

Immaculate Conception Church

Palmer Road

Our Lady of Assumption Mission

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Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We journey through Lent together, accompanying one another towards human fulfillment, happiness and joy which God has prepared for us.

Believing that God loves us, indeed delights in us, we accompany each other in good times and bad, through prayer, through self-sacrifice and forgiveness.

The Church *invites* us to make this Lenten journey; we can't be forced into it. We must choose to make this Lent a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; otherwise we are only going through the motions, without meaning and most certainly not in communion with others. Our free choice in

participating in the Lenten exercises is critically important. In fact, one author suggests Lent is really all about freedom:

"Lent is about freedom which is gained only through exposure to the truth... Truth is not a thing, it is rather an event. Truth happens to us when the coverings of illusion are stripped away and what is real emerges into the open... The Spirit promises to bring us into truth by stripping away some more of the insulation and barriers which have separated us from living contact with reality, the reality of God, of God's world, and our true selves". A Season for the Spirit, Martin Smith.

In other words, the Spirit of Lent turns our journey into a search. Like the Magi in search of the infant King, like the women searching for Jesus at the empty tomb so too our journey is a search for *"the reality of God, of God's world and our true selves."*

We may not have the wisdom of the Magi to guide us, nor the courage of the women at the empty tomb, but we do have the power of prayer! Can we carve just 10 minutes out of our day for prayer? It will provide peace for our journey. Can we make a generous offering to Share Lent Collection (Latin American Mission Project and Development and Peace) to assist the less fortunate?

Can we give of our time on Solidarity Sunday as Glenda Alawirin arrives in our Diocese to speak on behalf of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace? Being from the Philippines, Glenda will bring interesting information about our tremendous financial response, almsgiving, to the Philippine hurricane disaster of last year. Finally, can we fast on this journey? Not only is fasting a sign of solidarity with those around the world who are hungry, but it is also a sign that we are more than what we eat; we define ourselves and our importance not by what we consume but by our relationship with God, our Creator. Lent invites us on a spiritual journey to search for the truth through prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Most Reverend Richard Grecco
Bishop of Charlottetown

News

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

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.

Reminder

Attention High School Students: You are invited to the kickoff of a high school youth group and to check out the 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

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.

2013 Tax Receipts: Please pick up your 2013 income tax receipts at the back of the church. Thank You.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 10/03 10:00 a.m.
Valmont Gaudet by the Gaudet family

Tuesday: 11/03 9:00 a.m.
Departed family members by Dally & Dorothy Thibodeau

Thursday: 13/03 7:00 p.m.
Herby Thibodeau by Josie & family

Friday: 14/03 7:00 p.m.
Confession from 6:15 to 6:25

Way of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

George Gaudet by Palmer Rd CWL

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2014

Saturday: 15/03 4:00 p.m.
Susan Chaisson by Julia & Raymond Albert

Sunday: 16/03 (M) 9:00 a.m.
For the People
(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Mae Gallant by Philip & Stella Gallant

"The Joy of the Gospel"
by Pope Francis

"It is not advisable for the Pope to take the place of the local Bishops in the discernment of every issue in their territory. In this sense, I am conscious of the need to promote a sound 'decentralization'."

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.