

# 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 March 14-21, 2020

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

## Sunday Collection:

**March 7:** \$1,749.00

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase.

Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. **Loyola Press (A Jesuit Ministry)**

## Message from the Diocese

**Dear People of the Diocese:** The Diocesan College of Consultors met on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Catholic Centre. They held an election and Fr Brian MacDougall was elected and accepted to be the Diocesan Administrator for the Diocese of Charlottetown. Fr Brian will oversee the diocese until a new bishop is appointed by Pope Francis. Please pray for the selection of our new bishop. As well, pray for Bishop Grecco, our former bishop.

## Announcements

**Friday Lenten Talks 6:30 pm, followed by Mass:** Lenten talk and Mass on Friday, March 19. Thank you for following Covid 19 regulations at all church services.

**Palmer Road CWL:** There will be no meeting of the Palmer Road CWL in March. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6.

**Virtual Marriage Encounter Weekend:** A very special enrichment opportunity for husbands and wives as well as for clergy and religious. This will take place April 9-11, from the comfort and safety of your own home. For more information contact: [renewmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:renewmarriage@gmail.com) or 506-856-9485.

**Special Prayer Service:** A Silver Rose on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at eight churches on PEI starting on March 18. This program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus councils in these localities to honour Our Lady of Guadalupe and express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The Rose will end its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe near Mexico City on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All members of the community are invited to attend. The schedule of services includes: March 18-Tignish, St Simon & St Jude, 6:30pm + Mass, March 20-Summerside, St. Paul's, 10am, March 27-Stratford, Our Lady of the Assumption, 10am, April 6-Charlottetown, Holy Redeemer, 7pm.

## Confession During Lent

### Palmer Road: Thursdays Morning & Tuesday

**Evenings:** There will be confession Every Thursday during Lent following the 9 a.m. Mass until 10:30 am; also Tuesday evenings 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

## Attending Mass During COVID-19 Updated

**At the time of bulletin publication we expect rules for gatherings to return to what they were before circuit breaking measures were put in place March 4, 2021. That means we can again have two cohorts of 50 people in attendance for weekend Masses (100 per Mass). Thank you for wearing a mask, following seating arrangements in Church and practicing social distancing at all times.**

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday: 15/03 9 a.m.**

Ivan & Dennis Doucette by Helen & Roy McKenna

**Tuesday: 16/03 9 a.m.**

Freddy & Mildred Perry & DFM by Joe Perry

**Wednesday: 17/03 9 a.m.**

Judy Gallant by Philip & Stella Gallant

**Thursday: 18/03 9 a.m.**

Lillian Allain by James & Darlene Hogan & family

**Friday: 19/03 Lenten Talk 6:30 followed by**

**Mass:** Herby Thibodeau by Josie & family

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021*

**Saturday: 20/03 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.**

Rita Chaisson by Edward Richard

**Sunday: 21/03 (M) 9:00 a.m.**

Lloyd Butler by Joe Perry

**(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 March 2021**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.