

**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 Feb 23 - Mar 1, 2020

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

Sunday Collection:

February 16, 2020: \$2,085.00

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all

else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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February 26, 2020

Miminegash: 6:00 p.m.

Palmer Rd: 8:00 p.m.

Reminder: Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence (no meat).

News

CWL Area Meeting: CWL West Prince area meeting Saturday, Feb 29 (storm date March 14) from 10 am -1 pm at Sacred Heart, Alberton. Theme: Mothers, Faith and Love. Potluck meetings, bring a friend.

Interdenominational World Day of Prayer: Interdenominational World Day of Prayer will be held at Gordon memorial United Church, Alberton on Friday, Mar 6 at 2 pm. Lunch and fellowship to follow. (Lunch provided)

Ash Wednesday Collection: This year's Ash Wednesday collection for the bishop's projects will go toward the following: Bedford MacDonald House for men, Blooming House for women, the Upper Room food ministry for the poor and to support local refugee efforts.

Steubenville Atlantic: Steubenville Atlantic is happening July 3-5, 2020. Join hundreds of youth from across Atlantic Canada for a weekend of friendship, fun, and faith. Registration is now open. The early bird cost is \$200, and only available until

March 25. For more information or to register, contact your Group Leader or Lauren at youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Retreats for Men & Women: Does life seem overwhelming at times? Perhaps you need a place to take a breath, slow things down, and surround yourself with God's gift of peace. Retreats for both women and men are taking place at Marguerite Bourgeois Retreat Centre, Summerside. For more information regarding Cursillo, please contact Tony Gallant at 902-432-7774 or Bonnie Hood at 902-940-6706.

Reminder

Lenten Retreat: Fr John Molina will be leading a Lenten retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre from Friday, Mar 6-Sunday, Mar 8. The Registration and room assignments at 6pm, Mass at 7pm and concluding after lunch, Sunday. \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. Reserve soon by calling the Centre at 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952.

St Simon & St Jude Parish Mission: St Simon & St Jude Parish will hold a Lenten Mission March 11-13, 7-8:30 pm. Theme: Rejoice and Be Glad: Pope Francis' road map for Holiness and Mission with Father Raymond Lafontaine EV, director of the office of English Pastoral Services and Episcopal Vicar to the English speaking faithful of the Archdiocese of Montreal. Father Raymond is also involved in parish missions, retreats, and diocesan study days.

Pilgrimage; Our Lady of the Cape: PEI Pilgrimages Ltd, pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape Shrine at Cap de la Madelaine, Quebec; May 15-18. Cost per person for double occupancy is \$575, or \$660 for single, HST incl. Children 16 and under are ½ price accompanied by an adult. Price includes travel by bus and 3 nights' accommodation, breakfasts and dinners at the Madonna Hotel. \$100 deposit with registration, balance by April 30. Registration forms email Gary Clow garyclow42@gmail.com. For info contact Gary Clow 902-569-3945, Ken Campbell, 902-566-2914/ campbellken4@gmail.com or Joe Drane at 902-940-5871/ ritadrane@yahoo.ca.

Palmer Road Cemetery: Please note the Cemetery will be closed for interments during the winter months. We will be putting remains in the receiving vault for the duration of the season until further notice in the Spring 2020.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 24/02 9:00 a.m.
Elaine Perry by Gerard & Bernadette
Tuesday: 25/02 No Mass
Ash Wednesday: 26/02 2020 (M) 6:00 p.m.
Auldine Wedge by Phyllis Murphy & family
(PR) 8:00 p.m.
Mabel Thibodeau by Bev & Gerry
Thursday: 27/02 7:00 p.m.
Annie Gaudet by Leo & Yvonne Deagle
Friday: 28/02 No Mass

***First Sunday of Lent
March 1st, 2020***

Saturday: 29/02 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 01/03 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Audrey Arsenault by Allan, Eric & David
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Charlie Gaudet by Eva & family

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 February 2020

Listen to the Migrants Cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

