

# Immaculate Conception Church

Palmer Road

## Our Lady of Assumption Mission

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### Bulletin for December 1-8, 2019

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Sunday Collection:

November 24, 2019: \$1,871.00

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Hope

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Loyola Press: (A Jesuit Ministry)

## News

**Dec 1 - Roast Beef Dinner:** Sunday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> enjoy dinner at the Palmer Rd Hall beginning at 12 noon. Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Adults \$12, Children \$6. All proceeds to the upkeep of the hall.

**Children's Christmas Pageant:** Please join us on Tuesday, Dec 3 from 6-7 pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road when students from the religion classes will put on a Christmas play. All are welcome to attend this very special evening.

**CWL Christmas:** The Palmer Road CWL Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, Dec 3 at 7:30 pm at the Palmer Road Hall. All members are invited and asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the Parish Christmas Hampers and a reusable shopping bag.

**Celebration of Hope and Compassion:** Join us on Wednesday, Dec 4 at 7 pm, for the Celebration of Hope and Compassion (Blue Christmas) at Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road. This mass is especially for all those who are dealing with a significant loss. Everyone welcome.

**Feast of Immaculate Conception:** Our Parish Feast Day (Immaculate Conception) will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec 7 beginning with Mass at 7 pm. Our Parish Mission Statement will be unveiled, followed by cake and beverages. The 4 p.m. mass will be cancelled for that day.

**Thank You:** The Palmer Road CWL would like to thank all those who supported their First Annual Christmas Bingo and Bake Sale. It was a great success and your generous support is much appreciated.

**General Retreat:** There will be a general retreat with Fr Brendon Gallant themed Meeting Jesus in the "Ordinary" of Your Life at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, January 17-19, 2020. The weekend begins with registration and room assignments from 6-7 followed by Mass at 7pm. The cost is \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. Reserve your spot early by calling the Centre at 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952.

**April 30-May 10:** Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 38 years. Cost \$2,135 (+ \$675 taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple)

accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$200/p.) The accompanying priest is yet to be determined. INFO: Hector Caissie at [hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca](mailto:hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca) or (506) 857-2295.

## *Reminder*

**Lights of Hope:** Western Hospital Lights of Hope Campaign will take place Monday, Dec 2 at 6 pm, Western Hospital, Alberton. Reading of memory verses, followed by carol singing and refreshments. Memorial donations for loved ones may be left at Western Hospital Reception desk, Alberton Pharmacy or Medicine Shop Pharmacy. All donations used to purchase much needed hospital equipment.

**Donations for Christmas Hampers:** Please take 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. Drop off your donation, along with the tag at the church by December 15. Please note, any nonperishable food item and monetary donations 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.

**Stewardship through Planned Giving:** We look for our Parishioners to join us in keeping our past alive, maintaining our present and most importantly ensuring our future. Please consider your Parish or Diocese for a Gift now or at estate planning time. For more information visit [www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com](http://www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com) and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link. There are also pamphlets available at the back of both churches.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Join Fr. Andrew Handrahan on a guided pilgrimage to some of Israel's holy sites. October 21-29, 2020, the pilgrimage will travel to the Holy Land and visit such places as Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Transfiguration, Jerusalem, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Step into the River Jordan where Jesus was baptized, and stand on the hill where Jesus gave his sermon on the mount; walk through the places that our Lord himself walked, and experience the city of Jerusalem as you make the way of the cross which Jesus suffered. Contact Krisanne Butler at CAA Travel for more information: [kbutler@atlantic.caa.ca](mailto:kbutler@atlantic.caa.ca) or at 902-892-0296.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>02/12</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Annie Gaudet by Aldona & Johnny Jones		
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>03/12</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Frederick Allain by Kathy Laming		
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>04/12</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
For those dealing with a loss		
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>05/12</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Anniversary:</b> Dick Ellsworth		
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>06/12</b>	<b>No Mass</b>

## *Second Sunday of Advent* *December 8, 2019*

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>07/12</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Feast of Immaculate Conception:</b> For Parishioners		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>08/12</b>	<b>(M) 9:00 a.m.</b>
Emmett Wedge & Emile Gallant by Phyllis Murphy		
<b>(PR) 11:00 a.m.</b>		

Florence & Guillaume Richard by Patrick & Marie Mallett & family

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

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**BAPTISMS:** Baptisms are held by appointment as required. Please Contact the Parish Office for information and to make arrangements. **(882-2622)** or email: [palmerroadparish@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Please include a phone number with your mass intentions. Thank you**

## **Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for December 2019**

**The Future of the Very Young:** That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

