

Thank You ~ From Fr. Jim ~

Although our Christmas celebrations were disrupted once again this year, I still want to **thank** all the people who, by their dedication and commitment still made Christmas happen. These include all those who helped with the gift and food hampers, including those who contributed towards them, those who set-up and participated in the annual Christmas Sharing Tree, those who also made the liturgies we were able to celebrate beautiful and meaningful, including those who decorated the Churches and all those who served in any capacity as a liturgical minister. A special thank you to Elaine and all those who assist her at the office. Finally, thanks to everyone for being so kind and generous to me during this Christmas season, but also throughout the entire year. **May God bless you, your families and loved ones in every way in 2022.**

PEI Catholic Women's League invites Catholic girls and women attending colleges and universities to apply for the **Catholic Girls' Bursary** by the January 31, 2022 deadline. Applications available at your church or via www.cwlpei.ca.

Please submit your **CWL Membership dues** of \$20 via the **membership envelope** contained in your envelope set, noting your name, address and phone number. If you do not have church envelopes, please submit a plain envelope marked CWL Dues with your name/address/phone number noted and drop it in the collection basket. New members welcome!

Thank You for Supporting Your Parishes

Offerings:	St. Joachim's	Assumption
Christmas	\$ 535.00	\$ 2,955.00
December 26 *	\$ 2,471.00	\$ 4,050.00 / \$ 1,015.00 (Capital Projects Fund)
New Year's	\$ 125.00	\$ 620.00
January 2 *	\$ 1,042.00	\$ 1,402.00 / \$ 455.00 (Capital Projects Fund)

* includes Pre-Authorized Debit donations

2022 Sunday Offering Envelopes: Several boxes remain for pick-up at the Church entrances. Please pick-up your set. Sets are also available for new users. Thank you.

Pre-Authorized Debit Plan forms are available at the Church Entrances, at the Unit Office or can be e-mailed to you upon request. Anyone wishing to donate via this method, please complete the form and return to Elaine with a void cheque or letter from your bank. Another donation option is via e-transfer to holyfamilypastoralunit@bellaliant.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Confession Times: *

Our Lady of the Assumption:

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

St. Joachim's:

- Every First Friday
Following 10:30am Mass

* or by personal request at other times.

Mass Schedule: January 10 - 16



Tuesday:	10:00am	Jimmy Shea	OLA
Wednesday:	10:00am	Memorial ~ Saint Marguerite Bougeoyoys, Virgin Marilyn Downey	STJ
Thursday:	10:00am	Joe & Mary MacDonald & DFM	OLA
Friday:	10:00am	Edward Thompson	OLA
<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Saturday:	4:00pm	Clifford Sherren	OLA
Sunday:	9:00am	Tom Gill	STJ
	11:00am	Mass for the People	OLA



Holy Family Pastoral Unit

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January 9, 2022 Baptism of the Lord

Reminder of Covid-19 Public Health Protocols at Church:

- Until further notice, 50 people are permitted to attend each Mass with sign-in on a first come, first serve basis.
- Wear a 3-layer mask at all times.
- Sanitize hands upon entering and exiting the building.
- Practice physical distancing at all times.
- Only members of the same household may sit together.
- Do not congregate before or after Masses.
- Stay home when sick.

Lectio Divina (divine reading) is a contemplative praying of Scripture. We will meet by Zoom on Thursdays, beginning January 13, 10:30-11:45am to listen to and reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. To register, contact Sister Joan at drjoancsm@gmail.com. No fee.

Thanks to St. Joachim's CWL for a recent donation of \$10,000 to the Parish. Half of this donation went towards the cost of replacing the dishwasher in the Parish Hall. Thanks to the CWL for their continued dedication to the Parish.

Thank You!

Thanks to Our Lady of the Assumption CWL for a recent donation of \$1,000 towards the Parish's heating system debt. Thanks to the CWL for their continued dedication to the Parish.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Christmas Hamper Program

~ Notes of Thanks ~



Leading up to Christmas, we were busy working behind the scenes to make Christmas brighter for 14 grateful Stratford-area families in need.

In mid-December, gift card packages and gift bags of personal care items were distributed and a few days before Christmas, all the trimmings for a delicious Christmas dinner plus some treats, as well as grocery gift cards were given to each family.

Thanks to the parishioners who contributed money to purchase gift cards. **Thanks** to those who donated gift cards. **Thanks** to those who took tags from the **Sharing Tree** and donated items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, etc.

Thanks to the **Spidel** children for decorating the Christmas cards given to the families with their grocery gift cards.

Thanks to the **Berberich & Laurin** families for their continued organization of the **Sharing Tree** and for assembling gift bags.

Thanks to **Joe Rogers & Logan Rinco** for picking up the food hampers at the Upper Room Food Bank and bringing them to the church for distribution.

A special note of thanks to Kathleen MacDonald...

Thank you so much! Your help with the Christmas Hamper Program each year is very much appreciated.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your part in helping put the sparkle in Christmas for these families!

Happy New Year!

~ Elaine