# 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 17-24, 2020

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Sunday Collection: January 10: \$2,108.75 Thank you for your generosity



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time January 17, 2021

Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's

description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus

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### **Update: Mass during COVID-19**

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

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.

## **Announcements**

**2021 Envelopes:** There are still some envelopes to get picked up, please contact the parish office if you need to make arrangements for delivery. Tax receipts will be out by the end of January.

**Sunday Missals:** There are still 2021Sunday Missals available for sale, \$5 each. We are not allowed to leave them in the seats or reuse because of Covid 19. If you wish to purchase one please ask when you are signing in for Sunday Mass. Thank you.

#### Martha Spirituality Centre

(srgemma@eastlink.ca) by Zoom. 1) Grief Video Series by Dr. Bill Webster on Mondays from 2-3:30 pm on Jan 18, 25 and Feb 1, 8, and 15. Register with dpeters@peimarthas.ca The cost is \$10. 2) Benevolent Video Series with presentations by Richard Rohr, Ilia Delio and Rob Bell, who through Scripture, science and human experience will explore the wonderful universe we live in and God Creator of all life. Sessions are on Wednesdays of Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10 and 17 from 2:00-3:30 pm Register with facilitator <a href="leagil4533@gmail.com">leagil4533@gmail.com</a>

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.

Year of St Joseph 2021



Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.

(Catholic online)

#### **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

Monday: 18/01 9 a.m.

Troy Chaisson by Rachel & Troy Butler

For the parents of Philip & Stella Gallant

Tuesday: 19/01 9 a.m.

Wednesday: 20/01 9 a.m.

Mabel Thibodeau by Roy & Helen McKenna

Thursday: 21/01 9 a.m.

Alvin Shea by Geraldine

Friday: 22/01 No Mass

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Saturday: 23/01 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.

Audrey Arsenault by Alan & family

Sunday: 24/01 (M) 9:00 a.m.

For the People

(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Karen Arsenault by Jerome & Bernadette Arsenault

**BULLETIN: Bulletin** announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email:palmerroadparish@gmail.com

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<u>BAPTISMS</u>: Baptisms are held by appointment as required. Please Contact the Parish Office for information and to make arrangements. (882-2622) or email: <u>palmerroadparish@gmail.com</u>

#### **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.