

**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 October 4-11, 2020**

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

**Sunday Collection:**

**September 27, 2020: \$1410.00**

**Needs of Canadian Church: \$123.00**

**Thank you for your generosity**



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

*Matthew 21:33-43*

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner

will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

(Loyola Press)

***Announcements***

**Catechism Registration:** Catechism registration for Grades 1-7 and Grade 8 Confirmation class will be held on Tuesday, Oct 6 from 6-7 pm at the Palmer Road Hall. Cost is \$5 per student. Please remember to practice physical distancing and use the hand sanitizer provided upon entry.

**Catechism Teachers:** We are still in need of Catechism teachers for Grades 4 and 5. Please give this some serious consideration! Thank you.

**First Communion:** Children will receive their First Communion at Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road on Thursday, Oct 8. Best Wishes to all our young students.

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to our nine candidates who were Confirmed by Fr Albin Arsenault on Wednesday, Sept 30 at Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road.

**Thanksgiving, Oct 12:** There will be two masses of celebration for Thanksgiving on Monday, Oct 12: Miminegash 6 pm and Palmer Road 7:30 pm. As we give thanks this year we ask that you bring non-perishable food items for the West Prince Caring Cupboard. Boxes will be available at the Church entrance where you may leave donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Oct 6 - Palmer Road CWL:** Our CWL meetings will start up again next month with social distancing measures in place. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct 6 at 7:30 pm at the Palmer Road Hall. Hope to see you there and please pass the word on to members who may not see the bulletin.

**Rosary-Miminegash :** You are invited to attend the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun Public Square Rosary to be held Saturday, Oct 10 at 12 noon at Miminegash Fire Hall. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save Canada through the Rosary of the Most Holy Mother. Please note this is an outdoor event, however it may be held indoors if raining.

**Knights of Columbus:** The Palmer Road Knights of Columbus hold their meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at the Palmer Road Hall. Next scheduled meeting is October 14 at 8 pm.

**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.

**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**

**Monday: 05/10 9:00 a.m.**  
Walter Shea by Joanne Keefe  
**Tuesday: 06/10 9:00 a.m.**  
Mabel Thibodeau by Charlie & Jeanette Deagle  
**Wednesday: 07/10 9:00 a.m.**  
Fr James Profit by the family  
**Thursday: 08/10 9:00 a.m.**  
Florina Delaney by Leo & Yvonne Deagle  
**Friday: 09/10 No Mass**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Saturday: 10/10 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.**  
For the People  
**Sunday: 11/10 (M) 9:00 a.m.**  
Earl O'Brien by Keir Kelly  
**(PR) 11:00 a.m.**  
Patrick Mallett by Marie, Lindsay & Spencer

**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 October 2020**

**The Laity's Mission in the Church:** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

