

# 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 Aug 29 - Sept 5, 2021

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Sunday Collection:  
Sunday, Aug 22: \$1,778.00

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29, 2021

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a

Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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## Announcements

**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](mailto:chadmatthews2@outlook.com) or call Chad at (902) 853-5443. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**St Andrew's Society Scholarship:** Applications are now being accepted at the Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island (CFPEI) for The St Andrew's Society Scholarships (\$50,000 in total scholarships available). The Scholarship Fund awards full-time university students in any of their first three years of university who are currently residents of Prince Edward Island, Roman Catholic and of Scottish descent. For more information & how to apply visit <https://cfpei.ca>

**Thank You:** Thank you to all those who supported our Elimination Draw, Drive-Thru Dinner and Sacred Music Show. All our fundraisers were sold out events and we will post a final report next week. Thank you to our many volunteers. Those who prepared the meal, sold tickets or helped out in any way. Special thanks also to lobster fishers who were so generous in donating lobster for our meal. May God abundantly bless you all!

**Haiti needs our support:** Donations to help the victims of the August 14 earthquake in Haiti can be made to Development and Peace head office in Montreal: 514-257-8711 or toll free at 1-888-234-8533. There is an enormous need for food, water, shelter, clothing, blankets, first aid supplies, hygiene kits, vehicles and fuel. Development and Peace partners, CARITAS Haiti and the Institut de Technologies et d'Animation (ITECA), are very busy with relief and coordinating efforts under Haiti's National Risk Management Plan. On the bright side, in the small commune of Cavaillon, 13 of the 14 houses Development Peace built after the 2010 earthquake have withstood the current earthquake. For further information call the Diocesan Council of Development and Peace, 902-969-2693.

## 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.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday: 30/08 9 a.m.**  
Annie Gaudet by Roland, Bev & boys  
**Tuesday: 31/08 9 a.m.**  
Johnny Bernard by Nellie & Don  
**Wednesday: 01/09 9 a.m.**  
Nelson Bernard by Bernard family  
**Thursday: 02/09 9 a.m.**  
John Carragher, daughter Audrey & Shirley E by Nellie & Don  
**Friday: 03/09 No Mass**

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

**Saturday: 04/09 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.**  
For the People  
**Sunday: 05/09 (M) 9:00 a.m.**  
Edna & Alfred O'Brien by Keir Kelly  
**(PR) 11:00 a.m.**

Patrick Mallett by Marie, Lindsay & Spencer

**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 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.

