

# 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 Februsry 14-21, 2020

Pastor: Père Albin Arsenault

Email: [palmerroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:palmerroadparish@gmail.com)

Website: [www.palmerroadparish.com](http://www.palmerroadparish.com)

Office: Jean Willcock

Housekeeper: MaryAnn Smith

Custodian: Michael Arsenault

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

## Sunday Collection:

**February 7: \$2,053.00**

**Thank you for your generosity**



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time February 14, 2021

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus'

interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

Loyola Press (A Jesuit Ministry)

## Attending Mass During COVID-19

**Masks are now required in all public places on PEI including Churches. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing at all times.**

**Thank you for following the seating arrangements put in place in church and approved by HealthPEI that allow us to accommodate two groups of 50 at weekend Masses.**

## Announcements

**Lenten Talks and Mass:** Due to COVID 19 restrictions the regular Way of the Cross on Friday nights of Lent will be replaced with talks given by lay people. These talks will be based on Lent and what it means as well as reflections on the Stations of the Cross. The first talk will be given by Diane Gaudet of Tignish parish on Friday, Feb 17, at 7 pm. Each evening will include a theme song. Mass will follow the presentation. Hope to see you there: Attendance 100.

**2020 Tax Receipts:** Income tax receipts for envelope users are now available at weekend masses. Please ask when you sign in for mass if you have not received yours yet or contact the parish office 902-

882-2622 or email [palmerroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:palmerroadparish@gmail.com) if you need to make other arrangements for pick-up.

**Mid-Lent Retreat:** A Retreat for Mid-Lent at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre will be held February 26-28. Retreat Master is Rev Martin Carter. Topic is The Power of the Gospel of the Lord, includes a series of meditations on Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. Cost \$170 each or \$255 married couple. Call Earla at 902 388 1952 or Marty at 902 394 4116 or email the Centre ([ourladyofhope@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofhope@gmail.com)).

**Marriage Course:** A Marriage Course will be held at the Tignish Parish Centre beginning Sunday, Feb 21. For more information, contact John or Sharon Handrahan at 902-882-3432 or email at [west\\_prince\\_marriage@hotmail.com](mailto:west_prince_marriage@hotmail.com). The aim of the Marriage Course is to help you strengthen your connection in a series of seven sessions, designed to help you invest in your relationship and build a strong marriage. The course is designed to help you as a couple build a strong foundation, communicate more effectively and resolve differences well. The sessions are completely private, with no group work or reporting, but you are encouraged to speak to one another about topics important in any marriage.



**February 17, 2021**

Miminegash: 6:00 p.m.

Palmer Rd: 8:00 p.m.

**Reminder: Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence (no meat).**

**The distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday will be carried out differently during this time of the pandemic. Fr Albin will explain the new measure during Mass.**

## Confession During Lent

**Thursdays:** There will be confession Every Thursday during Lent following the 9 a.m. Mass until 10:30 am and in the evening (Thursday) from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday: 15/02 9 a.m.**

Lillian Allain by Brenda, Eddy & family

**Tuesday: 16/02 9 a.m.**

Fr Melvin Doucette by Roy & Helen McKenna

**Wednesday: 17/02 Ash Wednesday (M) 6 p.m.**

Auldine Wedge by Marie & Gerald Donahue  
**PR) 8 p.m.**

Leo Butler by Diana & Robert Gaudet

**Thursday: 18/02 9 a.m.**

Barbara Keefe by David Taylor

**Friday: 19/02 Lenten Talk 7 p.m.**  
**Mass 7:30 p.m.**

Florence Richard by Nancy Costain

## *First Sunday of Lent February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021*

**Saturday: 20/02 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.**

For the People

**Sunday: 21/02 (M) 9:00 a.m.**

Mary Ann Gallant by Linda & Gifford

**(PR) 11:00 a.m.**

Peggy Aylward by Joey, Kelly & Scott

**BULLETIN: Bulletin** announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email: [palmerroadparish@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 February 2021**

**Violence Against Women:** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

