

**Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
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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 August 22-29, 2021

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

**Sunday Collection:
Sunday, Aug 15: \$1,758.00
IMO Ronnie Ellsworth: \$50.00
Fundraising Donations: \$100.00
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**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021**

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In

today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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Announcements

Sunday, Aug 22-Open House: The family of Genevieve McAlduff invites you to join them for an Open House in honour of her 90th birthday on Sunday, Aug 22, from 2-4 pm at the Palmer Road Hall. Please note Covid protocols will be followed. Come help us celebrate – we would love to see you.

Correction - Roast Beef Dinner: There will be NO dinner at the Palmer Road Hall in September. The roast beef meals will begin again the first Sunday of October.

Gospel Show: A Gospel Show will be held Sunday, Aug 29 at Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to Cursillo PEI. To purchase a \$25 ticket please email chadmatthews2@outlook.com or call Chad at (902) 853-5443. Thank you for your support.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who supported our Elimination Draw, Drive-Thru Dinner and Sacred Music Show.

Thank you to our many volunteers. Those who prepared the meal, sold tickets or helped out in any way. Without your hard work and dedication to our parish these events would not be possible.

Special thanks also to lobster fishers who were so generous in donating lobster for our meal.

May God abundantly bless you all!

Thank you – Thank you – Thank you

**Attending Mass
During COVID-19**

Mask Wearing: Masks are no longer compulsory in church. **Social distancing** must still be maintained and there are still two cohorts of 50 each in Palmer Road. **Miminegash** attendance: 50. Please be seated on whatever side of the church you enter. Please practice social distancing and after you register your name go directly to your seat. Thank You.

Giving Thanks for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
- Author Unknown

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 23/08 9 a.m.
Lillian Allain by Barbara & Les Silker
Tuesday: 24/08 9 a.m.
Audrey Arsenault by Roy & Helen McKenna
Wednesday: 25/08 9 a.m.
Ralph & Barbara Keefe by Clarence & Marie
Thursday: 26/08 9 a.m.
Ricky Carragher by Shirley Murphy & family
Friday: 27/08 No Mass

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021**

Saturday: 28/08 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
Stephen McCue by Linda
Sunday: 29/08 (M) 9:00 a.m.
For the People
(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Molly Gallant MacDonald by mom, dad & 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 August 2021

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.