

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 April 11-18, 2021

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

Sunday Collection:

Good Friday: \$1,313.25

Easter Sunday-April 4: \$2,580.00

Easter Flowers-IMO Patricia & Wilson Shea: \$50

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2nd Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as

today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

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Announcements

Confirmation/First Communion: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, April 18 by Fr Albin Arsenault. Children will receive their First Communion on Tuesday, April 27.

Thank You: Thank You to all those who help out with Masses during the week and on the weekend. We are extremely grateful to all those who volunteer to take names, sanitize the church and usher on Saturdays and Sunday mornings. If you are free to help out in any of these areas please contact the parish office Monday or Thursday, 9:30-5 pm or email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com. We can always use extra help.

PEI LIFE: PEI LIFE continues with its Change4LIFE Baby Bottle Campaign. Your donation goes to helping women in need, building a culture of

LIFE for a People of LIFE on PEI! We support new moms, moms returning to their education and engage Islanders in pro-life values. Be part of the CHANGE4LIFE and make a donation today. Online donations can be made at: PEILIFE.org/donate.

Development & Peace: The Diocesan Council of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada extends our thanks for your contribution to the Share Lent Campaign. You can still donate through your parish, or send it direct to devp.org or 1-888-234-8533. Our faith tells us that everybody in the world is our neighbour. Pope Francis is trying to bring the Church closer to the poorest in our world, our neighbours on the fringes of society.

Martha Spirituality Centre: A Zoom book study of five sessions on Ron Rolheiser's text on the Eucharist: Our One Great Act of Fidelity on Friday mornings 10-11am, April 23, 30 May 7, 14 & 21. Fee is \$10; each registrant will be asked to purchase their preordered text at Bookmart in Charlottetown. Register with srgemma@eastlink.ca

Attending Mass During COVID-19

A Friendly Reminder: Please remember that we must be diligent and follow the guidelines put in place and approved by Health PEI when attending church services. You are to be seated on whatever side of the church you enter because there are two cohorts (one on either side of the church) with separate entrances for each. Please practice social distancing and after you register your name go directly to your seat. Please continue to be kind and be courteous to others as we continue through this pandemic.

Two cohorts of 50 people in attendance for weekend Masses in Palmer Rd (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: 12/04 9 a.m.
Peggy Aylward by Joanne Keefe & Bernadine Taylor
Tuesday: 13/04 9 a.m.
Johnny Gallant by the Gallant family
Wednesday: 14/04 9 a.m.
Rita Myers by Nora & Clarence Buote
Thursday: 15/04 9 a.m.
Roberta & Rodney Gillis by Roy & Helen McKenna
Friday: 16/04 No Mass

3rd Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

Saturday: 17/04 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 18/04 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Emmett Wedge by the family
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Edmond R Gaudet by Bernadette, Jerome, Stella & family

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com
Office hours: Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 5 pm

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

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 April 2021

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crises.

