

Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
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 March 9, 2014: \$1,907.00
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Thought for the week

Second Sunday of Lent

"To follow Jesus into the desert is to divest yourself of diversions."

- Father Robert Barrow

Reflection

Second Sunday of Lent:

The theme of this Sunday is, "Faith is a journey"; this journey leads us through many different paths of life, the way that we live reflects our faith.

Faith is also a journey of joy especially when we realize that united to God we can be happy. We share this joy God has for us with others as we know that he is in us and with us. When we live according to our faith we are happy within ourselves, and can motivate others to come to the Lord.

When God called Abram to make a journey he was 75 years old. God asked Abram to leave his kinsfolk and relocate his family. God promised him that he would make Abram a father of a great nation. Abram began the journey in faith, it was not easy. His faith was challenged again when he was asked by God to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Abram did not allow his faith to waiver. God renamed him from Abram to Abraham whom we call the Father of Faith, the Father of the Chosen people.

The gospel narrates the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus meets with Moses and Elijah. Moses represented the Law; Elijah, the Prophets. As scripture scholars say that they met with Jesus to help him and prepare himself for the coming events, his death and resurrection. When the disciples witnessed the glory of Jesus as God, they were ecstatic. As they came down the mountain Jesus told them not to share about this event with anyone until after his death.

Faith demands that we make this joyful journey from sacrifice to glory. It demands that we separate ourselves from our own selfish desires. This is the path to glory for a Christian; it is a path of joy. We are happy because, like the disciples at the transfiguration, we also experience a touch of heaven, the joy of the Lord and the happiness to come. Fr. Joseph Pellegrino writes Faith is not just something we profess in words but faith is a way of life that we live. It is a life of joy, a life of sacrifice, and a life leading us to the Glory of God.

News

Reminder to Parents: This is to remind you of the promise to bring up your children in the catholic faith. You need to: Bring the children for Sunday mass; set a good example for your children by being there in church on Sunday; have family prayers, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition and especially night prayers. Lent is an appropriate time to practice our faith again. Every Friday join in The Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m., followed by mass. Do your Lenten observance: Prayer, Fasting and

Almsgiving. Do some charitable act such as donation of non-perishable food items for the needy. Place in the food hamper at the back of the church.

March Break Activities: The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring some fun days for kids during the March break. Activities include: Monday-Green Day, Craft corner, face painting 1-2 pm and Chocolate Bar Bingo 2-3 pm. Wednesday- Free skating from 11-12 at Tignish arena followed by a dance from 2-4 p.m. Friday - teen dance from 8-11pm for grades 7 and up. For more information contact Troy Butler 853-6138 or Amy Gallant 882-2740.

Right to Life: The monthly meeting of West Prince Right to Life will be held on Tuesday, Mar 18 at 7:30 pm, St Joseph's Room, Palmer Rd Church. Note: The agenda books are in please bring your money.

Learn to Share Your Faith: On April 3-6 Michael Dopp of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries will be at Sacred Heart Parish to teach on how to share your faith with others in today's world. The cost of the program is \$99/person or \$189/couple. Thursday and Friday are evening-only sessions while Saturday is all day and Sunday ends at about 4:30 pm. Find out more at www.sacredheartpei.com or call Fr. Chris at 853-2344. You must register in advance by calling Fr. Chris.

Feast of St Joseph: There will be mass in Palmer Rd at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Mar 19 to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph

Reminder

Your Kindness to the Needy: Please remember the needy during Lent. To help them at Easter please drop off your donations of non-perishable food items in the hampers at the back of the church. Thank you.

Teen Encounter: The next Teen Encounter weekend will be May 9 - 11th at Belcourt Center in South Rustico. All teens 16 and older may apply.

Please Note: Due to technical difficulties the mass intentions are not available in the bulletin this week. They will be posted in the chapel and online.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 17/03 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 18/03 9:00 a.m.
Wed. 19/03 Feast of St Joseph 10:00 a.m

Thursday: 20/03 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 21/03 7:00 p.m.
Confession from 6:00 to 6:25
Way of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2014

Saturday: 24/03 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 24/03 (M) 9:00 a.m.
 For the People
(PR)11:00 a.m.

"The Joy of the Gospel"
 by Pope Francis

"God's word is unpredictable in its power. The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps (Mk 4:26-29). The Church has to accept this unruly freedom of the Word, which accomplishes what it wills in ways that surpass our calculations and ways of thinking."

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

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 March
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.

