



Holy Family Pastoral Unit

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December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Assumption 4:00pm
8:00pm

St. Joachim's 6:00pm

Christmas Day

Assumption 9:00am

New Year's Eve

Assumption 4:00pm
St. Joachim's 6:30pm

New Year's Day

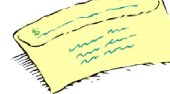
Assumption 9:00am



2019 Church Envelopes are now available.

To assist in keeping our records up-to-date, please note your name/ mailing address on your envelope for the first Sunday. Sets are also available for new users.

Offering Envelopes



Come out to **St. Joachim's Cards (Progressive 45's)** on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

2018 Holy Redeemer Candlelight Carol Service will be held on Sunday, December 16, 7:30pm at the Church. Service, directed by Travis Boudreau, to include readings and a number of carols – traditional and new. Come and use this service to add to your preparation for Christmas. Admission by donation.

Island Karate Club Classes: www.islandkarate.com

Winter Registration is now underway for classes beginning Thursday, **January 3** at **Assumption Parish Centre**.

Fitness Classes for 50+: For information on class offerings at Assumption Hall in the New Year, contact Joan Varacalli: bfitjv@gmail.com or (902) 213-6187.

On December 16, 3:00pm, at Confederation Centre of the Arts, the Choral Music Programme presents **Sing Noel**, directed by Donald Fraser. Join the Centre's Youth Chorus, accompanist Sara White and guest soloist Joey Kitson in this 41st Annual Carol Concert with audience participation. Admission: \$20. Tickets available at the Centre's Ticketworks.

Stratford Lions Club Christmas Ceilidh will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 7:00pm, at the Cotton Centre with all admission money going to CBC's Feed a Family Campaign. For more info, call Erma (569-3956).

Annual St. Dunstan's Christmas Concert will be held on December 21 at 7:00pm. Leo Marchildon corrals the PEI Pops and a 50-voice chorus in a performance of Bach's *Magnificat*, as well as the Island premiere of *Fantasia Noel 2*, the sequel to the popular cantata introduced a few years ago, taking traditional carols and turning them on their ear for a more contemporary sensibility. Due to fire regulations, doors close once 1,000 attendees have entered, so be sure to arrive early.

Twas the Night Before Christmas

~ *A Night of Christmas Stories & Music*

At St. Joachim's Hall on Sunday, December 16 at 6:30pm. Admission is by cash donation at the door. Proceeds will be donated to the Southern Kings & Queens Food Bank.

Today at 2:00pm, the *Treble with Girls Concert Series* continues, in support of the QEH Foundation, at Assumption Parish Centre with special guest *Bluestreak*. Admission: \$10 adults, kids 12&under: \$5, preschoolers: free.

St. Joachim's:

Offertory Procession:

December 23 - Ron & Tracey Whalen Family

Thanks to the **St. Joachim's Catholic Women's League** for its recent donation of \$7,500 to the Parish.

Thanks to the **St. Joachim's Knights of Columbus** for their recent donation of \$800 to the Parish.

Wow! A Nativity Play ~ Join the children of St. Joachim's for this retelling of the familiar Christmas story on Sunday, December 23 at 12:00pm (following Mass).

Our Lady of the Assumption:

Thanks to the **Assumption Catholic Women's League** for its recent donations of \$1,000 to the Parish and \$1,500 to the Parish Outreach Program.

Thanks to the **Assumption Knights of Columbus** for its 2018 donation of \$800 to the Parish Outreach Program.

Thanks to **Assumption Knights of Columbus** members, spouses and friends who helped make the Christmas Tea & Carol Sing a great success. Merry Christmas!

Assumption Knights of Columbus are **selling tickets** for 400L of heating oil (Kenmac Energy) or cash equivalent. Secondary prizes of two green fees/cart from Fox Meadow Golf Course and a \$200 gift card from Sobeys Stratford. Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Congratulations **Ernie Davis**, Early Bird Draw winner of 2 Confederation Bridge passes. For tickets, contact any member of the Knights.

Weekly Offerings: December 9

St. Joachim's \$ 2,005.00
Assumption \$ 3,934.00



JOY ~

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. **Amen.**

The Candle of Joy

Color: Pink

This third candle is pink, symbolizing anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. **Amen.**



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Mass Schedule: December 17 - 23



Tuesday:	9:00am	Rita Morrison	OLA
Wednesday:	9:00am	Ernest Roche Jr.	OLA
	10:00am	Teresa O'Donnell	STJ
Thursday:	9:00am	Donald & Bertha MacDonald & DFM	OLA
Friday:	9:00am	Daniel & Mary Hughes & DFM	OLA
	10:00am	Marcellus MacDonald	STJ
Saturday:	4:00pm	Peggy Curley & DFM John & Edna Hawkins Jack Hughes Lauretta MacIntyre	OLA
Sunday:	9:00am	Mass for the People	OLA
	10:45am	James Morrissey Joseph Patrick O'Donnell	STJ

The December 23 bulletin will cover a 2-week period. After that, the next bulletin will be issued on **January 6**. Please submit announcements for the December 23 bulletin by **Noon** on **Tuesday, December 18**.

To **receive income tax credit for donations** to St. Joachim's or Our Lady of the Assumption, offerings must be **received** at the **Unit Office** by **10:00am** on **December 31**, at which time the **2018 books will be officially closed**. Any offerings placed in the collection baskets of churches outside the Unit will be credited to your 2019 total if they are not received from the Diocese Office by December 20. Thank you!

Both **St. Joachim's** and **Our Lady of the Assumption** offer **Parish Halls** to accommodate a wide variety of events.

For rental availability, rates, seating capacity and other info:

St. Joachim's: Linda Redmond 626-9758

Assumption: Elaine Fraser 569-4769