

**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 Nov 29-Dec 6, 2020

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

Sunday Collection:

November 22, 2020: \$1,376.00

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1st Sunday of Advent

Mark 13.33-37

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction

of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

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Announcements

Health PEI: PEI Public Health requires everyone in public spaces, including places of worship, to wear a mask. **Please wear your mask in church at all times.** Thank you.

Christmas Confessions: Confessions will be held in Palmer Road on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 am from Nov 30 - Dec 17 and Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm. Saturdays at St Simon & St Jude, Tignish 11am & St Anthony's, Bloomfield 3-4pm. Because of the pandemic, there is no celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation – 2nd Rite in the presence of neighbouring priests.

Palmer Road & Area Christmas Hampers: Applications for Christmas Hampers are available by calling the district's representative Teresa Marleau at 853-3804. Please Note: The deadline to apply for a Christmas Hamper this year is Thursday, Dec 3.

Annual Retreat Hope Centre: The annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Stanley Bridge will be held January 15-17,

2021. Retreat Master is Reverend Andrew Handrahan. Topic is *Divine Providence: Trusting in God Who Loves Us*, which will touch on Patience, Trust, Endurance and Hope. The cost is \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. Call or email the Centre at 902-621-2385 / ourladyofhope@gmail.com to register. Space is limited.

St Andrew's Society Scholarships: Applications are now being accepted at the Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island (CFPEI) for The St Andrew's Society Scholarships (\$47,000 in total scholarships available). The Scholarship Fund awards full-time university students in any of their first three years of university who are currently residents of Prince Edward Island, Roman Catholic and of Scottish descent. Details at www.cfpei.ca

Educational Bursary: PEI LIFE is once again offering an Educational Bursary valued at \$2,000 for 2021. The bursary is available for a young woman from Prince Edward Island who had a baby and wishes to further her education by attending a post-secondary institution. For information email office@peilife.org or contact PEI Life Association, PO Box 1988, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7N7

Update: Mass during COVID-19

Masks are now required in all public places on PEI including Churches. Please wear your mask at all times.

We now have two cohorts of 50 at each weekend mass, in Palmer Road. Following the rules approved by Health PEI for the Diocese we have put seating arrangements in place. Thank you for helping us stay safe as we continue to Worship the Lord during this worldwide pandemic. Your collaboration is most appreciated. To safely accommodate everyone please use the side doors of the church, maintain social distancing on the way in and out, and during communion, wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and please stay home if you feel unwell.



Three weekend Masses:
100 in attendance at Palmer Rd
4 p.m. Saturday (**Bilingual**) Palmer Road
9 a.m. Sunday Miminegash
11 a.m. Sunday Palmer Road

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 30/11 9 a.m.
Teresa (Barnes) Perry by the family
Funeral Mass Dennis Doucette-by invitation 10:30am
Tuesday: 01/12 9 a.m.
Leo Butler by Joe Perry
Wednesday: 02/12 9 a.m.
Debbie, Kimberly, Tammy, Christa & Michael Perry by Frank & Eileen Brown
Thursday: 03/12 9 a.m.
Francis Richard by Nick & Marissa Dipaolo
Friday: 04/12 No Mass

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6th, 2020**

Saturday: 05/12 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 06/12 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Gordon Gallant by Dot & family
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Gerard Kelly by Paula & 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 : 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 November 2020

Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.

