



**If you knew you had only one week left to live, how would you spend it? What would you do?**

As we approach the most solemn and sacred week for Catholic Christians, discover what Jesus chose to say and do on the last seven days of his life. This three-week video study of the bible, led by Dr. Brant Pitre, will be sure to help you get more out of the Lenten season and prepare you well to live, die and rise to new life with Jesus as we celebrate the Holy Week Liturgies. **Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings of March 14 - 21 - 28, 7:00pm, at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** There will be a brief service at 7:00pm, followed by four priests available for individual confessions, on **Wednesday, March 22** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.



**Divine Mercy Image ~**

What does the left hand tell us? The thumb and index finger of Christ's left hand are drawing open the garment in the area of the heart. It's a gesture of *invitation*. This is Christ, inviting us to come into His Heart, to rest in His Heart. This simple gesture expresses the mystery of God's unlimited and unfathomable mercy. The right hand tells us that all the Father wants to do is bless His Children; the left hand shows us the source of that blessing and invites us to come and receive it as it pours out upon us through the open Heart of Christ. (*7 Secrets of Divine Mercy* by Vinny Flynn)



**Longing for an Encounter with the Risen Christ?** Consider meeting Christ with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb during a Silent Retreat – April 28-30. Retreat includes directed meditations, time for personal silent prayer, daily Mass and opportunities for confession. Retreat to be held at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Bayview. Cost: \$195. For more info, please contact Marcia Arsenault: (902) 888-7480 or [stjeromes98@gmail.com](mailto:stjeromes98@gmail.com) or register for the retreat via [stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com](mailto:stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com). Sponsored by Regnum Christi Maritimes.

**Development and Peace - Caritas (D&P - Caritas)** asks us this Lent to **Create Hope** for those in the Global South who face hunger, poverty, injustice, natural/human disasters, armed conflict, climate change, etc. By giving generously to D&P - Caritas, "we are the hands and feet of Christ. There are no others." (P. Francis). Share Lent Mini Magazine is attached to today's bulletin.

**PEI Indigenous History:** Come and learn some of the history of the Mi'kmaq people of PEI with the Island's former poet laureate Julie Pellisier-Lush. There will be two sessions at the Martha Spirituality Centre – Thursdays, March 16 & March 30, 7:00-8:30pm. To register, contact Sister Joan: [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com). Fee is a goodwill offering to support Centre programs. For more information, visit [www.pei-marthas.ca](http://www.pei-marthas.ca).

All men (16+) are invited to participate in **Into the Breach**, a men's program hosted by four Charlottetown-area Knights of Columbus councils. To be held six Saturdays starting March 18 (8:30-10:30am) at St. Dunstan's Basilica (Dorchester entrance). Take in as many, or as few, of the sessions as your schedule permits. See the video trailer about Into the Breach program via [www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html). To register or for more details, please e-mail: [regmccarvill@gmail.com](mailto:regmccarvill@gmail.com).

Come join us at St. Joachim's Hall for **Tuesday Night Cards** (Progressive 45's) at 7:30pm. Admission: \$7.

Plan to attend a **Spring Fundraising Tea** on Sunday, March 19, 2:00-4:00pm at Uigg Community Centre. Admission is by donation. Proceeds go to Leo Czank's trip to Disney with the Montague High School Disney Ensemble. See you there!

**Ceilidh at the Cotton Centre:** Sunday, March 12 at 2:00pm. Admission: \$5. Light lunch. Proceeds to Camp Gencheff. For more info, contact Cliff Martin: (902) 213-3255.

**Thank You for Supporting Your Parishes**

<b>St. Joachim's Offerings: March 5</b>	<b>Assumption Offerings: March 5</b>
Sunday Collection \$ 1,277.00	Sunday Collection \$ 2,646.00
Pre-Authorized Debit \$ 785.00	Pre-Authorized Debit \$ 3,030.00
Donation \$ 90.00	Capital Projects Fund \$ 1,450.00
	Donations \$ 226.00



**Holy Family Pastoral Unit**

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**March 12, 2023  
Third Sunday of Lent**

Last Sunday, at St. Joachim's, **Jack Cory Joseph Barlow** (son of Ty & Madison) became a child of the Father through water and the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Baptism**.



**Assumption CWL Meeting:**  
Tuesday, March 14 - After Mass - McMahan Room

**Assumption Knights of Columbus Meeting:**  
Tuesday, March 14 - 7:30pm - McMahan Room

**Assumption Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:**  
Wednesday, March 15 - 7:00pm - McMahan Room

**Financial Brainstorming Meeting** will be held for those parishioners Fr. Jim called recently to discuss the financial viability of Our Lady of the Assumption and to discuss ideas for raising finances on **Thursday, March 16** at 6:30pm in the McMahan Room.

**Family Rosary Night:**  
Please join us at Assumption Church on **Sunday, March 19** for our monthly **Family Rosary Night**.



Refreshments to follow. If you have any questions, please call Melissa at (902) 394-3990.

**Our Family Rosary this month, which begins at 6:00pm, will be prayed within a Eucharistic Holy Hour beginning at 5:30pm and ending with Benediction at 6:30pm. The intention of the Holy Hour is for the well-being of our diocesan priests, as well as for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**



Join **Development and Peace** for their **Lenten Workshop and 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on Sunday, March 19, 1:30-3:30pm at St. Pius X. Guest speaker will be Ramy Chan of Cambodia, who will speak on her work, and how Cambodians are defending their land and territory. Please join us.

Our Lady of the Assumption Property & Finance Committee is calling for **tenders for 2023 grass cutting**.

Option for a three-year contract could be considered. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders should include price per cut (including HST) and proof of current insurance coverage in the amounts of \$1 million automobile liability and \$1 million commercial general liability. For further info, please contact Kevin Walsh (902-969-7725). **Tenders accepted until Noon on Friday, April 14** at the Unit Office or via e-mail: [holyfamilypastoralunit@bellaliant.com](mailto:holyfamilypastoralunit@bellaliant.com).

Thank you.



**Mass Schedule**

**March 14 - 19**

<b>Tuesday:</b>		
<b>10:00am</b>	Special Intention (CC)	OLA
<b>Wednesday:</b>		
<b>9:30am</b>	Stations of the Cross	STJ
<b>10:00am</b>	Joan (Cameron) McKearney	STJ
<b>Thursday:</b>		
<b>10:00am</b>	Charles Chiasson	OLA
<b>Friday:</b>		
<b>9:30am</b>	Stations of the Cross	OLA
<b>10:00am</b>	Joe & Mary MacDonald & DFM	OLA

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

<b>Saturday:</b>		
<b>4:00pm</b>	Dianne Hendricken Dale Sanderson	OLA
<b>Sunday:</b>		
<b>9:00am</b>	Lorraine Praught Geladius & Catherine Praught & DFM Michael Wilson	STJ
<b>11:00am</b>	Mass for the People	OLA