



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 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom.

Matthew 13.37-38

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

On this midsummer day, Jesus invites us to sit back and listen to the master storyteller tell three parables about the kingdom of heaven. Instead of describing it literally, Jesus uses parables to explore its aspects and express its richness. Once again, he speaks of a farmer sowing seed. Let us pray that the seed that is the word of God may find fertile soil in each of us so that we may come to a deeper understanding of our faith.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, July 13, 20 & 27 NO MASS

Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Martin & Bill Whelan

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Bob Braedley

Thursday, 7:00pm- † Mary Butler; † Catherine (Kay) Hames

Friday, 12:15pm- Murray MacIntyre

Saturday, 4:00pm- † Helen Withrow

Sunday, 9:00 am-† Simon Mathai; 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

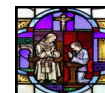
11:30 am - Sacred Heart, Millbrook

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



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.

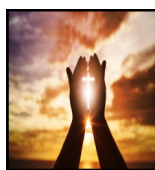
Mass Intentions. Would you like a Mass offered for your intention, the intention of a
loved one or for the repose of their soul? If so, please visit our website or our office with
your sacrifice, usually \$10, to make arrangements. Should you wish a specific date please
advise at least a month in advance.



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.



LET US PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

*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*

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 put-
ting 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 = \$3764.30; Sacred Heart = \$778.80; St. Michael's = \$255.00; St. Bridget's = \$440.00;
St. Kateri = \$140.00 Capital = \$270.00

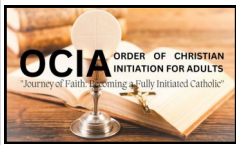


Fundraiser for Evangelization Events!!! We continue to accept donations of your refundables. The account is set up at the Subway Bottle Exchange, 25 Pictou Rd. to offset the cost of activities planned for evangelization events. For your convenience your cans, bottles etc. can be left in the blue bin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



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.



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 23) St. Bridget of Sweden's (1303–1373) feast day. She is the patron saint of Sweden and co-patron of Europe. She is also the patron saint of widows and Christian unity. In 1999, Pope John Paul II also named her one of the co-patronesses of Europe, alongside St. Catherine of Siena and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. St Bridget was a noblewoman and mystic. Married at age 14 she gave birth to eight children. After her husband's death, she founded the Bridgettine religious order. She is remembered for her sweeping visions, her famous 15 daily prayers, and her bold advocacy for reforming the Catholic Church. One of her daughters is also a saint, St. Catherine of Sweden.

(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.

(July 28) Happy Birthday Fr. Gregory! Fr. Gregory invites you to Campbell hall after the 12:15 Mass to celebrate his special day with coffee and cake.



(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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