

**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 January 3-10, 2020

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

Sunday Collection: Dec 27 - \$2,037.30

Christmas Day: Dec 25 - \$3,871.00

Total: \$5,908.30

Building Fund - Anonymous: \$2,000.00

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**Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be

astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Loyola Press (A Jesuit Ministry)

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

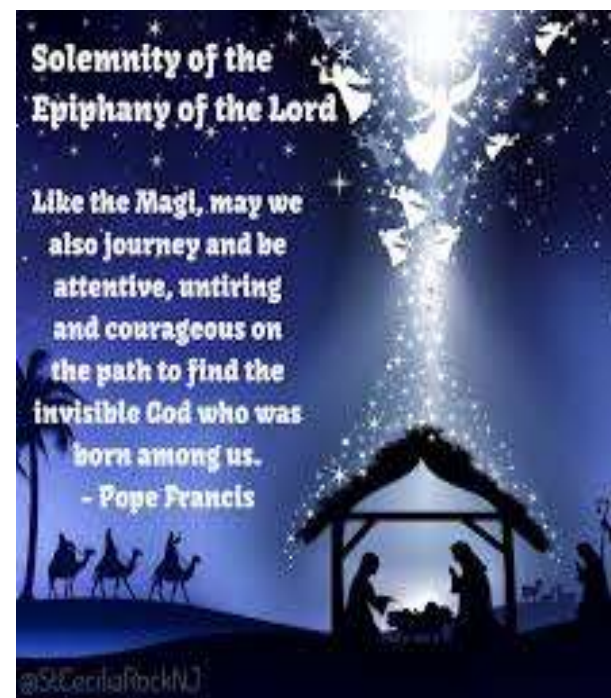
Thanks to all for remembering to wear a mask and observing safe distancing rules. We are allowed 100 (two groups of 50) at masses in Palmer Road and 50 in Miminegash; 20 at weekday masses.

Announcements

2021 Envelopes: The envelopes for 2021 have been distributed at both churches. If you did not receive yours please contact us at the parish office at

palmerroadparish@gmail.com or 902-882-2622 during office hours Monday and Thursday. If you are not able to pick them up at church we will make other arrangements for you. If anyone does not already have envelopes but would like to start using them, please take a box that has no name on it. Please remember to include your name on the first new envelopes you use to make sure your donation can be recorded for a tax receipt at the end of the year. Thanks you to all our parishioners for your generous donations in 2020. Tax receipts will be out early in the new year.

Thank You: Special thanks to all those who continue to help out each week with our Church celebrations during these exceptional times, amid Covid 19. Your continued help and support with cleaning and sanitizing the church, taking names for masses and help in any way is most appreciated. Thank you for the special donations and flowers over Christmas and for helping to keep our parish vibrant during 2020 and into the future.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 04/01 9 a.m.
Audrey Arsenault by Gerard, Bernadette & family
Tuesday: 05/01 9 a.m.
Dennis Doucette by Barbara & Leo
Wednesday: 06/01 9 a.m.
Florrie Mills by Leo & Yvonne Deagle
Thursday: 07/01 9 a.m.
Frederick Allain by Edward & Mary Blanchard
Friday: 08/01 No Mass

**Baptism of the Lord
January 10th, 2021**

Saturday: 09/01 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 10/01 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Allan Wedge by Johnny & Aldona Jones
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Bonita Jones by Genevieve McAlduff

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com
Office hours: Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 5 pm

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 January 2021
Intention for Evangelization-Human fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.