

**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"

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Sunday Collection:

November 29, 2020: \$1,664.00

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2nd Sunday of Advent

Mark 1.1-8

Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the

Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

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**Christmas Mass Schedule
(for Palmer Road Parishioners)**

Christmas Eve: Palmer Road: 6 pm and 10 pm (attendance 100 per mass).
Miminegash 8 pm (attendance 50).
Christmas Day: Palmer Road 11 am (attendance 100).

Announcements

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 11 am & 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.

Advent Retreat: Take the opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Lord with an Advent Day Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Stanley

Bridge. Two, one-day retreats are being offered: Monday, Dec 7 and Monday, Dec 14, from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The cost for each retreat is \$20 and includes lunch. Call or email the Centre at 902-621-2385 / ourladyofhope@gmail.com to register for one or both dates. Space is limited.

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

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: 07/12 9 a.m.
Leo Butler by John and Joe
Tuesday: 08/12 9 a.m.
Dick Ellsworth by Don & Nellie
Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7 p.m.
For the People (attendance 100)
Wednesday: 09/12 9 a.m.
Walter Shea by Lorraine Carr & family
Thursday: 10/12 9 a.m.
Eva Doucette by Roy & Helen McKenna
Friday: 11/12 No Mass

***Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020***

Saturday: 12/12 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 13/12 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Edna & Alfreda O'Brien by Keir Kelly
(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Guillaume & Florence Richard by the 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 December 2020

For a Life of Prayer: We pray our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

