

**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 August 2-9, 2020**

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

**Sunday Collection:**

**July 26, 2020: \$1,498.00**

**Cemetery Fund: IMO John Gallant -\$50.00**

**Thank you for your generosity**



**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five

loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven. (Loyola Press)

**Welcome Back to the Sunday Bulletin**

Since March 15 and the onset of COVID-19 we have not been allowed to distribute the Sunday Bulletin. We have been keeping parishioners up to date with announcements on our Facebook page (Immaculate Conception Parish) and our website ([www.immaculateconceptionparish.com](http://www.immaculateconceptionparish.com)) We realize, however, that not everyone uses these resources so we are thankful the Diocese has approved the distribution of the parish bulletins again.

**COVID-19: Update**

We continue to have weekdays masses at 9 a.m. Monday - Thursday at Palmer Road with attendance of 50 people at each mass. Social distancing practices are still in effect at all masses. Please use hand sanitizer on the way in and out and we ask that you respect social distancing at all times. Although it is not mandatory at this time, please feel free to use a face mask if you wish.

**Parish News**

Because of COVID-19 we have had to cancel the Annual Palmer Road Picnic for 2020 which is our major fundraising event of the year. In its place we

have organized several smaller fundraisers to help us through these difficult times. We know we can count on your continued support for these upcoming events. Special thanks to those who have already purchased tickets.

**Palmer Road Picnic Elimination**

**Draw: August 16**

**Main Prize \$3,000**

**50/50 and other great prizes**

Tickets are still available for our August 16 Elimination Draw. \$25 each and tag it for an extra \$5 for the 50/50 draw. Purchase four tickets, \$100 in memory of a loved one. Names will be published and read out during a special mass as well as during the elimination draw event which will be held online. Purchase eight tickets, \$200 and you or your business become a Sponsor. Income tax receipts are available. Tickets are available from April Delaney, Ruby Arsenault, Sandra Arsenault, Jean Willcock. For more information contact April at 902-882-4444 or email the parish office at [palmerroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:palmerroadparish@gmail.com)

**August 16, Take Out Meal**

On Sunday, August 16 we will be having a take-out meal: Lobster burger plate with potato salad, coleslaw, vegetables and desert. \$15 each. Tickets will soon be going sale this week. (More information later in the week on our Facebook page and in next week's bulletin.)

**Volunteers**

As everyone knows we are living in a different time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are thankful that our Church is open again and we can have weekday masses as well as Sunday, even though attendance is limited to 50. Perhaps our biggest challenge in ensuring the safety of parishioners is the extra time it takes for sanitizing the Church following each mass. We have generous volunteers but even they sometimes need a break. If anyone would like to help we would be happy to have your assistance. Names and phone numbers need to be taken at all masses and the church is sanitized after each mass. It doesn't take long with two or three individuals helping, so if you have time and can help we would be most grateful. Please call or email the parish office (902-882-2622 or [palmerroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:palmerroadparish@gmail.com)) to leave your name.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Monday: 03/08 9:00 a.m.**  
Edmand & Ursula Gaudet by Leo & Yvonne Deagle  
**Tuesday: 04/08 9:00 a.m.**  
Elva Gallant by the family  
**Wednesday: 05/08 9:00 a.m.**  
Randy & Chad Chaisson by Mom & Dad  
**Thursday: 06/08 9:00 a.m.**  
Alton Shields by Earl & Roma O'Meara & family  
**Friday: 07/08 No Mass**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Saturday: 08/08 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.**  
Frederick Allain by Barbara Siller  
**Sunday: 09/08 (M) 9:00 a.m.**  
Bernice Ellsworth by the family  
**(PR) 11:00 a.m.**

For the People

**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 August 2020**

**The Maritime World:** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.