



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!

September 20, 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20.16

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

This Sunday we begin a series of three Gospels set in vineyards. Today's Gospel tells of a generous landowner, willing to pay a full daily wage even to those who worked only the final hour of the day. They are very happy, of course, but the folks who labored all day in the hot sun resent the owner's extreme generosity. This, Jesus tells his disciples, can be compared to the kingdom of heaven, where "the last will be first, and the first will be last." Let us praise and thank God for inviting us all—first, last, and in-between—to the joyful kingdom.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- † Theresa Caines
Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Rick Virostek ;† Evelyn Paul
Wednesday , 7:00pm- †Marg & † Les Topshee
Thursday , 7:00pm- †Cecilia Hames; † Annette Knockwood
Friday, 12:15pm- Hazel Saniga
Saturday, 4:00pm- † Kellie Zemeckas
Sunday, 9:00 am-† GBF; 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.

St Kateri Church First Communion preparation takes place Sunday's after Mass from October to May (Mother's Day). We invite children, especially in Grade 2, or age 8. For more information please call Terry Knockwood 902-750-0335

A prayer for students, volunteers and staff as they make the transition from carefree summer days to school day schedules. May the academic year be filled with many graces, gifts, and blessings! LET US PRAY ...

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10 NIV

Lord, in the middle of navigating school bus schedules, assigning students to classes, settling in, and encountering new friendships, we ask for peace. Help all staff and students to slow down, and find moments of calm. May they discover peace that steadies their hearts and minds when the day seems overwhelming. Only you can offer true peace, help students to draw closer to you, and discover who you are. Amen.



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

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 = \$5342.55; Sacred Heart = \$770.00; St. Michael's = \$235.00; St. Bridget's = \$637.00; St. Kateri = \$84.00
Capital = \$200.00

Gentlemen, please remove your hats. As men, we remove our hats while in the Church for mass and other liturgical activities as a sign of respect and reverence to God and the Eucharist in whose headship we submit to. This ancient tradition of the Church which grew from the Jewish culture demonstrates the importance of God in our lives, serves as a physical reminder of God's presence and instills humility.

Piano Player for the 4pm Mass. The 4pm choir is currently looking for a piano player to accompany them at the 4pm Mass on Saturday's at ICC. If you are interested or would like more details contact the office office@icctruro.ca or 902-893-7188.

ICLA Needs Your Help!

Over the years your CWL, now Ladies Auxiliary, have catered receptions to our grieving families and other events as they are able. In a quiet and generous manner, they, and other parishioners (***often the same folks***) provide the necessary ***gift of sandwiches and sweets***. All other necessary provisions are purchased and provided by your Ladies Auxiliary who often spend an entire day preparing, serving, and clean-up. We have reached a time where age and cost have created the need to reach out to new and/or other parishioners for support. As a gift to this necessary ministry and your parish, we ask that you consider coming forward to assist with ***sandwiches and sweets***. To contribute ***Please contact our Reception Coordinator, Carolyn McNeil @ 902 662-3021.*** With gratitude and thanksgiving for your consideration and support.



Family and Youth Catechesis Our programs begin on October 4th & 5th. We have wonderful resources and a great program developed over the past several years, thanks be to God. Our need is for volunteers; many of you. We need leaders, organizers, and helpers. The programs are already established but need a person to ensure the videos are played and the program is followed. We plan to engage many to make the workload light. Please prayerfully consider your involvement to help our families and youth. If you are interested in more details about how to become involved, contact our office or Fr Jim to



Family Mass Sunday Oct. 4th 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.

Religious Education News

Registration deadline is nearing for both, FFF and Youth (**Sept. 9th**), giving us time to order supplies. We are very much looking forward to this coming year. The start dates are:

(FFF) Sunday, October 4 following 9am Mass at ICC. Each week we'll begin with a session for both parents and children and then break out to age appropriate groups (Parents, Sacramental, young ones and older children). Finally, we'll gather the full group again for announcements and closing prayer.

Our Youth program begins Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm in the ICC Hall for levels 6-12. All youth and parents are asked to meet in Campbell Hall. This is the beginning of their spiritual journey to Confirmation. **Our first evening will have NET (National Evangelization Team) ministries, a dynamic team of youth visiting our diocese.** Please make sure your youth is registered **before** youth night begins. There will be no paper registrations available.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR

(Sept 19) Chalice Share will meet on Saturday morning from 10:00 to 12:00 noon in Campbell Hall. We have information sharing on Personal Financial Management. Low interest loans are available for the participants. Everyone is welcome to join and meet new friends.

(Sep 20) Nine-Day Novena with Saint Michael the Archangel, leading up to his Feast day on September 29. As their patron, it'll be celebrated in Brule with a reception following the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, September 27. Copies of the novena prayers will be available in each church and online through the following link: <https://mikemorrell.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Saint-Michael-the-Archangel-Novena.pdf>



(Sept 20) Immaculate Conception Ladies Auxiliary meeting is Sept. 20/26 at 2pm. We will be collecting dues.

(Sep 21) Feast of St. Matthew

(Sept 22) Alpha starts Tuesday at ICC.

(Sep 22) Autumn begins

(Sep 23) Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

(Sep 27, 2026) St Michael the Archangel, one of our patrons, Feast day is September 29. It'll be celebrated in Brule with a reception following the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, 27th. The name Michael signifies "who is like to God?" And was the war cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Holy Scripture describes St. Michael as "one of the chief princes" and as leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. He has been especially invoked and honored as Patron and Protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called "the Archangel" the Greek Fathers and many others placed him over all the angels - as Prince of the Seraphim.

(Sept 30) 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.



(Oct 4) "Life Chain" Compassionate societies care for the unborn, sick & dying. Let's help change the world by standing silently in prayer @ 212 Willow St; **Oct. 4th 2:00-3:00.**

(Oct 4) Family Faith Formation begins On Sunday Oct. 4th for levels Pre-School-5 after the 9am Mass. All children and parents meet downstairs in the Kinsella Room. Please make sure your children are registered **before** classes begin. There will be no paper registrations at the class.



(Oct 5) Youth Night for levels 6-12 begins Monday Oct. 5h at 6:30 in Campbell Hall. All youth and parents are asked to meet in Campbell Hall. Please make sure your youth is registered **before** youth night begins. There will be no paper registrations available.



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