

**Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
Miminegash**

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 Dec 29, 2019 – Jan 5, 2020

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

Sunday Collection:

December 22, 2019: Total next week

Cemetery Fund: IMO Bernice Ellsworth \$195.00

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

Loyola Press: (A Jesuit Ministry)

Christmas flower donations:

IMO Alma & Frederick Thibodeau & family
IMO Patricia & Wilson Shea
Palmer Road CWL

Thank you

Mass Schedule for New Year's

New Year's Eve: Palmer Road - 4:00 p.m. (French)
New Year's Day: Miminegash - 9:00 a.m.
Palmer Road - 11:00 a.m.

News

Christmas Thank You: Thank you to all who made monetary donations and brought Christmas flowers to the church. Also, special thanks to all those who helped with decorating our churches, choirs and all who helped out in any way during this special Christmas Season. Thank you one and all!

New Years Dance: The Palmer Road Knight of Columbus are holding a New Year's Eve Dance at the hall, from 9 am - 1 pm, music by Shiloh. \$15 per person (includes party favours).

Retreat: There will be a retreat with Fr. Brendon Gallant at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre January 17-19, 2020. The cost is \$170.00 per person or \$255.00 per married couple. Please reserve your spot soon by calling the Centre at 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952.

Francophone Epiphany Celebration: Come join us in Egmont Bay (St Phillippe and St Jacques Church) for a Francophone Epiphany Family Catechesis Celebration, Sunday, Jan 5 from 2 - 4pm. We will have a presentation on the three wise men, followed by some songs and family-based activities. A light snack will be served as well. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite francophone Islanders, island wide, to contact me, Michelle D'aoust, for

more catechesis program information and resources in the French language at 902-854-2143 or cec@dioceseofcharlottetown.com Merry Christmas to all.

Reminder

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.

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

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 and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

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 or (506) 857-2295.

Happy New Year 2020



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 30/12 9:00 a.m.
Florence & Michael McPhee by Ken McPhee
Tuesday: 31/12 New Year's Eve (F) 4:00 p.m.
Alphonse LeClair by Alice Allain
Wednesday: 01/01 2020 New Year's Day (M) 9:00 a.m.
Mabel Thibodeau by Ronnie Gallant & family
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
For the People
Thursday: 02/01 7:00 p.m.
Cora Gallant by Lola, Gerard & Wendy Gallant
Friday: 03/12 No Mass

***Epiphany of the Lord
January 5th, 2020***

Saturday: 04/01 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 05/01 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Allan Wedge by Charlie & Janet Deagle
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Annie Gaudet by Roland & Beverly Gaudet & boys

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email: 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

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.

