Immaculate Conception Church Palmer Road

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Thought for the Week

"Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Luke 6.36-38



Third Sunday of Lent:

The church invites us to enter into a loving relationship with God and respond to his call. One of the recurring themes throughout the Lenten season is the compassion and mercy of our God who conveys his love for us. Repentance on the part of every person indicates the recognition of this love and their readiness to change.

The Israelites journeyed towards the Promised Land with Moses leading them there. God provides for their needs. We like the Israelites complain against God when our needs are not met instantly. St. Paul tells us that faith, hope and love are God's gifts to us leading us towards salvation through Jesus Christ, the Mediator who sacrificed his life for us and lead us to heaven. The Gospel theme is on the living water, how God communicates his divine life to believers. Jesus met the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asks her to give him a drink of water. Jesus's reply to her reaction is that if only she responded to the gift of God she could have the living water that would become spring of waters gushing up to eternal life. Jesus gives this gift of God to us and to all people. Understanding this mystery, the woman feels enlightened, accelerated, and illuminated by Jesus. She goes back to tell her family, friends, and neighbours how her life changed after meeting with Jesus Christ.

Prayer of St. Patrick: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me, Christ in the eye of every one who sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph: Oh, Saint Joseph, fosterfather of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of His grace and striving faithfully in life, may be crowned by Him at the hour of death. Amen.

News

First communion & Confirmation: Children will make their First Communion on Sunday, April 27 at 11 a.m. mass. Confirmation will be Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m.

Priests Benevolent Fund Campaign: Once again the Priests' Benevolent Fund would like to sincerely thank all who are supporting our pension fund campaign and we would like to remind all who have

been contributing toward their pledge or who plan to start during 2014, that you can redeem your pledge by sending a cheque or money order to: **Priests' Benevolent Fund** at **P.O. Box 907, Charlottetown, PE C1A7L9** or you can arrange to have an amount deducted on a regular basis from your bank account through a direct debit program. If you wish to obtain additional information or to obtain the necessary forms, please call 902-393-3441 or e-mail georgemorrison@eastlink.ca

Reminder

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

Way of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent before the 7 a.m. mass.

Reminder to Parents: This is to remind you that you need to bring the children for Sunday mass; set a good example; attend Sunday mass; continue the Catholic tradition of family prayers 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 nonperishable food items for the needy.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 24/03 7:00 p.m.

Joe Poirier by Barbara Poirier

Tuesday: 25/03 9:00 a.m. Jim Cormier by Ronnie Gallant & family

Thursday: 27/03 7:00 p.m.

Emile Chaisson by Rena Chaisson

Friday: 28/03 Confession from 6:00 to 6:25

Way of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Eddie Arsenault (A) by Ada Arsenault

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Saturday: 29/03 4:00 p.m.

Ronnie Doucette by Annie & family Marguerita Doucette (A) by the family

Sunday: 30/03 (M) 9:00 a.m. Louis Doucette by Janet & Clifford

(PR)11:00 a.m.

For the People

"The Joy of the Gospel"

by Pope Francis

"The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples...An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn. 4:19) and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, and stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast... Evangelizers thus take on the 'smell of the sheep'."

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 alater 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.