

*Season of Advent* begins next weekend – November 29. Advent has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. While there is a penitential overtone to Advent, it is always in the spirit of joyful expectation. Despite the busyness of this time of the year, take some time to read and meditate upon the inspiring and hopeful scripture readings of the season, seek to find a few quiet moments of prayer each day and examine your conscience to see if there is anything in your soul that is separating you from the Lord. In these ways and more, you will be providing a fervent welcome to Jesus and certainly be prepared to celebrate both Christmas and his glorious second coming. **Happy Advent!** ~ Fr. Jim



# Holy Family Pastoral Unit

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**PEI LIFE** is offering an **Educational Bursary** of \$2000 for a young woman who has chosen life for her baby and would like to pursue her post-secondary education. All information and applications forms may be found via [PEILIFE.org](http://PEILIFE.org). Application deadline is December 10, 2020. Questions? Please call Pat at (902) 894-5473 or e-mail: [pat@peilife.org](mailto:pat@peilife.org).

**Annual General Retreat** at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Stanley Bridge will be held January 15-17 with Retreat Master: Fr. Andrew Handrahan. Retreat topic is **Divine Providence: Trusting in God Who Loves Us**, which will touch on Patience, Trust, Endurance and Hope. Cost is \$170/person or \$255/married couple. Space is limited. To register, please call (902) 621-2385 or e-mail: [ourladyofhope@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofhope@gmail.com).

Take the opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Lord with an **Advent Day Retreat** at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Stanley Bridge. Two one-day retreats are being offered: Mondays – December 7 & December 14, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Cost for each retreat is \$20 and includes lunch. To register for one or both dates, please call or e-mail the Retreat Centre at (902) 621-2385 / [ourladyofhope@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofhope@gmail.com). Space is limited.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

### Confession Times: \*

#### Our Lady of the Assumption:

- Every Saturday, 3:00-3:45pm
- Every First Saturday at 9:30am  
Following the First Saturday Mass

#### St. Joachim's:

- Every First Friday  
Following the 10:30am Mass

\* or by personal request at other times.

<b>Mass Schedule:</b>			
<b>November 23 - 29</b>			
			
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Marie Magennis <i>Saint Andrew Dūng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	OLA
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Leo & Helen MacDonald & DFM	STJ
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Rita Morrison	OLA
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Wayne Wilhelm	OLA
<b>Saturday:</b>			
<b>4:00pm</b>		Jack & Gerry McCarron	OLA
<b>Sunday:</b>			
<b>9:00am</b>		Charles & Mary MacKenzie & DFM	STJ
<b>11:00am</b>		Mass for the People	OLA

## November 22, 2020

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

As per new regulations from the Chief Public Health Office, please be aware that **face masks are mandatory** for those attending Mass or other events at Assumption Church & Parish Centre and St. Joachim's Church & Parish Hall. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

#### Calling All Teen Encounter Alumni:

*We are having an evening of Adoration!*

Join us for an evening of praise and worship, testimony and Adoration – Friday, **November 27** at Holy Redeemer Church, 7:00-8:30pm. Please wear a mask.

#### Recovering Together!

Thank you for your generosity and solidarity. Your donation will help our partners in their struggle to improve the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalized in their communities. For more info, visit the Diocesan website or [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org).

## St. Joachim's:

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** November 29 - 7:00pm

### St. Joachim's – First Communion 2020

~ Congratulations!

Jacob Brothers    Liam Roche  
Ronan Lee            Nathan Taylor  
Ellie MacKinnon    Eireann Whalen



Thank you to teachers, Arlene Powers & Gracie Power!

St. Joachim's Offerings:	November 8	November 15
Sunday Collection	\$ 805.00	\$1,150.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 675.00	\$ 140.00
Loonie/Toonie Collection	\$ 20.00	\$ 21.00

## Our Lady of the Assumption:

To share in people's preparations for Winter and Christmas, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Women's League will hold a **Bazaar** on Saturday, **December 5**, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, at the Parish Centre. Sales of baked goods, preserves, local crafts, holly, used books and puzzles and gift basket draws. Donations by members are greatly appreciated and must be dropped off at Parish Hall on Friday, December 4, 2:00-7:00pm. We appreciate the support of all parishioners. Public health protocols strictly observed. Please come and invite your friends!



#### Notice to all Parents & Catechism Students:

This year, there will only be formal Catechism classes for **Grade 2** (First Communion) & **Grade 9** (Confirmation). Please register via [www.holyfamilypastoralunit.com](http://www.holyfamilypastoralunit.com) in order to give us an accurate number of students to determine how many teachers are needed and to work out spacing in the Church for classes. Also, if you have a child in any of the other grades from Pre-School to Grade 8 and would like me to periodically send out some information, please register your child and I will email out information every couple of weeks to keep you updated. These are extraordinary times and we need to be as resourceful as possible in order to continue to keep ourselves and our families spiritually fed. If you can please come to Mass as a family, I know with the allowed numbers this may be difficult, but even if you come once a month it keeps us connected as a Church community and allows our children to witness God's call to faith.

Thank You and God Bless,  
Cathy LeClair, Catechism Coordinator

Assumption Offerings:	November 8	November 15
Sunday Collection	\$2,112.00	\$1,686.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$2,040.00	\$ 485.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 450.00	\$ 165.00