

# 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 21-28, 2020

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

## Sunday Collection:

**February 14:** \$2,164.00

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On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

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## 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

**Friday Lenten Talks 6:30 p.m., followed by 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. Each evening will include a theme song. Mass will follow the presentation. Attendance 100.

**Ash Wednesday Collection:** This year's Ash Wednesday Collection for the Bishop's Projects will go toward Bedford MacDonald House for men, Blooming House for women and the Upper Room Food Ministry for the poor.

**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.

## Confession During Lent

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

**Confession Times at Neighbouring Parishes:** St. Anthony's, Bloomfield - Saturdays: 3 – 4 p.m. Sacred Heart, Alberton - Saturdays: 11 a.m. – 12 noon St Simon & St Jude, Tignish: Saturdays – 11 a.m.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday: 22/02 9 a.m.**  
Emmett Profit by Edward & Margaret Profit  
**Tuesday: 23/02 9 a.m.**  
Fr Melvin Doucette by Roy & Helen McKenna  
**Wednesday: 24/02 9 a.m.**  
Mabel Thibodeau by Benny Gavin  
**Thursday: 25/02 9 a.m.**  
Barbara Keefe by Matthew Wilken  
**Friday: 19/02 Lenten Talk 6:30 p.m.**  
**Mass 7:00 p.m.**

Elaine Cormier by Ann & Jean Theriault

## Second Sunday of Lent February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Saturday: 20/02 8:30 a.m.**  
**Knights of Columbus (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.**  
Leonard Gaudet by Olive Ann & family  
**Sunday: 21/02 (M) 9:00 a.m.**  
Al Doucette by LouAnn, Wayne & family  
**(PR) 11:00 a.m.**

For the People

**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 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.

