Immaculate Conception Church Palmer Road

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Thought for the Week

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die.

John 11:25



May the Risen Christ bring to all your hearts celebrations of joy, peace and love. Give to all you meet a glimpse of God's perfect love and amazing grace. Easter blessings to you all.

Fr. Arthur

Reflection

On Easter Sunday we say Christ has risen as he said! Alleluia! Easter is truly the Lord's Day and our day as well! At Easter we are reminded that God desires to restore humanity and all of creation to our original blessing. Our God is God of the living and he wants us to be fully alive. As we celebrate the resurrection we discover that God is a God of hope and New Life.

Easter is the time when we think about the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. On *Maundy Thursday* "the mandatum or commandment," given by Christ to his disciples is, "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you." And the other "Do this in memory of me". This dictum inspired many a saint to found new congregations to love and serve others.

On Good Friday the Passion of Jesus Christ is retold to us in the Gospels. By the veneration the Cross we kiss our loving Saviour to tell him we do love him. At the Easter Vigil, the Easter Candle symbolizes that the light of Christ has come into the world dispelling all darkness and bringing us all into the wonderful light of Christ. St. Peter daringly witnesses to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Peter tells the people that without Jesus' resurrection his life and ours would be a total failure. The resurrection of Christ gives a new meaning to our lives and everything that we do as Christ's disciples. Jesus and his message of hope, peace and love, emphasizes that every believer is called to be a witness of the Lord's life, death and resurrection. But the glory of the resurrection is realized in us only when we have accepted the many crosses that come our way leading us to new life in Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI addresses us all, "Dear Brothers and Sisters in Rome and throughout the world! "Christ, my hope, has risen". Every Christian relives the experience of Mary Magdalene. It involves an encounter which changes our lives: the encounter with a unique person who lets us experience all of God's goodness and truth. Christ frees us from evil not in a superficial and fleeting way, but sets us free radically, heals us completely and restores our dignity. This is why Mary Magdalene calls Jesus "my hope": he was the one who allowed her to be reborn, who gave her a new future, a life of goodness and freedom from evil. "Christ my hope" means that all my yearnings for goodness find in him a real possibility of fulfillment with him I can hope for a life

that is good, full and eternal, for God himself has drawn near to us, even sharing our humanity."

Wishing you a Blessed and Joyful Easter!

News

Saturday Mass Time: The Saturday evening mass will be at 7 p.m. beginning on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

First Communion: Children will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 27 at the 11 a.m. mass.

50th Anniversary: The Parishioners of St. Joachim's Parish on behalf of the Holy Family Pastoral Unit, invite you to the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Father Gerard Tingley on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am at St. Joachim's in Vernon River, followed by an Open House Reception in the parish hall, 12 noon to 3p.m.

Reminder

Divine Mercy Novena: Novena to the Divine Mercy continues at Palmer Rd Church every day until April 26. The schedule is posted at the back of the church.

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 or by calling 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.

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: 21/04 10:00 a.m.

Josephine Doucette by Ethel Kelly

Tuesday: 22/04 9:00 a.m.

Ester Doyle by Flo & Lemand Delaney

Thursday: 24/04 7:00 p.m. Jane Wedge by Wayne & Hilda McQuaid

Friday: 25/04 7:00 p.m.

Confession from 6:15 to 6:45

Mary Anne Corrigan by Carl & Jacinta Gaudet

Second Sunday of Easter *April* 27, 2014

Saturday: 26/04 4:00 p.m. Leo Bernard by Freddie & Wayne Bernard Sunday: 27/04 (M) 9:00 a.m.

For the People

(PR)11:00 a.m.

Mr & Mrs Meddie Bernard by the Bernard family The children making their First Holy Communion

"The Joy of the Gospel"

by Pope Francis

"... mercy is the greatest of all the virtues. I want to remind people that the confessional must not be a torture chamber but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy which spurs us on to do our best."

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

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 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.