

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 22, 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](http://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](mailto:arch@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 x233).

**Tenebrae service dedicated to prayer for victims of abuse:** At Notre Dame Cathedral on the **Wednesday evening of Holy Week, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.** This office is composed of the Song of Lamentations over the devastation of Jerusalem by the prophet Jeremiah in the poignant psalms and through the powerful readings. Each of these evokes the figure of the suffering Christ. Yet, the cries of all who suffer the hurts of yesterday and today come to mind. And we know that these people wounded in body, mind and soul are numerous. Read Archbishop Prendergast's entire article in the Ottawa Sun of March 17: (<https://ottawasun.com/opinion/columnists/prendergast-tenebrae-service-dedicated-to-prayer-for-victims-of-abuse>).

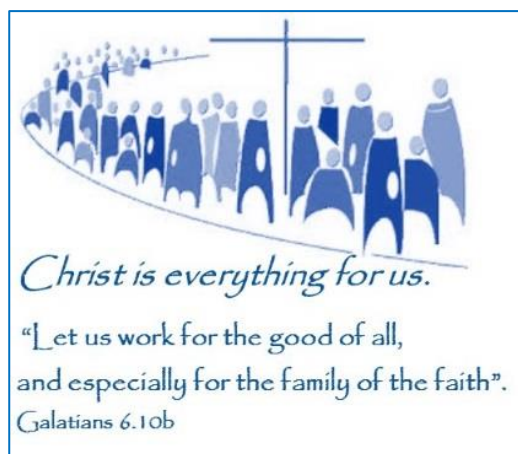
**Parish Lenten Reconciliation Schedule:** The parish Lenten reconciliation schedule is now available [here](#) and on the home page of [CatholicOttawa.ca](http://CatholicOttawa.ca). Note: Diocesan Day of Confessions is **Fri., April 5**.

**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.

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

**Caution Regarding Phony Email or Text Message Pleas for Assistance:** Please be advised that anyone contacting you by email or text message claiming to be an Ottawa priest in financial distress is a scam. Priests in distress should contact the Archdiocese of Ottawa for assistance not parishioners. If you receive an email or text from someone claiming to be clergy in distress exercise caution. Direct them to contact Pastoral Services.

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving:** For couples in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Info and online registration for the Mass on May 5 at Notre Dame Cathedral is available at [catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://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](http://www.fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2019) to register and [www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com) to learn more. Deadline to register: **April 2**. Info: [adeluca@archottawa.ca](mailto: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](http://www.journeyofhopeottawa.com); Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

**Help youth keep in touch with their Catholic faith:** NET Ministries of Canada trains teams of dynamic youth leaders to come into your community for two years to ignite faith and raise leaders. Don't let the faith crisis happen - speak to a rep today to transform youth ministry at your parish, school or diocese. E-mail [cameron@netcanada.ca](mailto:cameron@netcanada.ca) to learn why 50 Canadian communities have chosen to go with NET.

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations:** Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 7. That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ, have suffered the loss of all things, will be strengthened in their vocations to bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Celebration for Feast of Solemnity of Annunciation:** At St. Augustine Church, 1060 Baseline Rd. on **Mon., Mar. 25 at 7:00 pm**, for the crowning of Our Lady of the Cape Statue followed by the rosary. At 7:30 pm, Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Dan Dubroy. St Louis de Montfort Consecration to Our Lady at 8:30 pm. Reception follows in the church hall downstairs. Hosted by People of Joy Parish Prayer Group. Info: Peter Couse [pcouse@gmail.com](mailto:pcouse@gmail.com).

## CARE FOR CREATION

**Earth Hour:** Parishes and parishioners are invited to turn off all non-essential indoor and outdoor lights during Earth Hour, between 8:30 - 9:30 pm on **Sat., Mar. 30**. Earth Hour, a global initiative, is a simple way to show that we choose a future where climate change is no longer a threat and that together we can make a difference. Info: [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca); 613-738-5025 ext. 251.

## LENTEN MISSIONS

**Slow Lent - Lenten Day of Reflection:** All women and men are invited. Led by Fr. Allan MacDonald, General Superior of the Companions of the Cross. **Sat., Apr. 13, 8:00 am – 2:30 pm**. Mass at 8:30 am; individual confessions; 3 talks; lunch provided. Cost \$15. At The Good Shepherd, 3092 Innes Rd. Info & tickets: Marilyn Olsen ([mabolsen@rogers.com](mailto:mabolsen@rogers.com)).

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**Building a Safe Environment in the Parish:** Sheng Shen (Holy Spirit) Chinese Parish will host a workshop, **Sun., Mar. 31, 1:00 pm**, with Ms. Michelle Clermont, Safe Environment Officer, Archdiocese of Ottawa as key speaker, assisted by a

### 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

panel of young people and adults, to explore building a safe environment in our faith communities. English, supplemented by Chinese. Free. Sheng Shen Chinese Parish, 1187 Michael St., N. Register: [inquiry@ottawachinesecatholic.org](mailto:inquiry@ottawachinesecatholic.org).

**EWTN Media Missionary Gathering in Collaboration with Sister+Hood:** 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 welcome. Info/RSVP by Tues., Apr. 2: Sarah Escobar, Regional Marketing Manager of Canada ([sescobar@ewtn.com](mailto:sescobar@ewtn.com)); 613-915-0972.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Dialogue Circle for Renewed Relations:** Reconciliation and Healing Celebration. Through prayer, meditation, music and symbolic action, we focus on reconciliation and healing what is broken in our relationships with one another and creation. This celebration will flow from and build on what was experienced in the gathering on March 19. St. Joseph Parish, 151 Laurier Ave. E., Ottawa, **Mar. 26, 7-8:30 pm**. Info: 613-233-4095.

## 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/wk, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm). May be required to work Sat., 8am-12pm. Send C.V. before **Mar. 22** to [hledorze@archottawa.ca](mailto:hledorze@archottawa.ca). Info: [catholicottawa.ca/employment-opportunities](http://catholicottawa.ca/employment-opportunities).

**Parish Health and Wellness Coordinator - St. Joseph's Parish:** On a temporary contract basis (\$25/hour) to coordinate workshops on healthy ageing, caregiver support and palliative care. To apply, contact Christopher Adam, Parish Executive Director ([cadam@st-josephs.ca](mailto:cadam@st-josephs.ca)) or visit: <http://www.st-josephs.ca/hiring-a-parish-health-and-wellness-coordinator-contract-position/>.

## WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

**Youville Centre – Shepherd's Fashion FUNraiser:** 145 Trainyards Drive, Unit 4, Ottawa on **Tues., May 7, 6:00-9:00 pm**. Wine, appetizers, silent auction, raffle prizes. Details & tickets: [canadahelps.org/youville-centre/events/fashionnight/](http://canadahelps.org/youville-centre/events/fashionnight/).

**Piano Recital with Frédéric Lacroix:** Interpreting music from Beethoven, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff and Chopin. St-Joseph Parish, Orléans, 2757 Blvd. St-Joseph, **May 31, 8:00 p.m.** Cost: \$30; \$15 youth. All proceeds to the parish fundraising campaign. Sponsored by Le Choeur d'Orléans. Info: St-Joseph Parish (613-824-2472); ([www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)).