



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 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I will give you the keys of the kingdom, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16.19

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today we hear Jesus challenge his disciples. "Who do you say that I am?" he asks them, after asking them what others say. Saint Peter responds at once, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We are the disciples who Jesus challenges now. How do we answer this question? As we encounter him here today and receive him in the Eucharist, let us think of who Jesus is for us.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- † John Ballard

Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Milda & † Vincent Zemeckas

Wednesday , 7:00pm- † Jordan Matheson ;† Bonnie Strong

Thursday , 7:00pm-† Karen & † David Kearney

Friday, 12:15pm- † Kenn Munro

Saturday, 4:00pm- † Martin & † Bill Whelan

Sunday, 9:00 am-† Louise Bannon ; 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 people who worship and give to our parish. Each comes with their own gifts, cultural background and families thanks be to God. However, a habit of tardiness is evident at Mass and other events. It's disruptive to those performances of the arts it is not permitted to be always welcome. Still there are good reasons settle into the pew offering an initial prayer of experience the richness of the Mass. Once it attention to the procession, welcome and open-entering late, we ask that you enter through the rear door and sit near back in the most immediate pew to limit disrupting others.



who are early. For example, in many enter after the start. Though, at Mass, everyone to be, not just on-time, but early. It is important to thanksgiving to God and asking for help to begins you are poised to give the necessary ing prayer. If on occasion one cannot help

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 = \$3658.25; Sacred Heart = \$540.25; St. Michael's = \$205.00; St. Bridget's = \$530.25

Capital = \$110.00

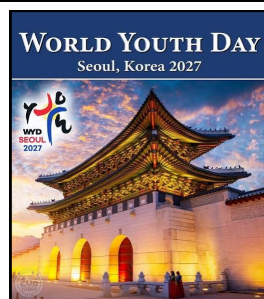
Alpha !! In two of our churches, ICC (Tues, Sept 22) and St Bridget (Fri, Sept. 11) Alpha begins. Explore ... Life, Faith, Meaning. What is Alpha? Alpha is a way to inspire and equip churches to create a space where people from any background can encounter Jesus. Registration forms are at the church entrances or you can register online icctruro.org

Get away from the
busyness of everyday life to
connect with each other
and connect with God.

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!!



Want To Go to World Youth Day 2027?

The Archdiocese of Halifax–Yarmouth is excited to announce a pilgrimage to **World Youth Day 2027** in Seoul, South Korea! From July 27–August 9, 2027, young adults from across the Archdiocese will journey to South Korea to encounter Christ, experience the universal Church, and celebrate their faith alongside pilgrims from around the world. The pilgrimage will begin with several days immersed in the life of a Korean host diocese, where pilgrims will experience the hospitality, culture, and the faith of the local Church. From there, the group will travel to Seoul to join hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from over 100 countries for six days of prayer, catechesis, and celebration with Pope Leo XIV.

If you're interested in learning more, join our interest list: <https://wyd.hcchaplaincy.ca/#interest>. You'll receive updates about information sessions, registration, fundraising opportunities, and pilgrimage preparation. Whether you're ready to commit or simply exploring the possibility, we'd love to have you take the first step. Spots are limited and funding is available so contact us soon! If you have any questions, reach out to Margaret Raymond at margaret@hcchaplaincy.ca.



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.

Volunteers needed to tidy our Family Resource rooms. With new leaders about to begin in our program Trish is asking for help to prepare the rooms by sorting materials in storage and purging what is redundant after many years. If you're able to help, please contact our office.



The Knights of Columbus are now harvesting the food bank garden in lower Truro. If you like to garden, please join us on Monday mornings from 8:30am-10:30am. All are welcomed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR

(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 25) IPCA Worldwide Day of Prayer Every year, the International Prison Chaplains Association holds an international day of prayer for prison ministry around the world on 25 August. This year our theme is: Committed to Care, Committed to Hope. Fr Jim is the part time Chaplain at our local Nova Institute for Women. Please pray for him and all those in prison ministry, particularly as we strive to develop a Lay ministry there and to which Tony Harvey has received his clearances.

(Aug 27) Adoration On Thursday morning is **CANCELLED** with priests away for a Clergy Gathering in the morning.



(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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