## 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 October 24-31, 2021

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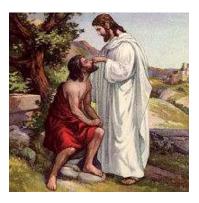
Office hours: Monday & Thursday

9:30 am - 5 pm

**Sunday Collection:** Sunday, Oct 17: \$2,034.00 **Cemetery Fund:** 

IMO Stephen Mallett: \$155.00 IMO Roy Gallant: \$70.00

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30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24, 2021

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. Loyola Press (A Jesuit Ministry)

## **Announcements**

**Bulletin Announcements:** Please have your announcements in to the parish office by noon on Tuesday. Email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com or contact the parish office on Monday or Thursday from 9:30 am - 5 pm. (902-882-2622) Thank you

**Adult Faith Formation:** The Diocese of Charlottetown Adult Faith Formation Committee is offering a formation program for parishioners interested in becoming lay pastoral associates beginning in January 2022. This will be the fifth time the program has been offered. This two-year program helps to train interested parishioners to assist pastors

in different aspects of parish ministry. For information about the program contact your pastor, or committee chair Fr Doug MacDonald at 902-566-3876 or Catherine Mullally at 902-892-0881.

Martha Spirituality Centre: On Saturday, Dec 4 from 10am until 3pm, the Martha Spirituality Centre offers the opportunity to reflect upon the impact of Mary, the Mother of God on our faith journeys as well as the gifts that others have brought to our lives. This Zoom retreat will be facilitated by Sister Debbie Peters, CSM. Register with srdebpeters52@gmail.com. There will be a one-hour

lunch break. Fee \$20.

Zoom Series: Join Sister Joan Campbell for the fourweek Zoom series "Prophets and Kin of Jesus" on Thursdays, November 25 until December 16 from 6:30-7:45 pm. We will explore what the gospels say about major New Testament characters whom we meet in the early life of Jesus including Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist and others. Fee \$20. Register with drjoancsm@gmail.com

#### Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph

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.

(Composed by Pope Francis in *Patris Corde*) (From My Catholic Life)

## **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: 25/10 9 a.m.

Tuesday: 26/10 9 a.m. Alton Shields by Earl & Roma O'Mara & family Wednesday: 27/10 9 a.m.

Melvin & Elva Gallant by the family

Thursday: 28/10 9 a.m.

Lillian Allain by Gary & Sharon Wedge

Friday: 29/10 No Mass

# 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 2021

Saturday: 30/10 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday: (M) 9:00 a.m. 31/10

Wayne Gallant by Elsie & Alyre Gallant

(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Ray Cormier by the family

**BULLETIN: Bulletin** announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by

email: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

#### **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** October 2021

Missionary Disciples: We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.