

**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 Jan 31- Feb 7, 2020**

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

**Sunday Collection:**

**January 24:** \$1,898.00

**Thank you for your generosity**



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
January 31, 2021**

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In

fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

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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:** The next meeting of the Palmer Road CWL will be held on Tuesday, Feb 9 beginning at 7:15 pm at the Palmer Road Hall. Annual meeting will follow the regular meeting. Yearly fees (\$20) are now due and may be paid that night.

**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 Reverend Martin Carter. Topic is The Power of the Gospel of the Lord, which will include a series of meditations on Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. The cost is \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. To register call (Earla at 902 388 1952 or Marty at 902 394 4116) or email the Centre ([ourladyofhope@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofhope@gmail.com)). Space is limited.

**Martha Spirituality Centre:** Lectio Divina- (every Thursday 10:45-11:45) is a process of reflecting on the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Open to anyone. Free. Need to register to receive the zoom link ([srgemma@eastlink.ca](mailto:srgemma@eastlink.ca))

**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.

***Prayer to St Joseph***

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.*

Pope Francis December 2020

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>01/02</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
Susan Chaisson by the family		
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>02/02</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
Emmett Profit by Helen & Cleve MacNeill		
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>03/02</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
Alton Sheilds by Bernadette Taylor & family		
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>04/02</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
DFM of Roy & Helen McKenna		
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>05/02</b>	<b>No Mass</b>

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021***

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>06/02</b>	<b>(Bilingual)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Francis Allain & DFM by Alice & family			
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>07/02</b>	<b>(M)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
For the People			
		<b>(PR)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>

Reg Gaudet by Juanita & family

**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.