

# 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"*

#### Bulletin for January 24-31, 2020

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

#### Sunday Collection:

**January 17: \$1,827.00**

**Thank you for your generosity**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### January 24, 2021

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a

fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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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.**

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

**Palmer Road CWL-Special Meeting:** The Palmer Road CWL is holding a very important meeting on Monday, Jan 25 at 6:30 pm at the Palmer Road Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the CWL Constitution and By-laws; also a proposed increase in membership fees for 2022. Membership dues for 2021 may be paid that night.

**Ultreya:** There will be an Ultreya on Friday, Jan 29 at 7 pm at the Palmer Road Hall. All Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. No sharing table. All Cursillistas welcome.

#### Diocese of Charlottetown Priest's Benevolent Fund:

The priests of the diocese thank each and every one for your generosity through the recent fundraising project. This fundraising drive began in 2013 and was completed this past year. Some have even continued support beyond the completion of the official drive while others may plan to do so upon their death. The total amount pledged was \$5,108,863.00. \$154,780.00 of that amount was cancelled, leaving \$4,954,083.00. The amount collected is \$4,029,983.00 with \$81,419.00 still to come from Saint Dunstan's University Board. The generosity of Laity, Religious and Clergy make it possible for our retired priests to live out their last years in dignity and peace. For all of this your priests say thanks and assure you of their continued prayers and limited service in their retiring years. The priests thank those Catholic organizations who participated by making contributions to the Fund and express their appreciation to George Morrison and Mary Roche for their service in administering the Fund.

**Sunday Missals:** There are still 2021 Sunday 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.

#### Year of St Joseph 2021

I Lift Up My Needs In Prayer

Joseph, with Jesus and Mary, you knew hunger, uncertainty, and illness.

You turned your heart to God to lift up your needs and those of your family.

In faith you accepted the Father's response as events unfolded.

Be with me today as I offer my requests to the Father. Joseph, let me recognize God's will as I open my hands to accept what God bestows in loving kindness. With tenderness, God fills creation with life and love. Open my eyes to the wonders that God works without ceasing.

Let me learn the true intention behind my request so that I may discover within myself the lowly one that God commends. Amen. (St Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal)

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday: 25/01 9 a.m.**  
Charlie Deagle by Roy & Helen McKenna  
**Tuesday: 26/01 9 a.m.**  
Barbara Keefe by David & Lorrie Taylor  
**Wednesday: 27/01 9 a.m.**  
Wilfred Deagle by Bill DeCoste  
**Thursday: 28/01 9 a.m.**  
Peggy Ellsworth by Morigan & family  
**Friday: 29/01 No Mass**

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Saturday: 30/01 8:30 a.m.**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
(Bilingual) **4:00 p.m.**

For the People

**Sunday: 31/01 (M) 9:00 a.m.**  
Laura Costain by Shirley Murphy  
(PR) **11:00 a.m.**

Marcel & Marie Perry by Ralph & Ida

**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 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.

