

**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 March 15-22, 2020

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Sunday Collection:

March 1, 2020: \$1,715.00

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3rd Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water,

the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him. Loyola Press (A Jesuit Ministry)

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Lent

Palmer Rd: Tuesday, March 24 - 7 p.m.

Alberton: Thursday, March 26 - 7 p.m.

Bloomfield: Thursday, April 2, - 7 p.m.

News

Information Regarding Coronavirus (Covid-19):

No case of Covid-19 has been reported in Prince Edward Island, however, authorities are now referring to the spread of the virus as a pandemic so people are becoming anxious; parishioners are wondering what precautions should be taken during our Liturgies. Bishop Richard Grecco has asked that we implement the following until further notice. (1) **Sunday Obligation:** Anyone with flu like symptoms and other serious symptoms of ill health are excused from Sunday obligation. (2) **Sign of Peace:** A simple head bow or other non-contact gesture may be used. A handshake or other physical contact is not advisable. (2) **Communion:** Receive communion on the hand and immediately consume the host. Please refrain from communion on the tongue to prevent the spreading of saliva to other communicants; also, refrain from communion from the cup. (3) **Ministers of Communion** with symptoms of cold or flu should avoid distributing communion. All ministers should use a hand sanitizer before distributing communion.

Those preparing sacred vessels for bread and wine and communion should use sanitizer or hand-wash before and after handling the sacred vessels, bread and wine. 4) **Holy Water:** Holy water fonts will be empty until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sunday Fellowship Gathering: Please join us after the 11 am Mass at Palmer Road Church on Sunday, March 22 for fellowship and refreshments in the St Joseph's Room.

Nurture Life, Oppose Death on Demand! Contact Your Member of Parliament Today:

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

Reminder

Way of the Cross: During Lent the Way of the Cross will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm.

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

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. 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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 16/03 10:00 a.m.
Roger Arsenault by the family
Tuesday: 17/03 9:00 a.m.
Special intention by Roy & Helen McKenna
Wednesday: 18/03 9:00 a.m.
Celina Arsenault by Charles & Jeanette Deagle
Thursday: 19/03 7:00 p.m.
Anniversary: Eric Carragher
Friday: 20/03 Way of the Cross 6:30 p.m.
Mass 7:00 p.m.

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***Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22nd, 2020***

Saturday: 21/03 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 22/03 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Louis & Terry Doucette by Joan Doucette
(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Alton Shields by Joanne Keefe

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 March 2020
Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

