

## Immaculate Conception Church

Palmer Road

## Our Lady of Assumption Mission

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### Thought for the Week

“No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross and the sacred blood of Christ.”

From a sermon by St Leo the Great

### Reflection

**Holy Week!** This is a time for us to prepare our hearts and meditate on the mystery of humiliation and exaltation, the agony of Christ's Passion and death while we awaiting his joyous Resurrection. This week begins with Palm Sunday, continues with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and ends with Easter Sunday.

**On Palm Sunday** we commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey, a symbol of humility and peace, while the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the street indicating that

the king or dignitary was arriving in victory or triumph. The shouts of “Hosanna to the Son of David” and “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” as the people honour Christ as their long-awaited Messiah and King. **Pope Benedict XVI** speaking to the Youth in Rome on Palm Sunday 2007, said: “In **the Palm Sunday** procession we join with the crowd of disciples who in festive joy accompany the Lord during his entry into Jerusalem. Like them, we praise the Lord with a loud voice for all the miracles we have seen, how he gives men and women the courage to oppose violence and deceit, to make room for truth in the world; to bring about reconciliation where there had been hatred and to create peace where enmity had reigned. The Pope stressed three characteristics proclaimed by the church; poverty, peace, universality these are summarized in the sign of the cross. The cross needs to be the centre of our lives.

On **Holy Thursday**, Christ instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for all times and people and he established his presence among us. Praying at the Eucharistic vigil until midnight on this day is overwhelming. On **Good Friday** we relive the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus by which he Redeemed us all and taught us to forgive others by his eternal words, “Father forgive them”. The life of Jesus did not end on the cross; he rose again on Easter Sunday to give us the assurance of the Resurrection of the dead and life in the world to come, Heaven.

### News

**DIOCESAN MASS OF CHRISM:** Monday, April 14 at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 7 pm. All are invited to attend this special Mass which the bishop concelebrates with the priests of the diocese, and at which he consecrates the Holy Chrism and blesses the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. Those interested in joining the **Diocesan Choir for the Mass of Chrism** are invited to attend a special rehearsal on Sunday, April 13 at 1pm at the Basilica.

**Divine Mercy Novena:** Novena to the Divine Mercy will begin at 2:30pm Good Friday at Palmer Rd Church. Every day until April 27, (details provided).

### Reminder

**Lenten Mission on Vision TV:** Theme - The Gift of Forgiveness, Part 1, Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m. & 10 p.m. Part 2, Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. & 10 p.m.

**Development and Peace:** There are Development and Peace pamphlets at the back of the church. Please pick one up if you haven't already.

**The Saint Dunstan Scholarship** is available to graduating high school students planning to attend UPEI. This is a renewable scholarship valued at \$5,000 per year. Scholarship criteria and application form are at [www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca](http://www.saintdunstansuniversity.ca) or by calling [902-393-3441](tel:902-393-3441). Application deadline is April 15, 2014.

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

**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.

**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



**Monday: 14/04**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday: 15/04**

**9:00 a.m.**

Rita Myers (A) by Nora, Clarence & family

**Holy Thursday: 17/04**

**8:00 p.m.**

Mass intention for former priests of the parish and all deceased priests of the Diocese

**Prayer with Jesus in the Garden 9:30- 12 midnight**

**Good Friday: 18/04 3:00 p.m.**

**Passion of the Lord**

**Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

**Way of the Cross (Living)**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Vigil:**

**Saturday: 19/04**

**8:00 p.m.**

For the People

## Easter Sunday

April 20, 2014

**Sunday: 13/04 (M) 9:00 a.m.**

Gerard Allain by Deborah Allain

**(PR)11:00 a.m.**

Alyre, Rita, & Kathleen Myers by the Myers family

### **“The Joy of the Gospel”**

by Pope Francis

**“Pastoral ministry in a missionary style is not obsessed with the disjointed transmission of a multitude of doctrines to be insistently imposed. When we adopt a pastoral goal and a missionary style which would actually reach everyone without exception or exclusion, the message has to concentrate on the essentials, on what is most beautiful, most grand, most appealing and at the same time most necessary. The message is simplified while losing none of its depth and truth and thus becomes all the more forceful and convincing”.**

**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 email:** [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 a later date.

Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for April

**Ecology and Justice.** That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

**Hope for the Sick.** That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.