



# Holy Family Pastoral Unit

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**December 24, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 31, 2017**  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

## Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve December 24**  
Assumption 4:00pm & 6:00pm  
St. Joachim's 8:00pm

**Christmas Day December 25**  
Assumption 9:00am

**New Year's Eve December 31**  
Assumption 4:00pm  
St. Joachim's 6:30pm

**New Year's Day January 1**  
Assumption 9:00am



**Today's bulletin covers a 2-week period.**  
The next bulletin will be issued on **January 7.**

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 **3:00pm** on **December 29**, at which time the **2017 books will be officially closed**. Offerings given for Sunday, December 31 will be credited to 2018. Any offerings placed in the collection baskets of churches outside the Unit will be credited to your 2018 total if they were not received from the Diocese Office by December 21.

**Thank you for supporting your Parish!**

A number of **2018 Sunday Offering** envelope sets remain for pick-up at the Church entrances. Please pick-up your set. If you are a new envelope user, please note your name, address and phone number on your envelope for the first few weeks to ensure proper credit.

**Dear Parishioners:**

*May our newborn Saviour always be that radiant light that gives us hope even in the dark moments of our lives.*

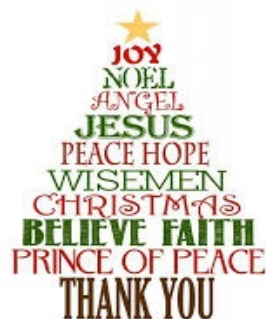
*May the magic of Christmas gladden your heart with the joys of the season. May the spirit of Christmas bless you with greater strength. May the promise of Christmas bring you and yours endless blessings.*

*My special wishes to you and to all those who are close to you. May you have a Christmas that is more special than it has ever been. May Baby Jesus bless you abundantly.*

*Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year of 2018.*

*Yours in Jesus Christ,*

**Fr. Benedict Paulraj, O. Praem**  
**Pastor**



*May the birth of the Christ Child stir in your heart deep feelings of joy, peace and love this Christmas!*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!*

**Pre-Authorized Debit Plan** is available at each Parish of the Holy Family Pastoral Unit. Anyone wishing to donate via this method, please visit the Unit Office to complete the required paperwork. A void cheque is required for set-up.

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 651-3040 or 626-9758  
Assumption: Elaine Fraser 569-4769

**CWL Members** – January is Membership Month. Dues are \$20 and may be submitted via your membership envelope contained in your envelope set.

Application forms for the **CWL PEI Catholic Girls' Bursary** are available at each Church in our Unit for girls and women attending college or university. Deadline: January 31, 2018.

**Island Karate Club Classes:** [www.islandkarate.com](http://www.islandkarate.com)  
Winter Registration is now underway for classes beginning Thursday, **January 4** at **Assumption Parish Centre.**

**Gentle Flow Stretch Classes at Assumption Parish Centre:**  
In this class, we start with gentle movements on the mat to warm up and loosen your muscles, followed by standing movements with focus on the breath to stretch and strengthen your body and to improve your balance. We finish back on the mats with a few more relaxing stretches. One-hour classes on Fridays at 12 Noon. **Session 1:** January 5-12-19-26 and **Session 2:** February 2-9-16-23. Sign up for 2 sessions and save \$5 - \$55 for 8 weeks. To register, contact Joan Varacalli, ACE Certified Senior Fitness Specialist. E-mail [bfitjv@gmail.com](mailto:bfitjv@gmail.com) or call (902) 213-6187.

## St. Joachim's:

### Offertory Procession:

**December 31:** Scott Campbell & Colleen MacPherson Family  
**New Year's Eve:** Sonya Daley Family  
**January 7:** Wade, Crissy & Leo Czank

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday, January 5 (10:30am-Noon), St. Joachim's Side Chapel. Everyone welcome.

**St. Joachim's Cards** (Progressive 45's) will resume on **Tuesday, January 2** at 7:30pm.

## Our Lady of the Assumption:

**Congratulations to December 16 Club 200 winner:**  
Corinna McGregor (\$200)

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** January 2 - 7:30pm

Friday, January 5 - First Friday of the Month  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held at Assumption immediately following the 9:00am mass until the closing at 10:30am.



Last Sunday, the following became children of the Father through water and the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Baptism:**



- **Agnes Miranda Ortega Ruiz** (Rodolfo & Luz)  
- **Maria Andrea Ortega Ruiz** (Rodolfo & Luz)

**Weekly Offerings: December 17**  
**St. Joachim's** \$ 2,844.00  
**Assumption** \$ 4,462.00



Christmas Eve:		
<b>4:00pm</b>	Austin & Teresa McQuaid Rudolph & Lucy Murnaghan Morgen McInnis Norah & Shawn Pickard	OLA
<b>6:00pm</b>	Shawn Gaudet John & Edna Hawkins James Hughes Mark & Joan Johnston	OLA
<b>8:00pm</b>	William, Mary & Gerard Fraser Ronnie McCabe Morgen McInnis	STJ

Christmas Day:		
<b>9:00am</b>	Mass for the People	OLA

## Mass Schedule: December 26 - 31

<b>Tuesday:</b>	No Masses	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00am Intentions of the People	OLA
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00am Intentions of the People 10:00am Edwin O'Donnell	OLA STJ
<b>Friday:</b>	9:00am Donald & Bertha MacDonald & DFM	OLA
<b>Saturday:</b>	4:00pm John P. C. Hughes James & Ellen Monaghan & DFM John & Mary Richard	

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00am Mass for the People 10:45am Andrew Doyle	
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New Year's Eve:		
<b>4:00pm</b>	Daniel & Mary Hughes & DFM	OLA
<b>6:30pm</b>	Brendan, Rita & Peter Curran	STJ

New Year's Day:		
<b>9:00am</b>	Leonard Osborne	OLA

## Mass Schedule: January 2-7

<b>Tuesday:</b>	No Masses	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00am Intentions of the People	OLA
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00am Intentions of the People 10:00am William E. Cameron	OLA STJ
<b>Friday:</b>	9:00am Intentions of the People 10:00am Genevieve Cameron	OLA STJ
<b>Saturday:</b>	4:00pm Bill Koughan & Kathy Gaudet Gene & Kay MacDonald & DFM	

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00am Mass for the People 10:45am Joseph O'Donnell Cecil, Agnes & Gerry Walsh	
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