

**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 September 13-20, 2020**

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**Office hours: Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 5 pm**  
**Sunday Collection:**  
**September 6, 2020: \$2,023.00**

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

In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small

debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. (Loyola Press)

**From the Diocese**

**Fatima:** Inspired by the true story, the newly-released movie "*Fatima*" can be watched on-demand through Apple TV, YouTube, Bell, Rogers, and several other Canadian sources. This highly acclaimed movie dramatizes the story of three young children and the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearances to them in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. In these apparitions, Our Lady asked them to pray the Rosary for the world and the conversion of sinners. During the final apparition, tens of thousands of onlookers experienced the Miracle of the Sun, when the sun appeared to dance in the sky and at one point even plummet toward the earth before returning to its rightful place. These miraculous events have been deemed by the Church as "worthy of belief" and the message of Fatima has continued to inspire many for over 100 years. Go to [www.fatimamovie.com/more-ways-to-watch](http://www.fatimamovie.com/more-ways-to-watch) for full list of providers.

**From Pope Francis - "forgiveness" is "our direct route" to Heaven**

After praying silently in the chapel, Pope Francis moved into the main basilica to offer a reflection on Matthew 18.21-35. In this Gospel passage, Christ tells Peter to forgive his brother "not seven times, but seventy times seven", before telling the parable of the servant who was forgiven his debt, but refused to forgive his own debtor.

Pope Francis began his reflection by echoing the words St Francis is believed to have said in the same basilica: "I want to send you all to Heaven!"

He said that "forgiveness" is "our direct route" to Heaven – being forgiven by God and in turn forgiving others. He compared the indebted servant in the story to a penitent coming to confession, asking that his Master have patience with him.

"When we are indebted to others, we expect mercy," he said, "but when others are indebted to us, we demand justice! This is a reaction unworthy of Christ's disciples... who have obtained mercy at the foot of the cross solely by virtue of the love of the Son of God." *The Tablet International Catholic News Weekly August 2016..Pope Francis at Assisi*

**Mass During COVID-19**

Mass at 9 a.m. Monday - Thursday at Palmer Road (even if there is a funeral that day). On the weekend there are **three Masses:** Saturday **4 p.m.** (Bilingual), Sunday **9 a.m.** Miminegash and **11 a.m.** 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. If you are not feeling well, please refrain from attending Mass.



**The famous question is asked for the first time.**

**Three weekend Masses:**

**50 in attendance at each Mass**

4 p.m. Saturday (**Bilingual**) Palmer Road  
9 a.m. Sunday Miminegash  
11 a.m. Sunday Palmer Road

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>14/09</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>15/09</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>16/09</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>17/09</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>18/09</b>	<b>No Mass</b>

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Saturday:** 19/09 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.  
For the People  
**Sunday:** 20/09 (M) 9:00 a.m.  
Mrs Andrew Gallant by Dot & family  
(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Gregory Kinch by Edna & 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 :** During this time of Covid-19, Weekday masses are still held even when there is a funeral the same day.

**Please remember to include a phone number with your mass intentions. Thank you**

**Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for September 2020**

**Respect for the Planet's Resources:** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.