

# 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 4-II, 2021

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

## Sunday Collection:

**March 28:** \$2,104.00

**Thank you for your generosity**



## Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had

been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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*Daily there is morning and night; light and darkness, blessings and challenges, new beginnings and new life. Above all, the Risen Lord always accompanies us. May He guide you always and be your life-long companion.*

*Pâques est la fête du tombeau vide, du Christ-ressuscité, de notre compagnon de route. Bonne route avec le Seigneur. Qu'il vous comble de ses bénédictions.*

*Happy Easter Joyeuses Pâques  
Père Albin Arsenault*

## Announcements

**Palmer Road CWL:** The monthly meeting of the Palmer Road CWL will be held Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 pm at the Palmer Road Hall.

**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:** A Special Thanks to all those who continue to faithfully support our parish. We are also extremely grateful to all our volunteers who help out in so many different ways during this pandemic. May God Bless you all during this Easter Season.

**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.

**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](http://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.

## Attending Mass During COVID-19

**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.**

HE IS RISEN  
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## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday: 05/04 9 a.m.**  
Leman & Flo Delaney by the family  
**Tuesday: 06/04 9 a.m.**  
Eric & Helen (McCabe) Carragher by Don & Nellie  
**Wednesday: 07/04 9 a.m.**  
Gerard Ready by Mark & Audrey  
**Thursday: 08/04 9 a.m.**  
Lillian Allain by Christine Murray & Ray Doyle  
**Friday: 09/04 No Mass**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021

**Saturday: 10/04 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.**  
Annie Poirier by Austin Bernard  
**Sunday: 11/04 (M) 9:00 a.m.**  
Bobby Chaisson by Billy Chaisson  
**(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 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.