

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 29, 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.

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.

Chrism Mass Invitation to All: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Tues., April 16, 7:30 p.m.** Appointed parish representatives are asked to be at the Cathedral, inside the main entrance, no later than 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

Tenebrae Service of Readings, Song and Prayer: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Wed., Apr. 17, 7:30 pm.** A male voice chorus anchored by the men of the Cathedral choirs will sing the Tenebrae texts set to music by Msgr. J.E. Ronan. Info on Service: 613-241-7496. [Read Archbishop's article in Ottawa Sun of March 17.](#)

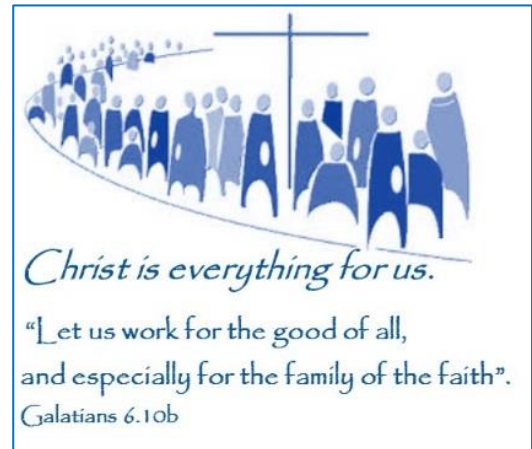
Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving: For couples in the Archdiocese of Ottawa who are celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2019. Info and online registration for the Mass on **Sun., May 5, 2:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral is available at catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass. Deadline to register: Wed., April 24.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 14. For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Word of mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.

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.

CARE FOR CREATION

Ottawa Faith Communities Energy Gathering: The interfaith network Greening Sacred Spaces invites you to join with diverse Ottawa faith communities in discussing past and present energy projects so that we can share and learn from each other. Join us on **Mon., April 29, 7 pm** at Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Dr. Registration: www.faithcommongood.org/ottawa_energy. Info: Charlie Scromeda (greeningsacredspacesottawa@gmail.com; 1-866-231-1877 x 107).

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

Rachel's Vineyard Healing After Abortion Information Night: For those interested in how the retreat process works and why it is so powerful. 1325 Gaultois Avenue (Resurrection Lutheran Church building), Orleans Blvd. and Notre Dame, **April 5, 7:00-9:00 pm**. Info: Terry or Lynda Munroe (613-806-5522).

Rekindle the Gift of Life...Fulfill God's Plan...Thrive: A one day pro life conference sponsored by CFC Gift of Life Ministry with guest speaker Sr. Helena Burns, FSP to be held on **April 27, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm** at Resurrection of Our Lord Church, 1940 Saunderson Dr. Mass at 8 am celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast, SJ. Tickets: \$15/person or \$12.50/family of 4 or more. Info: 613-720-5643; ottawagiftoflifeministry@gmail.com. Sponsored by Couples for Christ Gift of Life Ministry.

Monthly Pro-life Mass: This month is a traditional Nigerian Mass followed by a reception including authentic Nigerian foods with the Ibo Community. St. Peter Parish, 1640 Heatherington Rd., **Sun., April 28, 1:30 pm**. Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: 613-831-2515; wandawoj@rogers.com.

FROM THE CCCB

Canadian priest appointed to the Personal Ordinariate in Australia: The Holy Father has appointed Reverend Carl Reid as Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (Australia). At the time of his appointment, Father Reid was a priest of the Personal Ordinariate of The Chair of St. Peter (U.S.A. and Canada). Previously, he served as pastor of Blessed John Henry Newman Ordinariate Community in Victoria (British Columbia), and was Dean of the Ordinariate communities in Canada. [Click here for details](#).

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Divine Mercy: At St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Apr. 6, 5:00 pm Mass and Apr. 7, 8:00 am & 10:30 am Masses**. Fr. Dan Dubroy, John Paul II Centre speak about the message of Divine Mercy in the homily. Five first class relics will be available for veneration after the Masses. Everyone welcome. Info: 613-829-1760.

Public Way of the Cross Procession, Good Friday: Hosted by the church communities of Très-Sainte-Trinité, St. Edith Stein, Our Lady of Divine Love, and St. Andrews Christian Church, through the city of Clarence-Rockland on **Apr. 19, 10:00 a.m.** Bilingual liturgy and music. Participants to assemble at St. Patrick's School by 9:30 a.m. Info: 613-319-6755.

Jubilee Celebration: Holy Cross Parish will conclude its Golden Jubilee Celebration with a Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast SJ on **Sun., April 7, 10:00 a.m.** at Holy Cross Parish, Walkley Rd. A reception will follow. Info: 613-731-7834.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

18th Annual Charity Auction: At Our Lady of the Visitation, 5338 Bank St., **Sat., April 6, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.** Over 200 items including collectibles, small furniture, toys, sporting goods, gift certificates and baskets. All proceeds to the church building restoration. Info: www.olvottawa.ca.

Sunday Spring Fling Dinner Dance: A Sunday afternoon of dancing with *Kings Creek* band followed by a homemade dinner. Cash bar. **Sun., April 14, 2:00 – 6:00 pm.** Net proceeds to the church building restoration. Tickets \$20 from Eugene (613-884-4043). 5338 Bank St., Gloucester. Info: 613-884-4043.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

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, 10:00 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.

New Evangelization Summit: North America's premier conference on the New Evangelization. Webcast to host sites around the world. Featuring Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, Fr. James Mallon, Cardinal Gerald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, and more. Register for free online to be Inspired, Formed, & Connected with like-minded Catholics. Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, **May 4, 2019.** Info: www.newevangelization.ca.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village": This 47-minute documentary is an inspiring journey that follows poor coastal communities in the Philippines who lost everything to Super Typhoon Haiyan. Find out how Development and Peace partners work with 550 families to transform a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives through consultation and participatory community development processes. Assumption Parish Hall, 312 Cody Ave., Vanier, **Fri., Mar. 29, 6:30 pm.** Info: thurford@devp.org.

'Share the Journey' Walk in Solidarity with Forced Migrants: Organized by Development and Peace on **Sat., April 6.** Photo exhibition at Notre-Dame-de-l'Île parish, 115 boulevard Sacré-Coeur, Gatineau at 12:30 pm; welcome, perspectives, testimonies begin at 1:00 pm; 5 km walk begins 2:20 pm. Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral at 5:00 pm with Archbishop Prendergast SJ and Archbishop Durocher. Info: Tara thurford@devp.org; 613-738-9644 x224; <https://www.facebook.com/events/398673677580143/>.

Panel - The Challenges of Forced Migration: Panelists: Ula Abu Rashed, Public Admin. Grad. Student whose family fled Syrian War; Dr. Emily Wills, School of Political Science, U Ottawa; Tara Hurford, Animator, Development and Peace. Sacré-Coeur Church, 591 Cumberland St., **Wed., Apr. 3, 7:00pm.** Info: Noura Mansour nmans046@uottawa.ca.

SCHOOLS

Registration for The Chesterton Academy of Ottawa: The Catholic High School is now accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Enquiries should be made to the Headmaster, Mr. T.J. Stevens (613-518-8117). Location: St. George's Parish Hall. Info: 613-756-1197.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Full-time Custodian for St. Basil Parish: Flexibility with work occasionally on weekends. To maintain the cleanliness of the church, meeting rooms, sacristy & parish hall; general grounds keeping; co-operation with the premises committee. Beginning in April, 2019. Submit resume to Parish Office: (613-729-5149); stbasilsparish@gmail.com.

Executive Director of Miriam Centre: Miriam Centre, a Christian ministry, is seeking a compassionate pro-life person whose primary responsibility will be to help pregnant women and their families. Full-time, fluently bilingual position. Salary \$15/hr., 32.5 hrs./wk. [Details here](#). Info: 613-830-8623 centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca.

Part-time position at the St. Joe's Supper Table: Seeking to hire a part-time Team Lead (\$17/hr, 23 hrs/week) to assist the Manager in the operations of the community meal and food bank program. To apply, contact Christopher Adam, Parish Executive Director (cadam@st-josephs.ca) or www.st-josephs.ca/part-time-position-at-the-st-joes-supper-table/.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Free Concert in Memory of Pope John Paul II: On the 14th anniversary of his death, **Thurs., Apr. 3, 7:00 pm** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Sponsored by the Polish Embassy. Featured works interpreted by Marc-Antoine d'Aragon (baritone), Margarita Lianeri (soprano), Mariusz Monczak (violin), Nadia Monczak (violin), Ensemble Don Brio of Montreal, Ensemble Schola Cantorum conducted by Michel Guimont and Dixie Road. Liliana Komorowska will present selected readings of Pope John Paul II's reflections and literary works. Info: 613-241-7496.

In Silence We Find Our Home – Lenten Centering Prayer Retreat: Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario will lead a three-day immersion into silence, which opens and deepens our awareness of the Presence, Action and Grace of the Divine in our lives. Intended for people with a regular practice of Centering Prayer or other meditative practice. Galilee Centre, 398 John St., N. Arnprior, **Apr. 4 - 7**. Cost: \$350. Info: 613-623-4242 x21; info@galileecentre.com.

Hall Rental Space Available: At Mary Beatie Hall, St. Margaret Mary Church, 5 Fairbairn St. (Old Ottawa South). Large (1,750 sq ft) above ground space available for meetings, exercise classes or day care. Available daytime, evenings and weekends. Space and washrooms both wheelchair accessible. Hardwood flooring, kitchen facilities, lockable storage, and stage area. Single or recurring time slots. Info: stmm@rogers.com; 613-730-5265.