

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**Palmer Road**  
**Our Lady of Assumption Mission**  
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**Sunday Collection:**  
 February 23, 2014: Not yet counted  
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**Thought for the Week**

“You have heard that it was said,  
*An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*  
 But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.

Matthew 5:38

**Reflection**

Seventh Sunday of the Year:  
 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect!  
 In the Old Testament the word used for God is synonymous with 'Perfect' 'Blameless' and 'Holy'. "Be

Holy as I your God am Holy". God instructs Moses to tell the people to imitate the holiness of God and be kind and charitable in their lives because God does not want his people to exact vengeance or bear a grudge against one another. Holiness is not just extending our relationship with God but also with our brothers and sisters.

The Sermon on the Mount is both a challenge and a source of inspiration. What gives meaning to our response is the motivation which follows: love. Jesus challenges us to love our enemies and pray for those who mistreat us. Quite simply we are asked to be perfect and merciful like the Father.

Chesterton coined phrases that have a really deep meaning. The problem with Christianity is not that it has been tried and found wanting but that it has not been tried.

The words we pray every day in the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." When we say the Our Father we are saying that we will forgive those who cross the line of common decency so that we also might be forgiven for any ways that we have crossed the line.

If we refuse to forgive, we are refusing to accept the principles of Jesus Christ himself. Today Jesus places before us another guide-line. "Be perfect," he says, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

In his letter to the Corinthians Paul reminds us that we have received the Holy Spirit and if the Holy Spirit dwells in us, then we are his temples and God dwells within us. Paul says that worldly wisdom can destroy the Temple of the Lord so we need to live our lives dedicated to the Lord. Jesus chose the path of love and forgiveness even when he was wrongly judged, persecuted and killed. Forgiveness is a gift of God and those who ask him for this grace obtain it so freely because God is full of love and forgiveness.

**Prayer:** *“Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with your love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, or make me bitter towards others.” Amen.*

**News**

**Word Among Us & Living with Christ:** Those who wish to purchase either the Word Among Us or Living with Christ are asked to contact the parish office on Monday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or email us (email address on front of bulletin). Beginning March 1, 2014 they will be available to those who have given us their names. You may pay

once a month/ every six months or once a year to have your copy reserved for you. Please contact us ASAP so we know how many copies to order. Thank You.

**Mass Intentions:** If you wish to have a mass intention on a specific date please make sure we have it at least two weeks in advance. Thank you.

**Attention High School Students:** You are invited to the kickoff of a high school youth group and to check out the new Youth Alpha Film Series. This program is 12 episodes long and explores questions around life, faith, and God. Launch is Sunday, March 9, 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Alberton. Check out the Film Series trailer at [youtube.com/YouthAlphaFilm](http://youtube.com/YouthAlphaFilm)

**World Day of Prayer Service:** Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, (Storm Date: March 11). Prepared this year by the country of Egypt. This is an ecumenical service involving the United, Anglican, Nazarene and Roman Catholic Churches of our area. The theme of the service is “Streams in the Desert,” (the love and mercy of God flows among us like streams of life-giving water in the desert). The guest speaker for the service is Nadine Abdelmalak, who has an Egyptian background. The service will be held at St. Simon & St. Jude Church in Tignish. All are welcome.

**Palmer Rd CWL:** We are collecting infant sleepers and receiving blankets for Prince County Hospital, Summerside. They may be dropped off at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thank you.

**Reminder**

**2013 Tax Receipts:** Your 2013 Income Tax receipts are available to be picked up at the back of the church.

**West Prince Zone Marriage Preparation Course:** Couples to be married in 2014 must attend a marriage preparation course. This course will be held on two Saturdays, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Alberton. Lunch provided. Cost is \$50 per couple. Please call the parish office at 853-2344 to register.

**Rosary:** Please join us in praying the rosary before daily mass: Monday 9:30 a.m., Thursday and Friday 6.30 p.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday: 24/02 10:00 a.m.**  
 Al Doucette (A) by Mom Cora & family  
**Tuesday: 25/02 9:00 a.m.**  
 Todd Thibodeau bu Mom, dad, Garth & Wade

**Thursday: 27/02 7:00 p.m.**  
 Alton (Buddy) & Marie Carragher by the family  
**Friday: 28/02 7:00 p.m.**  
**Confession from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.**  
 Andrew Jones by Johnny Doucette

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**March 2, 2014**

**Saturday: 01/03 4:00 p.m.**  
 For the People  
**Sunday: 02/03 (M) 9:00 a.m.**  
 Alice Doucette by Edward & Mary Blanchard  
**(PR)11:00 a.m.**  
 Ralph MacKay (A) by Wife Shirley & family  
 Reggie Gallant by Mary Ann Gallant

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**“The Joy of the Gospel”**  
 by Pope Francis

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**“There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter”.**

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**If you wish to meet Fr. Arthur, kindly call the office to ensure he is available when you come.**  
**BULLETIN:** Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in **written form or by e-mail:**  
[palmerroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:palmerroadparish@gmail.com)

**New Schedule for BAPTISMS:** Baptism will be held the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 alater date.

Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for February  
**Elders:** That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.  
**Collaboration in Evangelization:** That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity.