

Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
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Thought for the Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11:25

Reflection

The prophet Ezekiel speaks to the people in exile that God’s life-giving spirit will restore the people of Israel and they will once more enjoy peace and prosperity in their own country. Sometimes in life we feel lifeless, the will to live ebbs away. At these moments we are called to believe that God has not abandoned us but will renew us with His Spirit.

Giving up hope until; A boy in a burn unit, was in considerable pain and barely able to respond. A teacher from the church was asked to tutor a boy with some school work while he was in hospital. The boy stumbling through the English lesson, she felt bad for putting him through all this. The next day when she returned a nurse asked her, “What did you do to the boy?” Before she could apologize, the nurse said: “You don’t understand. His entire attitude has changed. He has decided to live!” A few weeks later, the boy explained that he had completely given up hope until this young teacher arrived. With joyful tears he explained, “They wouldn’t send a tutor to work on nouns and verbs with a dying boy, would they? Sometimes we are invited into people’s lives and into places and events that, on the surface, have no meaning or purpose to us. We ask ourselves, what are we doing here? What purpose do we have here? Often we define ourselves only by what we can see or understand; we forget that God is using us to help others. We all were affected by the stormy winds and the power outage. Many of us prayed for normalcy and to not have to suffer the cold and the dreaded weather. Some of us prayed Jesus please do something soon. And when the power did come back the first thing was a sigh of relief, second would be thanks be to God or thank you Jesus This time may have helped us to reflect on things and even as one person said we dusted out the old board games and actually played together as a family like in the days of old. May be God helped us to bring our families together, is it right then we need to thank God for it. Others said it was a perfect family day. By default we got together, we never spend quality time together as a family and had so much laughter and fun.

Reconciliation Services for Lent

Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. - Tignish
Thursday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. - Palmer Road

News

Reminder to parents: Children in grade two will be making their First Confession on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Parents are expected to attend with their children.
Development and Peace: There are Development and Peace pamphlets at the back of the church. Please pick one up if you haven’t already.
PEI Right to Life: Annual meeting for PEI Right to Life will be held in Charlottetown on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Christian Reform Church, 153 Mt Edward Rd. Everyone welcome.

All Islanders by Light: Please join us on Wednesday, April 9 for “All Islanders By Light” by lighting a candle at your supper table and saying a prayer for the unborn child and mother. “We love them both.”

Reminder

Mass of Chrism: Join us for the Mass of Chrism at St Dunstan’s Basilica, Charlottetown, on Monday, April 14. Book now for your seat on the bus. Deadline Monday, April 7th. \$15 per person, first come, first served. Contact Robbie Gallant at 882-2740.

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

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.

Hospice Hymn Sing: Hospice Palliative Care, Hymn Sing & Memorial Service will be held Sunday, April 6 at 7 p.m., at St. Simon & St. Jude Church, Tignish. Join us for an evening of music and remembrance. Goodwill offering.

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 p.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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 07/04 10:00 a.m.
 Todd Thibodeau (A) by Mom, Dad, Garth & Wade
Tuesday: 08/04 9:00 a.m.
 Roxanne Ellsworth by Mom & Dad
Thursday: 10/04 10:00 a.m.
 George Gaudet by Palmer Rd CWL
Friday: 11/04 7:00 p.m.
Confession from 6:00 to 6:25
Way of the Cross 6:30 p.m.
 Wilbert Bernard by Mary & Gordon

Passion (Palm) Sunday
April 13, 2014

Saturday: 12/04 4:00 p.m.
 For the People
Sunday: 13/04 (M) 9:00 a.m.
 Earl P Murphy by Shirley & family
(PR) 11:00 a.m.

“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 a 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

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.

