Holy Spirit descends upon us in baptism and remains with us forever. Throughout our lives, the Holy Spirit guides us along the path Jesus left for us and flows through us to bear fruit in the world. As we sing in the sequence, may the Holy Spirit bend our stubborn wills when we resist God's will and guide us when we go astray, in order to bring us joy that never ends. Amen. Alleluia!

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## MASSES & INTENTIONS

### At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- † James Gloade

Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Yolilio R. Montesa; Hazel Saniga

Wednesday, 7:00pm- For Success in electrolysis exam ;  
Start a business

Thursday, 7:00pm- † Annie Callaghan; † Jileen Julien

Friday, † Martin & Bill Whelan

Saturday, 4:00pm- † Anne White

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

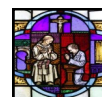
11:30 am - St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

**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 3:40pm 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**

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 NIV*

Lord, I pray that students would run to you as their refuge. When they feel lost or weak, remind them that you are always with them. Be their strength, be their guide, be their covering and peace. Let them know they are never alone. Allow them to see their value and worth.



**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 = \$3898.40; Sacred Heart = \$351.50; St. Michael's = \$175.00

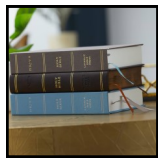
St. Bridget's = \$460.00; St. Kateri = \$1375.25 Capital = \$95.00



**Mass Intentions.** Would you like a Mass offered for your intention, the intention of a loved one or for the repose of their soul? If so, please visit our website or our office with your sacrifice, usually \$10, to make arrangements. Should you wish a specific date please advise a month in advance.



**Becoming Catholic** Have you considered journeying into the Catholic Faith? OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of learning about Jesus Christ and possibly formally joining the Church he founded. Consider having greater unity with your spouse and family, taking a step in your faith journey or celebrating missing sacraments, etc. Please contact our office or complete a Welcome Card and hand it in at any Mass.



**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.

**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.



## **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.



## **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.

## 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 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.



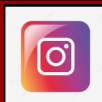
**(June 5) First Friday** we'll celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus during our regularly scheduled Mass.



**(June 6) 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 accrue 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.



**(June 6, 7) Corpus Christi Procession** will take place at each church to bring forth an ancient tradition for enhancing our celebration and significance of the gift of Holy Communion, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. A procession led by this Blessed Sacrament will flow around each of our churches following the distribution of Holy Communion. We invite the wearing of traditional ethnic clothing to bear witness to the international vastness present in our church. If any are unable to participate in the procession, they may remain in the church and pray silently or with the choir hymns until the procession returns to the church for the Prayer After Communion and Dismissal. With inclement weather the procession will take place inside.



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