

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 15, 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.

Invitation to Priests: Penitential Service for Priests, Jubilarian Celebration and Chrism Mass on the **Tuesday of Holy Week, Apr. 16**. Penitential Service, **3:30 p.m.**; Reception at Archbishop's Residence, **4:15 p.m.**; Dinner in the Cathedral Hall, **5:00 p.m.**; Chrism Mass at **7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. **RSVP by Mar. 22** for reception and dinner: (arch@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x233).

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](#).

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**.

Parishes – Request for Easter Triduum Schedule: We ask parishes to please complete the online request (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/easter-triduum-times>) for the parish Easter Triduum schedule no later than **Wed., March 27**. The schedule will be posted on the diocesan website. Thank you.

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.

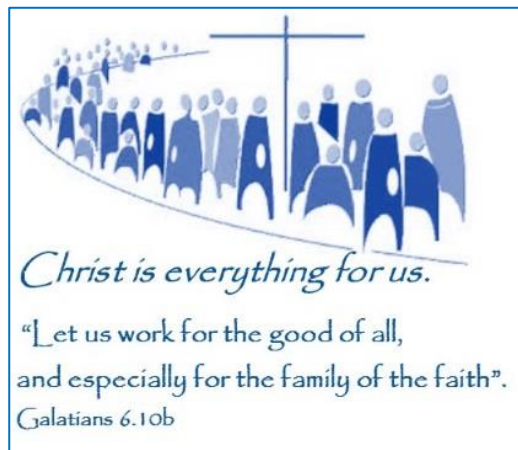
Parish Holy Oil Vials: If you have not already done so, please return the Holy Oil vials to Diocesan Centre Reception.

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.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

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.

2019 Journey of Hope for Men – for Separated and Divorced Catholics: To help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing. 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).



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Marriage Preparation: Holy Spirit Parish, Stittsville will host a marriage preparation course on **October 18-19, 2019**. Info: parish office (admin@holyspiritparish.ca).

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mar. 31. For the faithful response of all persons now being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

Holy Father's Prayer Intention - Prayer and Recognition for Persecuted Christians:

For the month of March 2019, Pope Francis invites us all to join him in prayer with an intention that places focus on the plight of persecuted Christians worldwide: "That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected." The Holy Father also released a short video to accompany his intention. The Bishops of Canada, through the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, recognize the untenable situation of the world's persecuted Christian people as a priority issue. In communion with Pope Francis, the [CCCB will continue to draw attention](#) to the critical need for Christian communities to be able to practice freely their faith without fear or oppression. [Link to the video message from the Pope.](#)

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 of Deacons
- **June 6** Diocesan Celebration
- **June 9** Pentecost Confirmations
- **Thurs., June 13** Gathering of Priests

PRO-LIFE

40 Days for Life, Novena of Masses: to pray for the closure of the Bank Street abortion facility and the conversion of the workers. Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Billberry Drive, Orleans, **Mon., Mar. 25, 7:00 pm; Tues., Mar. 26, 9:00 am; Wed., Mar. 27, 7:00 pm; Thurs., Mar. 28, 7:00 pm; Fri., Mar. 29, 6:30 pm; Sat., Mar. 30, 9:00 am; Sun., Mar. 31, 6:30 pm; Mon., Apr. 1, 9:00 am; Tues., Apr. 2, 9:00 am.** Info: 613-299-2515; wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Lenten Stations of the Cross at St. John the Apostle Parish: Various parish ministries/groups will lead different versions of the Stations of the Cross in the main Church. 2340 Baseline Rd., **Fridays during Lent, 7:00 pm** [Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5 & 12 (7:30pm only)]. All are welcome. Info: Parish Office (613-829-1760).

Divine Liturgy (Holy Eucharist) for the Feast of the Annunciation: In the Byzantine Rite, sung in English according to traditional melodies, and featuring selected works of Archangelsky, Stetsenko and Hurko. All are welcome. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, **Mar. 25, 7 pm.** Info: brian.butcher@utoronto.ca.

Heart of Worship at Holy Redeemer: Evening includes short spiritual talk by Fr. Lawrence Hyginus CC on "Finding Hope in the midst of challenges and crises in the Church", praise and worship music, silent adoration, confession, food and fellowship. **Tues., Mar. 26, 7-9 pm** at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata. Info: 613-836-1764.

A Lenten Musical Reflection: Featuring Pergolesi's Stabat Mater presented by Deo Gratias Ensemble and Choristers at St. Augustine Church, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Sun., Apr. 7, 3:00 p.m.** Sponsored by Deo Gratias Ensemble and Choristers. Info: Kevin at DeoGratiasViolins@yahoo.ca.

EWTN Canada Media Missionary Gathering: Adoration, Confession, Mass, lunch and an afternoon talk and fellowship at St. George parish, 415 Piccadilly Avenue N. on **Sat., Apr. 6, 10 am.** No cost; free giveaways. All are welcome. Info/RSVP by Tues., Apr. 2: Sarah Escobar, Regional Marketing Manager of Canada (sescobar@ewtn.com); 613-915-0972.

CARE FOR CREATION

Lenten Examination of Conscience: When preparing for confession do we reflect on our impact on all God's creation including the poor, our children and future generations? Do we pollute the earth with single use plastics, send waste to

landfill that can be recycled/composted, contribute to climate change by wasting energy? Pope Francis calls us to conversion to a “prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption”(LS222). Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 251.

[LENTEN MISSIONS](#)

Lenten Mission at St. Isidore Parish: With Fr. Lester Mendonsa, Chancellor to the Military Ordinariate of Canada, **March 26, 27 & 28 at 7:00 pm**. Reflections, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration. Theme: ‘Lord, to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life.’ Saint Isidore Parish, 1135 March Rd., Kanata. Info: 613-592-1961.

Lenten Mission in Spanish at Sagrada Familia Parish: Every **Friday of Lent from March 16, 6:30 - 8:30pm**, 152 Glenora St. Come and receive Plenary Indulgence for you or your deceased loved ones, by praying with us the Stations of the Cross and be filled with the Good News. Info: 613-569-9449.

[FAITH FORMATION](#)

2019 Conference: Faith & Freedom in an Age of Political Correctness: Christian authors and journalists will present a variety of workshops aimed at helping those who want to improve their written communication skills, for their vision to share their faith. Ottawa Cardus, 45 Rideau St., 7th Floor, **April 6, 8:15 am - 4:15 pm**. Cost: \$60, includes lunch. Sponsored by Ottawa Christian Writers' Fellowship. Info: Nicole Wegscheider, nicolejourney@gmail.com.

[SOCIAL JUSTICE](#)

Forced Migration, the “Culture of Encounter,” and Catholic Social Teaching: At Resurrection Parish, 1940 Saunderson Drive, **Sun., Mar. 24, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Light lunch provided. Register or plan a similar workshop in your parish: Tara (thurford@devp.org); (613-738-9644 x 224).

Share the Journey - Catholic Social Teaching & Forced Migration: 68.5 million people from nations around the world have been forced to flee their homes. Learn what Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Francis have to say about this situation, and how we can create a “Culture of Encounter” that challenges the culture of indifference and fear. Resurrection of our Lord Church, 1940 Saunderson Dr. **Sun., Mar. 24, 12:00 – 2:00 pm**. Info: thurford@devp.org.

“After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village” Documentary Screening: A journey that follows poor coastal communities in the Philippines who lost everything to Typhoon Haiyan. Find out how local organizations supported by *Development and Peace* worked 550 families to transform a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives. Assumption Parish Hall, 321 Cody Ave., Vanier, **Fri., Mar. 29, 6:30 pm**. Info: thurford@devp.org.

Seniors in our Parishes: Our local community is rapidly aging. 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.

[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: 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.

Cook Wanted: The Franciscans would like to engage the services of a cook for the Friary. Assumption Parish, 320 Olmstead St., Vanier. Info: Fr. Dominic Lim (613-746-8503); (assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com).