



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!

October 4, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it's amazing in our eyes.

Matthew 21.42

Introduction to this Sunday's Liturgy

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith, of the Church, and of our lives as his disciples. It also reminds us that he became the cornerstone after he was rejected by the religious and secular leaders of his day. On this Sunday, we pray for those often rejected by society and that our leaders and the gifted will reach out to those left vulnerable to unjust laws and practices, from the unborn to the terminally ill, from immigrants and refugees to criminals on death row. Let us never forget that we all have been made in the image and likeness of God.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

At Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, 7:00pm- Katie

Tuesday, 12:15pm- † Donna Chisholm ;† Frank Marble

Wednesday , 7:00pm- †Joe MacGillivray ;† Karen Kearney

Thursday , 7:00pm- †Mandy LaRustic ;† Courtney Sylliboy

Friday, 12:15pm- † Marie-Catherine Saulnier

Saturday, 4:00pm- † Winston Brown

Sunday, 9:00 am-† David Kearney ; 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 : **ICC** 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 at ICC. Everyone is invited to join us.

Because October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the rosary will be offered:

St. Michael's before the Saturday 4pm Mass at 3:30pm and the third Sunday 9am Mass at 8:30am. All are welcome.

ICC Wednesday at 6:40pm before the 7pm Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation :30 mins prior to weekday Masses or by appointment.

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 ...

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6 NIV

Oh Lord, today we are reminded of the doubts we face in our journeys. We pray for a reminder of Your faithfulness, for that is who You are. Help us to walk by faith and not by sight, knowing that Your presence is always enough. We lift up the hurting, the weak, the doubtful, the joyful, and the peaceful, holding it all out to You with palms wide open. When our world is full of uncertainty, help us to stand apart, Lord, believing fully in Your precious plan. Amen.

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

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Baptism Preparation will take place bi-monthly on the **last Tuesday**. The next is **November 24th** 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.



Distribution of Precious Blood returns to Communion this month. Ministers with the Chalice will stand on either side of the ministers with the Hosts. Please note that both species are equally sacred—receiving one or both is a full reception of Christ. However, sharing in both species beautifully reflects the Last Supper, fulfilling Jesus' command: "Do this in memory of Me."

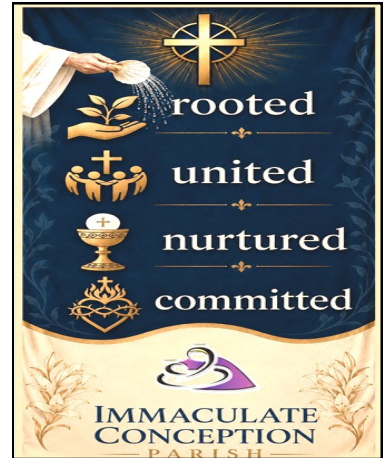
COLLECTION UPDATE

Previous Week's Collection was:

ICC = \$4046.80 Sacred Heart = \$860.10; St. Michael's = \$280.00; St. Bridget's=\$ 775.00; St. Kateri=\$ 385.75
Capital = \$67.00

This weekend we begin our preaching series on our Parish Vision Statement,

lasting until the end of October. You've seen the poster and screen image and now we'll strive to understand it. The poster and actual Vision Statement is attachment to the bulletin. In the meantime, the Pastoral Council is working on the plan with which we move forward in that vision. Actually, we are already moving forward and have been for many years. We are blessed with an alive parish so our plan will be more of an enhancement and not an abrupt change. It'll have intentionality and clarity on God's will for our parish. What is God's will? That's what we've been seeking in prayer, action and prayer since the formation of the Pastoral Council, the Parish Survey, the brainstorming sessions of the Council and the creation of our Vision Statement. Please continue to pray for all of it. Certainly, God reveals Himself when we pray and act.



Thanksgiving Altar Decorations As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we invite parishioners to help decorate our altar with beautiful fall floral arrangements, flowers, or seasonal arrangements. You may also choose to make a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one. Your donations will help create a warm and beautiful setting as we gather to give thanks to God for His many blessings. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please bring it to the church by **Thursday, October 8**. Thank you for helping make our Thanksgiving celebration beautiful and meaningful!



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

Intercessory Prayer Team needed. Please come to one of our churches (or at home if preferred.) during these events and pray for the families and youth. Please advise the office. Praise God!

(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 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. **Register online** icctruro.org



Youth & Parents are asked to be present this first night only on **Mon. Oct. 19th at 6:30pm** for an overview of the programs being offered and an update on the program status.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR

(Oct 3) Blessing of the Animals.10 am on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Immaculate Conception Church we'll join people all over the world in celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that animals are led to churches for a special ceremony. Please bring your pet to the Church at 669 Prince St, Truro for the blessing. It'll be outdoors (weather permitting).

(Oct 3) Knights of Columbus Cellar to Attic sale Knights of Columbus are having a cellar to attic yard sale on **Saturday Oct.3**. Sale will be in Campbell Hall, opening at **8:00 AM**. We will be setting up on **Friday the 2nd**. If you have items to donate please bring them **after 2pm**.



(Oct 4)

Simchat Torah (begins at sundown October 3)

Blessing of Animals at St Bridget Church takes place following 11:30 Sunday Mass, October 4.

Life Chain **"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.4 2:00-3:00**.

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.

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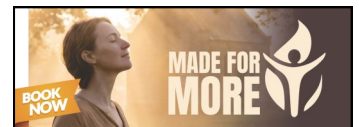
Optional Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska

(Oct7) Wed. Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

(Oct 15) Bible Study will re-commence at 10am on Thursdays in Campbell Hall. We will look at St. David's letter to the Philippians . Everyone is welcome including beginners./for more details contact Tony Harvey 902-986-0100.

(Oct 24 & 25) Ministry Expo in Campbell Hall following each Mass. On this weekend we'll showcase our ministries in Immaculate Conception Church. We are blessed to have many works of mercy, liturgical and educational ministries. Please come to learn more about them. Other churches will also have ministry leaders available after Mass for inquiries and to sign up! Perhaps you'll find the Holy Spirit inspiring you to participate in one or two. Come and See!

(Nov 15 & 16) Made for More Retreat 10am to 5pm on Monday and Tuesday at ICC with a missionary visitor, Fr Dominic. For more information visit www.godmediation.world/ns2026.



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