



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 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me."

Matthew 16.24

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us as his disciples to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him. None of these actions is easy. To put God's will before our own, to willingly accept what will make us suffer, and to follow someone who was put to death on the cross, is very difficult. But we will not be alone, for Jesus is with us as we follow him. Also, as he tells us in the Beatitudes, our reward will be great in heaven. Let us realize his real presence as we celebrate and receive the Eucharist.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- † Diane Dionne

Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Angus Boyd; † Lucy Thomas

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † David Thompson;
† Patsy Paul Martin

Thursday, 7:00pm- Special Intention; † James Gloade

Friday, 11:00am- † **Funeral Mass for Colin MacAdam**

Saturday, 4:00pm- Andrii(Andrew) & Kateryna Shvorak

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Bonnie Strong ; 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 to settle into the pew offering an initial prayer of experience the richness of the Mass. Once it is always welcome. Still there are good reasons to settle into the pew offering an initial prayer of experience the richness of the Mass. Once it



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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 = \$4004.25; Sacred Heart = \$406.00; St. Michael's = \$240.00; St. Bridget's = \$295.00; St. Kateri = \$280.00
Capital = \$140.00

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
business of everyday life to
connect with each other
and connect with God.

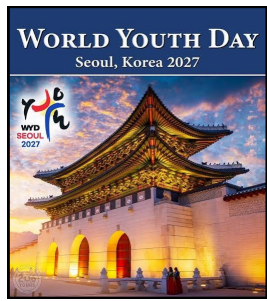
Becoming Catholic

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.

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.



World Youth Day **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR



(Aug 30) International Bereaved Father's Day celebrated on the last Sunday of August, honors fathers who have experienced the death of a child. Such fathers may experience a silent grieving, often a result of societal pressure to remain strong and suppress their emotions, making trigger holidays especially painful milestones. We Acknowledge this tendency and recognize this deeply personal cry in a father's heart.

(Sep 1) Worldwide Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Started in 1989 by the Orthodox Churches to celebrate the beginning of their liturgical year. It was adopted by Pope Francis for Catholics in 2015, after publication of his Laudato Si'. We'll offer special prayers at each of our Masses in the weekend prior. Also, please offer a special prayer as you begin your day on Tuesday by reflecting on the gift and beauty of God's creation and a resolve to do our part in keeping it beautiful. The theme for 2026 is: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Is 2:4).

(Sep 3) Memorial of St. Gregory the Great. Please join us on Thursday evening for Mass to celebrate this great Pope from the 6th Century.

(Sep 6) Family Mass at 9am on the First Sunday each month begins September 6 at Immaculate Conception Church. All families are invited to this celebration and be involved in all parts of the liturgy. At this Mass the children will be gathered around the Altar for the homily.

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



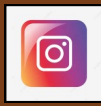
(Sept 5) Yard Sale @ St. Michael's Church On Sunday September 5th St. Michael's will be hosting a yard sale from 8am-12pm. All money raised will go directly to their Accessibility Ramp Fund. There will be a large assortment of items. Great finds, Great prices and Great cause! All are welcome!

(Sept 9) St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - This is a reminder for all St. Vincent de Paul Society members of the upcoming monthly meeting on **Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm** in Campbell Hall. This is also an invitation for any members of the parish who would like to join our group or just come to find out a little more about what we do to help the poor in our community. We look forward to seeing everyone! 😊

(Sept 9) Deadline for Registering for Catechism Classes All registrations for all levels are due on Wednesday September 9th. You can register online icctruro.org and click on Family Formation. Or you can register at the office. Pre registration is required before attending classes. There will be no paper registrations available at the classes.



(Sept 12) Chalice Share will be starting on Saturday September 12th at 9am at ICC. We invite those interested in learning about personal finances. Meetings are the first and third Saturday of each month. Low interest loans are available. Call Greg at (902) 899-4064.



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