# Immaculate Conception Church Palmer Road

## Our Lady of Assumption Mission Miminegash

### <u>Bulletin from December 27 –</u> <u>January 3, 2016</u>

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#### **Sunday Collection:**

December 20, 2015: \$2,153.55 Catholic Family Services Bureau: \$27.55 Thank you for your generosity



#### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

... He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

The Gospel of Luke

#### Mass Schedule New Years

New Year's (Holy Day of Obligation)
New Year's Eve (Palmer Rd) 4 p.m.
(French Liturgy)

New Year's Day(Palmer Rd) 9 a.m. (Palmer Rd) 11 a.m.

Quotes from Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si" - "Our Common Home"

**Pope Francis on the Environment:** 

"Christians need an ecological conversion." It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for he environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (217)

### News

**Update on Refugee Sponsorship...**The Diocese of Charlottetown is pleased to announce that through the Sponsorship Agreement Holder designation that we hold with the government of Canada along with the partnership of many hard working and eager constituent groups, we are expecting to receive approximately 100 Privately Sponsored refugees from Syria and Iraq through the end of 2015 and into February of 2016. We are also eagerly awaiting an African family that we are praying will be cleared to travel in early 2016. That particular sponsorship has been in process for almost four years! This is very good news!! Please continue to pray for all refugees and help us welcome those that will be received as permanent residents to Prince Edward Island. We wish to express our most heartfelt gratitude for all of the support Islanders have provided to the Diocese over the last several months. Please continue to discern how you can help any and all vulnerable populations of refugees. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and the happiest and most blessed New

Year. - Susan Nye-Brothers, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator

Marriage Survey: Would you like to help strengthen marriages in our Diocese? Please consider completing (before February 1, 2016) a 25-minute, anonymous, on-line marriage survey that will be used by doctoral student and clinical counsellor, Stephen Mawhinney, for research in his doctoral thesis. Type in the link, read the opening page and complete the survey, submitting your results at the end. www.surveymonkey.com/r/diocesemarriagesurvey

### <u>Reminder</u>

**Proud of Our Christian Heritage:** Donations are still being accepted to the Building/Paint Fund – Proud of Our Christian Heritages – and the names will be placed in the Memorial Book in the church.

**Thank You:** A special thanks to all those who supported the parish's Christmas hamper program again this year. Your generous donations make it possible for us to support those in our parish in need of a little help over the holidays. Merry Christmas

Annual General Retreat: The Annual General Retreat at Belcourt Centre in South Rustico will be held January 22-24, 2016, led by Fr. Danny Wilson. The theme will be "God's Mercy". To register please call 902-963-2877 or e-mail belcourtlodge@gmail.com

## Thank you for your donation

Palmer Rd Church Repair Fund Donations

Proud of our Christian Heritage

Donations to December 20: \$20,148.00 Grand Total: \$20,648.00

\$100.00

Christmas flowers
Thank You



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday: 28/12 9:00 a.m.

Paul Brown by Audrey

Tuesday: 29/12 9:00 a.m.
Lemand Delaney by Leo & Yvonne Deagle
Wednesday: 30/12 9:00 a.m.

Noreen Clohossey by Joanne Keefe

Thursday: 31/12

New Year's Eve (French Liturgy) 4:00 p.m. Marie Perry by Yvonne & Eugene Kunkel

Friday: 01/01

New Year's Day(Palmer Rd) 9 a.m.

For the People

11 a.m.

Edward, Dolores & Barry Gallant by the family

## Epiphany of the Lord January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Saturday: 02/01 4:00 p.m.

For the Peole Sunday: 03/01

(PR) 9:00 a.m.

Howard & Edna McCormick by Kay & Alfred (PR)11:00 a.m.

Gregory Kinch by Edna

**BULLETIN:** Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by **email:**palmerroadparish@gmail.com

<u>BAPTISMS:</u> Baptism will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 12:30 Please Contact the Parish Office for information and to make arrangements. (882-2622) or email: <a href="mailto:palmerroadparish@gmail.com">palmerroadparish@gmail.com</a>

## Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for December

**Universal:** That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.