

Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
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Third Sunday of the Advent



Thought for the Week

It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for "God is Charity" (1 Jn 4:8)

-- St. Albert the Great

Reflection

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent, 2013.

St. James says that the hardest teaching can bear the most precious fruit, be patient. When we come closer to Christmas Day we find many people in panic. Many would say that they still have many things to be done and that the days are passing by. Yet the greatest preparation of ourselves for this great day some keep as the last thing on our, to do list and then get impatient with everyone and everything that comes in their way.

St. John the Baptist is preparing his disciples for the time that he will not be there with them. He sends them to Jesus to find out things for themselves but he tells them to ask Jesus some questions. "Are you the one who is to come or should we to look for someone else". Jesus wants them to answer those questions themselves stating the facts what they have witnessed not so much as a comforting answer. This makes the disciples think why is he saying this to us? The answer is be patient,

God draws us by love. St. James telling us, "be patient," uses the example of a farmer waiting for the precious fruits of the earth his crops that help him earn his goals.

The hardest teaching can bear the most precious fruit, so be patient be humble; Just like Mary in her life everything she did was in compliance with the will of God.

1 Peter 5: 6 it is said; "Humble yourselves in the eyes of God for in due time he will exalt you cast all your anxieties on the Lord for he cares about you".

News

Christmas decorating: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, Dec 22. This is a great opportunity to join in the spirit of Christmas so please come out and lend a hand. We need pine, cedar and spruce for decorating. It can be dropped off at the parish house as soon as possible. Special thanks to all those who helped in the past we hope to see you again.

Christmas Carols: Saturday, Dec 28 the Palmer Road Church choirs will present an evening of Christmas carols at 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Come out and enjoy this beautiful evening. A light lunch will be served.

Catechism class: Parents please note we are having a Christmas party for the children this Tuesday, Dec 17 and will be at the hall from 6-7:30 p.m. Regular classes will resume after the holidays on Tuesday, Jan 7, 2014.

Reminder

Reconciliation Services for Advent 2013

Tuesday, Dec 17 – Tignish
 Thursday, Dec 19 – Palmer Rd
Time: 7-8 p.m.

Sunday missals for 2014 are now on sale. The cost is \$5 each.

Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) has a new website. COLF has publications on life and family, workshop guides, reflections on urgent topics, testimonies, and gift ideas. The website is <http://www.ocvf.ca/index.php/en/>

Bishop Richard Grecco's Advent message

In Advent, we are preparing for God's Reign of Justice..... Advent readies us for Christmas..... (Copies are still available to take home.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 16/12 11:30 a.m.
 Valmont Gaudet by Edward & Madeline Gaudet

Tuesday: 17/12 9:00 a.m.
 Marne Costain by Archie & Carolyn O'Halloran

Thursday: 19/12 10:00 a.m.
 Ronald Myers by Elaine Cormier

Friday: 20/12 7:00 p.m.
Confession from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
 Annie Mae & Medric Chaisson by Leigh Chaisson

4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013

Saturday: 21/12
 John & Catherine Handrahan (A) by the family

Sunday: 22/12 (M) 9:00 a.m.
 For the People (PR) 11:00 a.m.
 George Gaudet by Gerard, Bernadette & family

If you wish to meet Fr. Arthur, kindly call the office to ensure he is available when you come.
The Parish is closed on Wednesday



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (M) 7 p.m.
 Christmas Eve (PR) 10 p.m.
 Christmas Day (PR) 10 a.m.

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in **written form or by e-mail:** palmerroadparish@gmail.com
New Schedule for BAPTISMS: Baptism will be held the **2nd Sunday of each month** at 12:15 Please Contact the Parish Office for information. 882-2622
Please Note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled when there is a funeral, but please remember that anyone can attend the funeral of a brother or sister in Christ. The Mass Intention scheduled for that day will then be offered at a later date.

Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for December
General Intention: That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.
Mission Intention: That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.