

Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
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Thought for the Week

Second Sunday of the Advent
Memory Awakens Hope
Seek That Which Is Above, 1986

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's

memory so that it can discern the star of hope. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, (Pope Benedict XVI)

Reflection

Second Sunday of Advent:

John the Baptist cry in the wilderness is very clear, Repent for the kingdom has come near, prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight. John keeps on urging people to change so that they may be worthy to receive the Lord Jesus into their hearts their lives. He clearly says the crooked ways must be made straight; bad habits need to be corrected; conversion must come now. This message comes straight from God and that is why John proclaims it in the desert--a place that has always been associated with divine mystery and freedom. 1 Kings 18:7ff).

John wears the garments that identify him with the great prophet Elijah. Just as Elijah challenged the sinful king Ahab, so does John demand a break from sinfulness and make room for a future where God's will is honoured and obeyed. This will not be easy. John does not mince his words addressing the various groups in strong language the soldiers the Pharisees and Sadducees he scolds them all. True conversion and true readiness for the coming of Jesus requires us to change our way of life a conversion that touches our hearts and our deepest values. We need to let God take hold of our lives.

News

The Palmer Rd Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas party is Sunday, Dec 8 at 6 p.m. Food and entertainment supplied, for all members and invited guests. Come out and have a good time.

Palmer Rd Knights of Columbus regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec 11 at 8 p.m.

Gluten free hosts: Gluten free hosts are now available for communion. Please speak to Fr Arthur or leave a message if you require these.

West Prince to Life: The next meeting for West Prince Right to Life will be held at Palmer Rd Church on Thursday, Dec 12 at 7:30 p.m. Please bring something for the sharing table. Everyone welcome.

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/>

Christmas hampers: This year the items needed for the Christmas hampers are on tags on the Christmas tree at the back of the church. Please drop off your tag with the donation by December 15. Thank you.

Reminder

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

Reconciliation Services for Advent 2013

Tuesday, Dec 10 – Alberton
 Thursday, Dec 12 – St Anthony's
 Tuesday, Dec 17 – Tignish
 Thursday, Dec 19 – Palmer Rd
Time: 7-8 p.m.

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: 09/12 11:30 a.m.
 Leo Chaisson by Rena Chaisson

Tuesday: 10/12 9:00 a.m.
 Living & deceased relatives by Charlie & Janet Deagle

Thursday: 12/12 7:00 p.m.
 Esther Doyle by Ann Shea & family

Friday: 13/12 7:00 p.m.
Confession from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
 Joanne Gallant by Joyce Wedge

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2013

Saturday: 14/12 4:00 p.m.
 Marguerita Doucette by Azelie Lavoie
Sunday: 15/12 (M) 9:00 a.m.
 Alice Doucette by Everett & Amy Graham & family (PR) 11:00 a.m.

For the People

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



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.