



Immaculate Conception Parish



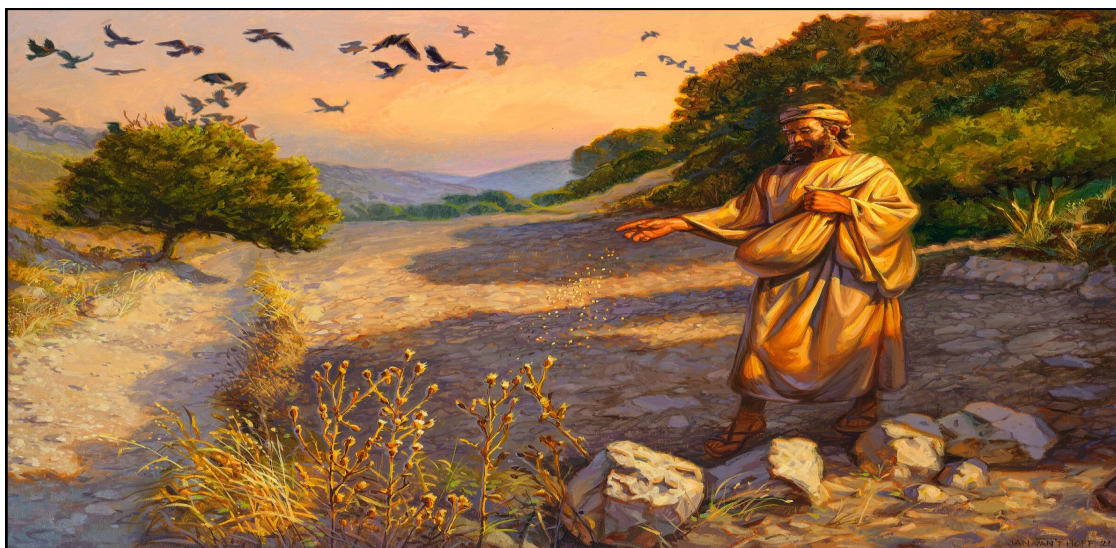
With the Churches of :
Immaculate Conception Church, Truro; St. Michael's Church, Brule;
St Kateri, Indian Brook; Sacred Heart, Millbrook;
St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

Welcome Everyone!

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

July 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



" But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Matthew 13.23

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today we hear the word of God compared to a seed, which ideally grows within us as it would in fertile soil, yielding a fruitful harvest. Isaiah does this in verse, sung from God's perspective, comparing the rains that water the earth to God's word showered on those who hear it. The psalmist does this in song, giving thanks to God for providing us with such bounty. Jesus does this via a parable about a sower, after which he explains it to his disciples. Let us listen to God's word, digesting it so that it may yield fruit through us.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, July 13, 20 & 27 NO MASS

Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Nathan Archibald

Wednesday, 7:00pm- Jordan Matheson

Thursday, 7:00pm- Fr. Andrew

Friday, 12:15pm- † Dean Munro

Saturday, 4:00pm- Special Intention

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
(Only 3rd Sunday)

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception, Truro

10:00 am - St. Kateri, Indian Brook

11:30 am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

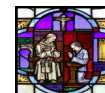
11:30 am - St. Bridget's, Shubenacadie

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



Rosary : In prayerful support of all our ministries, the rosary will be offered
fore every Sunday 9:00 am Mass, from 8:20 -8:40 am. Everyone is invited to join us.

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



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for *July*****

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Special Appeal for Caritas Venezuela Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is making a special appeal for Caritas Venezuela in response to the devastating earthquakes that struck their country. Over 1400 people have died, tens of thousands more are missing, thousands have been injured, and tens of thousands have been displaced. Pope Leo prayed for the people in Venezuela: "Praying to the Lord for the eternal rest of the deceased, I renew my spiritual solidarity with their families, the injured, and all who have been shaken by this tragedy."



To make a donation visit <https://devp.org/en/venezuela-earthquakes-you-can-help-now/>

Highschool Prayer *Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.* Philipians 4:4,9 NLT

Lord, we rejoice in your goodness! You have walked with every Principal, teacher, staff member and student in every high school across Canada this past school year. You have heard every prayer. After a year of putting in the effort to learn and grow, we have reached summer break! Thank you for rest. We pray that each student will have a summer of great joy. Keep them safe and lead them in your ways. Bless those who have poured into the students, may they find rest and refreshment. Amen.



Baptism Preparation will take place bi-monthly on the **last Tuesday**. The next is **July 28** from 6pm to 7:30pm in Kinsella Room. Note, this is a change from Fridays. If you plan to celebrate your young child's baptism this year, we invite parents and godparents to attend our Baptism Preparation session. Please register online as you'll be required to watch two preparatory videos beforehand.

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 = \$4670.80 Sacred Heart = \$480.80 St. Michael's = \$353.00 St. Bridget's = \$370.00;
St. Kateri = \$135.00 Capital = \$1060

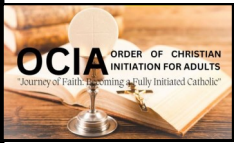


Fundraiser for Evangelization Events!!! We continue to accept donations of your refundables. The account is set up at the Subway Bottle Exchange, 25 Pictou Rd. to offset the cost of activities planned for evangelization events. For your convenience your cans, bottles etc. can be left in the blue bin at the Campbell Hall entrance of ICC. Thank you!!



Job Opportunity We are seeking a Family Faith and Youth Coordinator to join our team. If you are passionate about supporting families, nurturing faith and engaging youth in our parish community, we encourage you to apply. For more information on how to apply, call the Parish Office at 902-893-7188. Applications must be received by **August 7th**. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Bella Rochon and Ann Huntley for their faithful service in this ministry. We are deeply grateful for the many ways they have shared their gifts with our parish community.

Soliciting for our new Family Faith and Youth leadership and funding is underway. Did you know again this year, weekly donations are inadequate to meet our budget? This is restricting our ability to hire for a full time position at a moment when the demands to meet the needs of families and youth is increasing. Please consider increasing your regular donation. We know some cannot increase their giving and others are blessed that they can donate more. An average increase of 15% is our goal to meet this and other expenses other expenses.



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.

Family Faith Formation (FFF News):

Liturgy

Family Mass - After the summer on the first Sunday of every month at the 9am Mass at ICC. The next family Mass is **September 6th**. Youth interested in Mass ministry may contact the Parish Office to sign up.



Children's Liturgy of the Word - Will resume in the Fall.

Catechism Class

FFF Classes - Fall registration will be available in August.

Youth News

Grade 6 and Up - Catechism Classes

Monday Nights weekly - Will resume in the Fall

Confirmation Prep Will resume in the Fall. Confirmation for the class of 2026 will take place on Monday, September 14th at 7pm with Archbishop Brian Dunn.



Steubenville Atlantic takes place this weekend in Halifax with over 700 youth attending; a sold out event. Please pray that the 17 from our parish will not only experience the Holy Spirit with profound joy and hope at the conference, may they afterwards carry that same spirit in their lives and among their families and friends. Our Lord is moving the hearts and minds of youth in powerful ways causing them to become open and to seek greater truths and experiences of the divine. May our prayer, witness and invitation contribute to God's Will in bringing many souls to Him.



Sponsor of Server Vestments. With joy we see altar servers vested and in ministry at 9am Mass in Truro. Thanks be to God for the organizational work of Jake Eediano. Unfortunately Jake has relocated to another country. However, Fr Greg is providing leadership, along with young Jacob Augustine. One of our goals is to schedule 4pm Mass as well as to receive additional servers. Because we are out of server vestments we invite parishioners to sponsor a server for vestment purchase costing \$200 each. Currently, there are several more in wait. Will you sponsor one?



QR CODE Have you noticed the QR Code stickers on the backs of the pews? Scan the code with your phone camera to access a simple way to donate to various ministries in our parish. You can also find the QR code on our website under the donate tab.
www.icctruro.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR

(July 13-28) Vacation Fr Jim is away visiting parts of Atlantic Canada from Monday, July 13 to Tuesday, July 28. Visiting priests are available to fill in on the weekends, thanks be to God. Fr Jim says he'll continue his daily prayers and Masses for all entrusted to his care while away.

(July 13, 20 and 27) No Masses on Monday, Fr Greg's day off, until Fr Jim's return.

(July 26) Sunday, is the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV, – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God’s unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the “frailties of old age” (excerpt from the letter of the Prefect and Secretary for the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life).

(July 26) Feast of St Anne Sunday There will be a 2pm Mass at both Indigenous churches to celebrate the grandmother of Jesus. (Only at Sacred Heart, Millbrook will we also have the regular 11:30am Sunday morning Mass, whereas the regular 10am Mass at St Kateri is moved to 2pm) At St Kateri it's preceded by a Novena at 6pm each evening, beginning Sunday, July 16. At Sacred Heart, Rosary in their cemetery will follow Mass. All are welcome.

(Aug 1) First Saturday will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church with 9am Mass and special Marian prayers. All are invited

(Aug 7) First Friday we'll celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus during our regularly scheduled 12:15pm Mass.

(Aug 29) Ministers of Holy Communion There will be a workshop held in Campbell Hall at 9:30am. Contact Jane Allen 902-843-0269. Deadline to register is Friday August 21st.



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