



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 6, 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Again, Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 18.18

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

On this Labour Day weekend we call to mind all those whose work makes our lives better and easier, from members of our family, to people in our community, to people around the world. Even as we labour ourselves in service of one another, we are also called to labour in the vineyard to help build God's kingdom. Today's readings remind us that we are responsible for each other, that we cannot give up on others just because we disagree with them or they have hurt us. This weekend, as we appreciate and thank others for their labour, let us reconcile with those who have offended us, and so work to build up the entire kingdom of God.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- Fr. Andrew

Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Marguerite Coffey; † Rory MacNeil

Wednesday, 7:00pm- † Holy Souls; † Sarah "Ting" Boutilier

Thursday, 7:00pm- † Jileen Julien; † Edward S Phillips

Friday, 12:15pm- † David Thompson

Saturday, 4:00pm- † Will Brown

Sunday, 9:00 am- † Shirley McKenzie ; 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 Katari 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 ...

Almighty God, we thank you for the start of a new school year full of promise! Bless all students with courage and strength to face the challenges that come their way. Help them to make wise decisions that will lead to positive outcomes. Give them patience and perseverance so they can stay focused and not give up when school, work, and relationships get hard. Guide their teachers, school administrators and staff as they navigate the ups and downs of academic life with grace, Godly wisdom, and clarity. Bring peace, joy, and contentment into their lives as they learn. May we all be reminded of the importance of building each other up rather than tearing one another down. Thank you for this new year, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 = \$4606.60; Sacred Heart = \$656.00; St. Michael's = \$230.00; St. Bridget's = \$432.00; St. Kateri = \$140.75
Capital = \$20.00



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

Family and Youth Catechesis Our programs begin in early October. 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, come to our meeting **Tuesday Sept. 8th @6:30pm** in ICC Hall. Or contact our office or Fr Jim to inquire.



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.

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 may 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

(Sep 7, 2025) Office closed Monday for Labour Day. Have a safe day with family and friends as we celebrate and are grateful for all we have inherited from the labour of prior generations and our labour for ourselves and future generations.

(Sept 8) Religious Ed Volunteer Meeting There will be a meeting on Tuesday Sept 8th for parents interested in volunteering to deliver our FFF and Youth programs. Please join us in ICC Hall at 6:30pm.

(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 11) Alpha starts Friday at St. Bridget's.

(Sept 12 & 13) Development and Peace presentations will occur at our Truro and Millbrook churches this weekend. They'll present 3-5 minutes before the final blessing, followed by a short testimonial video after Mass. D&P is the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops charity arm for international charity and is significantly supported by many across our country.

(Sept 12) Grandparents Day occurs on the first Sunday after Labor Day and serves to honor and recognize the contributions of grandparents in our lives. Grandparents are a society and a family's ties to its past as they pass on important values, beliefs and ideals to future generations. Their wisdom and love are recognized every year. Celebrated in many countries, Canada has recognized this holiday since 1995.

(Sept 13) Our annual Parish Picnic is on Sunday Sept. 13th from 2-5. There will be free Hamburgers, hotdogs and treats, games and entertainment.

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

(Sept 22) Alpha starts Tuesday at ICC.

(Sept 27) Sacred Heart Pilgrimage - Medjugorje September 27th to Oct 9th, 2026 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Father Mark Cherry, Spiritual Chaplain and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier, Group Leader. Cost - \$3699.00 includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax; twin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, professional local guide, day trip to "Little Lourdes" shrine, Makarska, Croatia. Single room supplement - \$350.00 Contact Rhonda-Lynn for info: 902-448-3660.

(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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