

Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
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Bulletin from Dec 6-13, 2015

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Sunday Collection:

November 29, 2015: \$2,162.00
Fr Roy Shea: \$575.00
Thank you for your generosity



Second Sunday of Advent

2nd CANDLE (purple)

The Bethlehem Candle or

The Candle of Preperation

God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD!

"As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.'" (Luke 3:4-6)



From the Pastor's Desk

On October 25 we had a special celebration (Mass of Thanksgiving, reception and sacred music) so this year we will not have special activities and a solemn mass on the occasion of our Patron Feast: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Rather, we will reach out to individuals and families dealing with loss. We will celebrate our annual Mass of Compassion and Hope (Blue Christmas) on Tuesday, Dec 8 at 7 p.m.

Fr Albin Arsenault

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

Pope Francis on the Environment:

"Care for the environment is a matter of intergenerational justice." The notion of the common good also extends to future generations. The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us. We can no longer speak of sustainable development apart from intergenerational solidarity.

News.

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

2016 Envelopes: The new envelopes for 2016 will be available at the back of the church on Sunday, Dec 13.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: Next Sunday, Dec 13, Bishop Grecco will inaugurate the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** in the Diocese with the Opening of the Holy Door at St. Dunstan's Basilica at the 10:30 am Sunday Eucharist. All are welcome to share in the procession and blessing as the Diocese begins this extraordinary year of jubilee.

Come Celebrate: Come and help STRUM celebrate the Birth of Jesus in song on Thursday, Dec 17 at 7 p.m. at O'Leary United Church. Free-will offering, proceeds to support various charities.

Special Collection: On Sunday, Dec 13 there will be a special collection for Family Service Bureau.

Reminder

Sunday Missals for 2016: Sunday missals for 2016 are now available for sale at \$5 each. Thank you.

Donations for Christmas: Looking for a way to share with others this Christmas? Select a tag from our Christmas tree at the back of the church and help support the parish's Christmas Hamper Program. Just select a tag(s) from the tree and donate the item(s) listed on the tag. Drop off your donation, along with the tag at the church by December 13. Please note, all non-perishable food items are welcomed in addition to those listed on the tags. Have a wonderful and joyous Christmas and thank you for sharing with those less fortunate.

Sacred Music: St Simon & St Jude Annual Night of Sacred Music will be held on Monday, Dec 14th at 6 p.m. featuring all the choirs of the parish and live Nativity. Please join us for this wonderful evening, celebrating the beauty of music and the sacredness of the season.

A Christmas Concert For All: On December 12th at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm), the Catholic Family Services Bureau will host its Annual Christmas Concert at Trinity United Church, Charlottetown.. Admission is \$10/person.

Attention Cursillo Community: Island Wide Ultreya at 2:30p.m., on Sunday, Dec 6, at St. Paul's, Summerside. All welcome; sharing table.

Annual Children's Christmas Pageant: December 13th at St John the Baptist Parish, Miscouche. Beginning with Christmas Hymns at 6:30 pm and followed by the Children's Pageant and a Raffle Draw. Help support the young parishioners at this festive time of the year and enjoy a night of Christmas Carols to welcome the birth of Jesus.

Thank you for your donation

Palmer Rd Church Repair Fund Donations

Proud of our Christian Heritage

Donations to November 29: \$19,734.00
Grand Total: \$20,048.00

Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 07/12 10:00 a.m.
Rita Chaisson by Lucille Ellsworth
Tuesday: 08/12 7:00 p.m.
Mass of Hope & Compassion (Blue Christmas)
Wednesday: 09/12 9:00 a.m.
Jimmy, Millie, & Merel Deagle by Leonard Deagle
Thursday: 10/12 7:00 p.m.
Basil Chaisson by Betty & David LeClair
Friday: 11/12
No Mass

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2015

Saturday: 12/12 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 13/12 (PR) 9:00 a.m.
Alfreda Myers
(PR)11:00 a.m.
Marie Perry by Steve Perry

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

BAPTISMS: Baptism will be held the **2nd Sunday of each month** at 12:30 Please Contact the Parish Office for information and to make arrangements. **(882-2622)** or email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com
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 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.