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 May 23-30, 2021

Pastor: Père Albin Arsenault Email: <u>palmerroadparish@gmail.com</u> Website: www.palmerroadparish.com

Office: Jean Willcock Custodian: Michael Arsenault

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

Sunday Collection:

Sunday, May 16: \$1,758.00 **Thank you for your generosity**



Feast of Pentecost May 23, 2021

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church.

The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus

fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Loyola Press (A Jesuit Ministry)

Announcements

Retreat for Priests: Fr Albin will be attending the Annual Priests' Retreat so there will be no weekday Masses from May 24-27. Thank you and have a great week!

New Cemetery Policy: Our Parish Property and Finance Committee has finalized a new Cemetery Policy and copies are available at the back of the Church. Please note the new policy is effective as of June 1, 2021. Thank you. Trevor Delaney, committee chair person/ Fr Albin Arsenault, pastor/administrator

Fr Ellsworth Scholarship: Applications forms for the Fr Richard Ellsworth Scholarship Fund are now available for 2021 graduates who will be attending post-secondary institutions (1st year). They may be picked up at FJ Shea & Son, St Louis or at the Parish office. For more information contact Willard Mokler at 902-882-4445. Please leave completed forms at FJ Shea's by the end of May.

Development and Peace: Development and Peace-Caritas Canada has sent an urgent request from Father Paul Moonjely, executive director of Caritas India, to people of good will, to contribute generously to help Caritas India cope with the current COVID-19 crisis. Caritas India is supporting some of the country's most disadvantaged groups. Slum dwellers and households, persons with special needs, widows and homeless people are being helped with food, water, masks, sanitizers, hygiene kits, psychological support, public education campaigns on infection, prevention and vaccination. Donations can be sent to Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd West, 3rd floor, Montreal Quebec H3G 1T7 or call toll free to: 1-888-664-3387 or 1-888-234-8533.

Friends of St Andrew's Chapel: The Friends of St Andrew's Chapel has produced a video on Bishop MacEachern which is available on You Tube under "Bishop Angus Bernard MacEachern PEI." This 33minute video concerns his life as a missionary priest on the Island and as the first bishop of the Diocese of Charlottetown. It narrates the difficulties he encountered and the steps took to overcome them. At the beginning there was not only the need for the creation of parishes, but the need for the education of clergy to see to the needs of the Island. Later this developed to the sending of clergy to other missions off the Island. Higher education for the laity was also initiated to create community leaders. It is hoped that this video is found to be entertaining, instructive, and inspiring.

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 <u>practicing social distancing at all times.</u>

Mass Schedule & Intentions

There are no weekday masses this week as Fr Albin is attending the retreat for diocesan priests.

Monday:	24/05	No Mass
Tuesday:	25/05	No Mass
Wednesday:	26/05	No Mass
Thursday:	27/05	No Mass
Friday:	28/05	No Mass

Most Holy Trinity May 30, 2021

Saturday: 29/05 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday: 30/05 (M) 9:00 a.m. Mabel Thibodeau & Mary Anne Gallant by Wayne

(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Lillian Allain by Sharon & 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

<u>BAPTISMS</u>: Baptisms are held by appointment as required. Please Contact the Parish Office for information and to make arrangements. (882-2622) or email: <u>palmerroadparish@gmail.com</u>

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 May 2021

The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.