

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 25-May 2, 2021

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

Sunday Collection:

Sunday-April 18: \$2,012.00

Development & Peace: \$100.00

Good Friday: \$20.00

IMO David J Wedge: \$50.00

IMO David G Wedge: \$25.00

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4th Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling

himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

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Announcements

Saturday Mass Update: The Saturday Bilingual Mass will continue to be held at 4 p.m. throughout the summer months. A reminder that we can

accommodate 100 people for both weekend Masses at Palmer Road and 50 at Miminegash.

Cake Auction Fundraiser: Plans are underway to hold a cake auction for Mother's Day. All you bakers out there get ready to tempt us with your delicious cakes and help with this Church Fundraiser. To donate a cake contact Ruby Arsenault at 882-2117 or email the parish at palmerroadparish.com.

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.



Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of The Redeemer

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 2020)

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: 26/04 9 a.m.
Gerard Ready by Geraldine Shea
Tuesday: 27/04 9 a.m.
David G Wedge by Linda McCue
Wednesday: 28/04 9 a.m.
Dora Kenny by Jean, Dave & family
Thursday: 29/04 9 a.m.
Alton Shields by Earl & Roma O'Meara & family
Friday: 30/04 No Mass

5th Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

Saturday: 01/05 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
Francis Richard by Lucille & family
Sunday: 02/05 (M) 9:00 a.m.
For the People
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Ester & Philip Doyle by Doyle 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.