



Lent 2024:

Lent is early this year and begins on Wednesday February 14. Now is a good time to start thinking 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! Start preparing now.

New Pastoral Assignments: 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 see below for additional new assignments:

Diocese of Charlottetown - Other New Pastoral Assignments, Effective March 1, 2024:

- **Fr. Yesudasu Gorre** has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Immaculate Conception (Richmond), St. Patrick's (Grand River), and St. Anne's (Lennox Island).
- **Fr. Andrew Handrahan** has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Malachy's (Kinkora), St. Peter's (Seven Mile Bay), and St. Joseph's (Kelly's Cross).
- **Fr. Ashok Veerabathina** has been granted a health leave until June 2024.

Our Lady of the Assumption Knights of Columbus Meeting: Tuesday, February 6 - 7:30pm - McMahon Room

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

Our Lady of the Assumption Knights of Columbus are selling **PEI State Lottery** tickets for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. 1st Prize = \$5,000, 2nd Prize = \$500, 3rd Prize = \$500. Tickets available from members following weekend Masses. Draw date is April 20. All funds raised remain on PEI to support Knights' projects.



Our Lady of the Assumption Coffee Social: Sunday, February 11, after the 11:00am Mass. Please join us once again for another parish family social and enjoy coffee, tea, coffee and a sweet. During this social, we will offer a small tribute of thanksgiving to Fr. Praveen as he prepares to depart from us and begin his new assignment in Summerside. This month's Coffee Social is sponsored by Our Lady of the Assumption CWL.



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

Steubenville Atlantic is Coming! Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 5-7, 2024. Theme: **Illuminate (Jn 1:5)**! Registration is open for youth in Grades 9-12. Cost: \$250. For more information, visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/steubenville-atlantic/>.

Thank You for Supporting Your Parishes

January 28



St. Joachim's Offerings:	\$ 1,616.00	<i>required weekly to operate St. Joachim's:</i>	\$ 2,040.00
Assumption Offerings:	\$ 3,461.00	<i>required weekly to operate Assumption:</i>	\$ 4,353.00
Building Fund	\$ 180.00		
Fundraising Campaign	\$ 33,983.00	<i>as of January 28</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. Anyone wishing to donate via this method, please complete the form and return to Elaine with a void cheque or letter from your bank.



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 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Huge Thank You!

The **Fundraising Committee** of **Our Lady of the Assumption** expresses sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed items, assisted in set-up and clean-up, worked in sales and attended last Saturday's Flea Market. It was a true community effort, a wonderful success! Profits were \$5,665 which is a great contribution to the Parish Fundraising Campaign.



Please contact the committee with 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.

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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 Wiggers, 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 Schedule:
February 5 - 11**



Monday:		
<i>Memorial - Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>		
7:00pm	James Edward Carter Jr.	OLA
Tuesday:		
<i>Memorial - Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>		
10:00am	Albert & Georgina Dunn	OLA
Wednesday:		
10:00am	Christopher Deere	OLA
Thursday:		
10:00am	Elizabeth Doran	STJ
Friday:		
10:00am	Special Intention	OLA
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday:		
4:00pm	Shirley Clow Dianne Hendricken Marty Koughan Bernie Perrotti	OLA
Sunday:		
9:00am	Mass for the People	STJ
11:00am	Special Intention <i>Muttappallyil Family</i>	OLA

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. ♠♥♣♦

Both **St. Joachim's** and **Our Lady of the Assumption** offer **Parish Halls** for a variety of events. For rental availability, rates, seating capacity and other info:

St. Joachim's:	Marie Curran	(902) 651-2342
Assumption:	Elaine Fraser	(902) 569-4769