



Lent 2024

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14. Think about your relationship with the Lord and how you might allow the Lord to draw closer to you in friendship. Give Jesus permission to identify and remove the obstacles within you which prevent this deep friendship from happening or caused it to diminish over the past year. Surrendering yourself into the awesome and loving presence of our Blessed Lord, who loves you so much, will result in a joyous and glorious Easter!

Ash Wednesday - Universal Day of Fasting and Abstinence:

The law of abstinence from meat is binding for those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting is binding for those from 18-59 years of age.

Ash Wednesday Special Collection – Bishop’s Projects: This year’s Ash Wednesday Collection, as in previous years, will be distributed to area men’s and women’s shelters and to local food banks.

Adoration and Benediction at Our Lady of the Assumption *every Monday night during Lent*, beginning at 6:00pm. One of the Lenten tools to help us draw deeper into a close relationship with Jesus is prayer. Why not spend some quiet time in Jesus Eucharistic presence where his heart can become joined to your heart? There may be a small reflection during some of these Holy Hours.



Stations of the Cross will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption the *Fridays of Lent* at 9:30am, beginning February 16. The only exception will be First Friday, March 1 with Holy Hour rather than Stations of the Cross.

New Pastoral Assignment: Bishop Joseph has advised me, that effective March 1, **Fr. Praveen Chattumala** will become the new *Associate Pastor* of **St. Paul’s** (Summerside) and **St. John the Baptist** (Miscouche). Over the next few weeks, may we find ways to thank Fr. Praveen for his humble and gentle service among us.

Please pick-up your **2023 Income Tax Receipts** which are available at the Church entrances. Thank you!

Our Lady of the Assumption CWL Meeting: Tuesday, February 13 - Following 10:00am Mass - McMahon Room

St. Joachim’s CWL Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 18 - 2:00pm - Parish Hall (*note change in date*)

Join us at St. Joachim’s Hall for **Tuesday Night Cards** (Progressive 45’s) at 7:30pm. Admission: \$7. Jackpot. Light lunch. Come and bring a friend.

Stratford and Area Lions Club Ceilidh at the Cotton Centre on Sunday, February 11, 2:00-4:00pm. Admission: \$10.

Thank You for Supporting Your Parishes



Masses cancelled due to inclement weather on February 3/4.

E-Transfer & Pre-Authorized Debit Donation Totals Below (Received January 29 - February 2)

St. Joachim’s Offerings:	\$ 805.00	<i>required weekly to operate St. Joachim’s:</i>	\$ 2,040.00
Assumption Offerings:	\$ 2,905.00	<i>required weekly to operate Assumption:</i>	\$ 4,353.00
Fundraising Campaign	\$ 38,543.00	<i>total up-to-date as of February 8</i>	

Pre-Authorized Debit Plan forms are available at the Church Entrances, at the Unit Office or can be e-mailed to you upon request. A void cheque or letter from your bank required for plan set-up.



If you are not currently an envelope user and would like a set of **Sunday Offering envelopes** for donations to St. Joachim’s or Assumption, please pick-up a set at the Church Entrance.

To **e-transfer** a donation to either parish, please e-mail holyfamilypastoralunit@bellaliant.com.



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February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Huge Thank You!

The **Fundraising Committee** of **Our Lady of the Assumption** expresses sincere gratitude to all who donated items, helped set-up and clean-up, sold items and attended the Flea Market. A true community effort, a wonderful success! Profits were \$5,665; a great contribution to the Fundraising Campaign. Please contact the committee with any creative ideas you may have to promote the growth of our parish community and enable funding for the increasing needs of our parish. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

Development and Peace asks for you to sign a letter to the Honduran Ambassador to Canada asking for an end to illegal mining that denies access to water, pollutes the environment, and kills and terrorizes people. Please sign by February 25 via <https://devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/act/>. Our Honduran friends are counting on our Solidarity.

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Come Enjoy the Music of:
"The Young at Heart"
**Norman LeClair, Leo Gallant,
Randy Cheverie, Paul Chandler, Dave Moore,
Robert Cain, Dave Shephard**

Special Guests:
**Elinor MacAulay
"Crow Black Chicken"**

**Theo Wieggers, Sylvia Andrews, Dave Clarke,
Paul Whiteway, Roger Smith, Roger Burke**

Sunday, February 18 – 2:00 to 4:00 pm
ASSUMPTION PARISH CENTRE
145 Stratford Road, Stratford
Admission – \$10 ✂ 50/50 Draw
Tea and Light Refreshments Included
Proceeds to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
Hosted by
ASSUMPTION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
and
Assumption Catholic Women’s League

Mass & Spiritual Schedule: February 12 - 18

Monday:		
7:00pm	CWL Intention	OLA
Tuesday:		
10:00am	Eugene MacAulay	OLA

Ash Wednesday:

	10:00am	Mel Green	OLA
	6:00pm	James Edward Carter Jr.	OLA
	6:30pm	Marie Vessey	STJ

Thursday:		
10:00am	Norbert Fraser	STJ
Friday:		
9:30am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	OLA
10:00am	Special Intention (<i>Sandra Foisy</i>)	OLA

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday:		
4:00pm	Steven Andrews John MacGillivray Lorne Power Tom & Leah Turner Special Intention (<i>Healing</i>)	OLA
Sunday:		
9:00am	Alex MacIsaac	STJ
11:00am	Mass for the People	OLA

