



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!

August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Matthew 15.24

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

In today's first reading, we hear the LORD tell Isaiah, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Two and a half millennia later, this house of worship, along with hundreds of thousands of others like it around the world, continues to be a house of prayer for all peoples. In a spirit of Christian hospitality, we welcome everyone who comes here to pray in this holy place. Together we lift our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to our loving and welcoming God.

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MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- † Rory MacNeil
Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Diane Dion; Irene Arosio
Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Randy MacDonald; † Florella Howe
Thursday, 7:00pm- † David Settle; † Jean Moussan
Friday, 12:15pm- † Perseus Montesa
Saturday, 4:00pm- Fr. Gregory Nduka
Sunday, 9:00 am- † Barbara Wyrtrykowski; 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.

Timeliness for Mass

Dear parishioners, we are grateful for the many cultures that have graced our country and specifically our parish. Each comes with their own gifts, cultural background and often families, or with great joy they begin their family in their new country. Thanks be to God. However, one such cultural habit that is evident, but not so common in Canadian culture is tardiness at Mass and other events. In fact it is frowned upon as it's disruptive to those who are early and enjoying the event. For example, in many performances of the arts it is not permitted to enter after the start. Though, at Mass, everyone is always welcome. Still there are good reasons to be, not just on-time, but early. It is important to settle into the pew offering an initial prayer of thanksgiving to God and asking for help to experience the richness of the Mass. Once it begins you are poised to give the necessary attention to the procession, welcome and opening prayer. If on occasion one cannot help entering late, we ask that you enter through the rear door and sit near back in the most immediate pew to limit disrupting others.



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



For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Baptism Preparation will take place bi-monthly on the **last Tuesday**. The next is **September 29th** 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 = \$3395.99; Sacred Heart = \$653.50; St. Michael's = \$555.00; St. Bridget's = \$441.00

St. Kateri = \$147.00

Capital = \$426.00

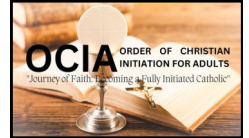


Alpha !! In three of our churches, ICC (Tues, Sept 22), St Michael (TBA), St Bridget (Fri, Sept. 11) Alpha begins. Explore ... Life, Faith, Meaning. What is Alpha? Alpha is a way to inspire and equip churches to create a space where people from any background can encounter Jesus. Registration will be available shortly.



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.



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!!



Our gravel parking lot is ready for use. The gravel surface is compacted and the parking lines are in place. Feel free to use these spaces any time. The entrance to this lot is off Lorne Street. Alternatively, it can also be accessed anywhere from our paved parking lot if not blocked with parked cars.



Thank you to our young server vestment sponsors. We are grateful for the several who have come forward to support our youth. Blessings to you and to our youth as they serve our Lord in the Mass.

Youth Showcase: Creative Reflections. The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is excited to announce the launch of our Youth Showcase: Creative Reflections, with the chance to win a \$200 gift card! We are asking for youth ages 19 and under to help us answer the question "How has our faith community helped us through stress, pressure, loss, or difficult moments?", using an original created work. Answers can range from artwork, poetry, written testimonies, music, and more! We invite youth to reflect on the role that their faith community has played in their lives.



Family Mass

Starting back on **September 6th** and will continue on the first Sunday of every month at the 9am Mass at ICC. We are looking for youth to participate in the different ministries for this Mass. Please contact the parish office to sign up.

Catechism Classes

Fall registration for all levels is online now!! **Deadline for registering for classes is September 9th.** This will allow us to make sure we have enough materials for everyone. Classes will resume in October.



Confirmation Monday, **September 14th at 7pm** with Archbishop Brian Dunn at ICC.

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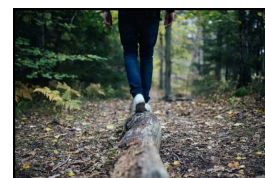


ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR

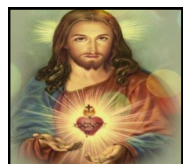
(Aug 14-23) Sipekne'katik Summer Games takes place at Indian Brook. There will be high-energy athletic competitions to vibrant cultural celebrations and nightly live entertainment. This year's games are packed with action. For the schedule visit <https://www.sipeknekatik.ca/msg26-schedule>.



(Aug 22) A walk will take place Saturday August 22 at Victoria Park. We will gather at 8:00 a.m. by the band shell and depart for the walk at 8:10 a.m. The walk will take 60-90 minutes. Come spend some time in fellowship enjoying God's wonderful creation. No need to RSVP. All are welcome.



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



(Sept 4) First Friday we'll celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus during our regularly scheduled 12:15pm Mass

(Sept 5) First Saturday will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church with 9am Mass and special Marian prayers. All are invited.



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