

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 8, 2019

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Archbishop's Letter for Lent 2019: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, This Lent, I invite you to focus on family prayer. It will strengthen your home life, promote personal holiness, and advance world peace. Read letter [here](#) or CatholicOttawa.ca.

Diocesan Theme: Christ is everything for us. "Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith". (Galatians 6.10b). Please encourage use of our diocesan theme in bulletins and your other material.

Find a Mass/Confession Time: The Archdiocese's renovated website now offers the *Parish Finder*. This search feature finds Masses and confessions throughout all the parishes of the Archdiocese. Visit the *Parish Finder*: catholicottawa.ca/parishfinder. For a step-by-step guide on using the *Parish Finder*, [click here](#).

Invitation to Priests – Steubenville Toronto: All priests in the Archdiocese of Ottawa are invited to join the young people in your parish attending Steubenville Toronto this **July 12-14, 2019**. Visit www.steubenvilletoronto.com to learn more. Cost: \$110 for the bus; Steubenville Toronto fees do not apply. Info: adeluca@archottawa.ca.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Schedule: The parish Lenten reconciliation schedule is now available [here](#) and on the home page of CatholicOttawa.ca. Note: Diocesan Day of Confessions is **Fri., April 5**.

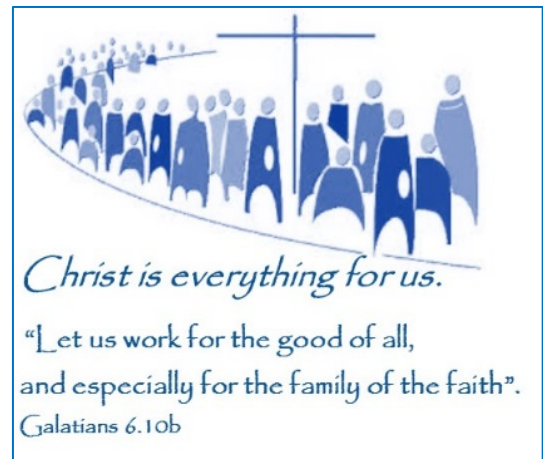
Parish Holy Oil Vials: If you have not already done so, please return the Holy Oil vials to Diocesan Centre Reception.

Wedding Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving: Information and online registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on May 5 at Notre Dame Cathedral is available at catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mr. Royal Morin, father of Father Jean-François Morin, pastor at Saint-Remi Parish in Ottawa. Mr. Morin died February 25 at Centre d'accueil Champlain at the age of 91. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Saint-Remi, 2821 Dumaurier St., **Sat., Mar. 9, 11:00 a.m.** Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Last Call for FOCCUS Marriage Preparation Facilitator Training: Training is **Sat., Mar. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at St. Basil Parish, 940 Rex Ave. Cost: \$125/person. Registration closes March 13. Register: <https://catholicottawa.ca/foccus-training>. Info: 613-738-5025.



Steubenville Toronto: Join the Archdiocese of Ottawa this **July 12-14, 2019** at Steubenville Toronto. Dive into the theme "Belong" at Canada's largest conference for Catholic high school students. If you are 21 years+ consider applying as a chaperone. Visit www.fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2019 to register and www.steubenvilletoronto.com to learn more. Deadline to register: **April 2**. Info: adeluca@archottawa.ca.

Christian Life Program (CLP): An integrated course intended to lead participants into a renewed understanding and response to God's call to them as Christians. Sponsored by 'Couples for Christ'. **Tues., Mar. 12, 7-9 pm** and every Tuesday until May 28 at Resurrection Parish Hall, 1940 Saunderson Dr. Open to everyone 18 yrs. +. Kids watch available for free. Info: 613-720-5643; juliebicol@yahoo.ca.

2019 Journey of Hope – for Separated and Divorced Catholics: To help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing. Women, **Tues., Mar. 19**; men, **Thurs., Mar. 21**. 6 weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish hall, 20 Grant St. Cost: \$25. Info & registration: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

Kids' Lenten Retreat - A Wilderness Adventure: With games, crafts, songs, scavenger hunt, nut/dairy free snacks and more. Each child receives a 'survival' back pack with Lenten activities to take home St. Mary's Church Hall, 100 Young St., **Mar. 23, 1:00 - 4:30 pm**. Freewill donation. Info: childrens.liturgy@stmarysottawa.ca.

Summer Employment at Waupoos Family Farm: Seeking enthusiastic, hardworking youth looking for summer employment. Positions include: Lifeguard, Program Supervisor, Counsellor & Volunteer Coordinator, Maintenance and Animal Care. Submit resume & cover letter. Application deadline: **April 10**. Info: (<http://bit.ly/Waupoos19staff>); 613-822-2189; contact@waupoos.com.

VOCATIONS

Prayers: Third Sunday of Lent – March 24. That like Moses, young people will enter more deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they seek to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

Message by Pope Francis for Lent 2019: "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19). In his message, the Holy Father invites the entire Church to experience a journey of conversion. "All creation is called, with us, to go forth 'from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God' (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving." [Link to the Message](#).

Life and family suggestions for homilies and prayers of the faithful during March 2019: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops posts homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The suggestions can be easily adapted for family prayer, personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. [Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#).

PRO-LIFE

Pro-Life Mass: St. Elizabeth Parish, 1303 Leaside Ave., **Sat., Mar. 23, 10:00 am**. Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Preceding the Mass at 9:00 am, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Confession. Info: 613-831-2515; wandawoj@rogers.com.

Coming Events – Dates to Note

- **Tues., Apr. 16** Chrism Mass
- **May 5** Wedding Anniversary Mass
- **Sun., May 12** Neophytes Mass
- **Thurs., May 16** Pastoral Day
- **Sat., June 1** Gathering with Archbishop of Deacons & Wives
- **June 6** Diocesan Celebration
- **June 9** Pentecost Confirmations
- **Thurs., June 13** Gathering of Priests

Pastoral Perspectives on End of Life Issues: Free seminar at Holy Spirit Parish, Stittsville, **Sun., Mar. 24, 1-4 pm.** All are welcome. Info: 613-836-8881; john@holyspiritparish.ca.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

David Farrell Memorial Retreat: A day of prayer and reflection, including reconciliation, Mass, personal and healing prayers, Stations of the Cross, rosary, and a talk by Fr. Hezuk Shroff. Holy Redeemer, 44 Rothesay Dr., **Mar. 16, 8:30 a.m.** Free-will offering. Hosted by Knights of Columbus. Info: 613-836-1764; reception@holyredeemer.ca.

Night of Worship and Ministry at St. Mary's Parish: An evening of praise, prophecy, teaching, healing and fellowship on **Mar. 22, 7-9 pm** at 100 Young St. Theme: "Slow ... Lent". Speaker: Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC, General Superior. Held every 4th Friday of the month. Info: Natalia Lacar 613- 728-9811 x720; night.worshhip.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca.

CARE FOR CREATION

United Nations World Water Day: As we approach World Water Day (March 22), please consider the following actions proposed by the CCCB (https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/CCCB_Drinking_Water_2018.pdf): avoid bottled water and reduce our water consumption where possible; advocate that fresh water remains a public good, not monopolized by private companies, and that clean drinking water is provided on First Nations reserves. Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 251.

LENTEN MISSIONS

God or Nothing – Parish Mission in Lent: With Fr. Gerald E. Murray, JCD of Holy Family Parish, New York., NY. What it means to live the faith is neither obvious to say, nor easy to put into practice. On the basis of Cardinal Robert Sarah's bestselling book "God or Nothing", Fr Murray will give four talks to help us understand better where we as believing Christians are today, and where we need to be. St. George's Church, 415 Piccadilly Ave. N., **Thurs., Mar. 21, 7:00 pm – Sun., Mar. 24, 2:00 pm.** Register: <http://www.saintgeorges.ca/events>. Info: 613-728-0201.

Parish Lenten Mission at Blessed Sacrament: Witness to Hope. On 'Hope in the Face of Adversity', 'Hope and Perseverance', 'Hope and Failure', and 'Hope and the Mystery of God's Grace'. Facilitated by Fr. Timothy P.V. Nelligan. **March 23 & 24, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** Info: <http://www.blessedsacrament.ca/>; 613-232-4891.

FAITH FORMATION

Lenten Bible Study - Salvation for All Humanity, the Gospel of Luke: Sessions every Wednesday during Lent at St. Basil parish hall, beginning **Mar. 13, 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.** with Fr. Daryold Winkler, pastor. Info: stbasilparish@gmail.com; 613-729-5149.

Where Do I Fit? Workshop, Part II - "Discernment & Gifts of the Holy Spirit": God has created each one of us to play a role in making God's love known to the Church and to the world. Have you discovered the role you are called to play in your family, in your workplace and in your parish? Part I not mandatory. St. John the Apostle, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Sat., Mar. 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.** Cost: \$20. Sponsored by Sister+Hood & Divya Kiran International; presented by Heather MacPhail of DKl. To register: Karen 613-806-0377; livesisterhood@gmail.com; www.sisterhood.live/workshops.

Accessing the Church - The Experience for the Deaf: A glimpse for both hearing and Deaf people on the experience of the Deaf person accessing the sacraments. Holy Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main St., **Thurs., Mar. 28, 7 pm.** Info: Maureen Cerroni cell/text 613-286-0353; maureen.cerroni@gmail.com. Free.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Seniors in our Parishes: Our local community is now aging rapidly. A parish seniors ministry may assist your older parishioners to help each other. If your parish has a large population of seniors and elderly shut ins or for further info, please contact Patricia Marsden-Dole, Social Justice Coordinator: pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca.

Good Samaritan Interfaith Food Drive: Organizational meeting and launch for 2019. **Thurs., Mar. 14, 6:30 p.m.**, 3020 Woodroffe Ave. (south of Fallowfield). Info: Daniel Stringer (thestring@rogers.com).

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Fish Fry: At St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Sun., Mar. 24, 5:00 pm**. Fish, fries, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Tickets: \$18 for adults; \$10 for children 12 and under. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Info: Jamie Burnett (613-224-8081); (jamie.burnett@sympatico.ca).

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Maintenance Employees / Notre Dame Cemetery: Seeking seasonal employees (Apr. – Oct. 2019) for maintenance team at 455 Montréal Rd.: landscape (mowing, levelling, sowing, digging, maintaining the flowerbeds, light machine maintenance...) & building maintenance (cleaning windows and carpet care, painting ...). Requirements & skills: secondary school diploma; experience in landscaping; landscaping or construction certification an asset; Full time contract (Mon-Fri, 40 hrs/week, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm). May be required to work Sat., 8am - 12pm. Send C.V. before Mar. 22, 2019 to hledorze@archottawa.ca. Posting: <https://catholicottawa.ca/employment-opportunities>. Only successful candidates will be contacted.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

12 Day Comprehensive Newfoundland & Labrador Tour Begins Sept. 9: An immersion into the culture and daily life of this province at an easy pace. Info meeting at Our Lady of the Visitation, 5338 Bank St., **Thurs., Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m.** Info: Fr. Bill Penney (613-822-2197). 20 spots available.

Bill C-423 Modern Slavery Act: An Act respecting the fight against certain forms of modern slavery through the imposition of certain measures and amending the Customs Tariff. Introduced in the House of Commons, December 2018. More info: [here](#).

Spring Speaker Series - Executor Duties: Being an executor is a meaningful service that holds many responsibilities; choosing an executor is a personal choice, which requires careful consideration. Learn to understand an executor's roles and duties and more. West Chapel, Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 150 Woodroffe Ave., **Apr. 10, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**. Free. Info: 613-233-1143; www.hpmcgarry.ca; preplanning@hpmcgarry.ca.

Spring Speaker Series - Managing Your Digital Legacy: When deciding on how our assets will be dispersed, it's easy to overlook the handling of your social media and online accounts. Learn how to set up easy-to-follow instructions so your online presence is handled in a caring and proper manner. Central Chapel, Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 315 McLeod St., **Apr. 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**. Free. Info: 613-233-1143 or www.hpmcgarry.ca; preplanning@hpmcgarry.ca.