

**Immaculate Conception Church  
Palmer Road  
Our Lady of Assumption Mission  
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**Parish Mission Statement**

*We are called as God's people to love, serve, grow  
in faith and journey with all walks of life"*

***Bulletin for December 15-22, 2019***

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**Office hours: Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 5 pm**

**Sunday Collection:**

December 8, 2019: \$1,734.85

**Thank you for your generosity**



**Joy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Loyola Press: (A Jesuit Ministry)

***News***

**Palmer Road - 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation, Monday, Dec 16:** Liturgy of the Word and the presence of neighbouring priests at Palmer Road on Monday, Dec 16 at 7 pm.

**Envelopes for 2020-new numbers:** The new church envelopes for 2020 are now available at the back of both churches. For those who have numbers higher than 180 you have been assigned a new envelope number because less envelopes are being used. Please remember to put your name on the first envelope of the new box to ensure your donation can be entered for a tax receipt. If you cannot find your envelopes please contact the parish office. If you do not already have a box of envelopes but would like to begin using them, please feel free to take any box that has no name on it. Thank you for your continued support.

**Flowers for Christmas:** During our Festive Season Christmas flowers (in memory of a deceased loved one) for our two churches are always appreciated. You may choose to make a monetary donation or you may select and bring your own flowers to the church. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office or put in with the Sunday collection. Thanking you in advance for your continuing support.

**Living Christmas:** You are invited to take a Living CHRISTmas Journey at Sacred Heart Parish, Alberton on December 20 - 22, from 6 -8 pm (storm date December 23) to experience the Christmas story. Small groups will be guided on a journey through six indoor and outdoor scenes telling the story of Christ's birth. A beautiful way to experience peace, spend time with your loved ones and celebrate the season.

**WP Right to Life:** The next monthly meeting of West Prince Right to Life will be held on Tuesday, Dec 17 at 7:30 pm at Palmer Road Church (St Joseph's room). Everyone welcome.

**Scholarships:** Western Hospital Healthcare Auxiliary is offering three \$500 scholarships to second year level university or college students from the West Prince area furthering their career in a health-related field. Students are required to outline and submit in writing their current program of studies, their volunteering interest, and future career plans. Explain how this scholarship will assist you financially and if you received other bursaries or scholarships. Submit letter, address and phone number to: Western Hospital Healthcare Auxiliary, Box 10, Alberton,

PEI,COB 1B0, Attn. Marlene Bolger, email [mgbolger@yahoo.ca](mailto:mgbolger@yahoo.ca) Deadline is December 23, 2019.

**Grief Support Drop In:** West Prince County Grief Support Drop-In Group: Last Tuesday of the month: January 27, 5:30-6:30pm, O'Leary Community Hospital O'Leary, Boardroom. For more information please contact Liz Parsons 902-438-4231 or email [eastprince@hospicepei.ca](mailto:eastprince@hospicepei.ca)

**Scam Alert:** Please be aware that an imposter, using a hard-luck story and posing as a priest or the bishop of the diocese, is soliciting money from Catholic parishioners through email and text messages. These messages state an urgent need for help. This person is a fraud and his story a lie.

**Planned Giving:** A recent Gift from an estate has provided for a new spiritual retreat center in our Diocese. This Gift will breathe new life into our Catholic Education Programs. If you would like to provide a Gift to your Parish or Diocese now or at estate planning time please visit us at [www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com](http://www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com) and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

***Reminder***

**Sacred Music:** A Time of Sacred Music will begin at 3 pm on Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> St Simon and St Jude Church, Tignish. This presentation is a beautiful teaching on the Nativity. Music will be presented by their various parish choirs. It is a beautiful afternoon of song; a time to slow down and reflect during this Advent season. Everyone is invited to attend!

**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. 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.) Contact Hector Caissie at [hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca](mailto:hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca) or (506) 857-2295.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>16/12</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Ada Perry by Palmer Road CWL		
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>17/12</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Freddie Bernard by Marion Noye & family		
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>18/12</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Roger Arsenault by the family		
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>19/12</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Barbara Keefe by Frankie Keefe		
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>20/12</b>	<b>No Mass</b>

***Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 22, 2019***

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>21/12</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
For the People		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>22/12</b>	<b>(M) 9:00 a.m.</b>
Mary Ann Gallant by Irene & family		
		<b>(PR) 11:00 a.m.</b>
Reg Gaudet by Juanita & 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.