

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

December 8, 2017

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Notre Dame Cathedral: Eucharistic Celebration presided by Msgr. Terrence Prendergast, **Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.** on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, and National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited. Info: Cathedral Office (613-241-7496).

Notre Dame Cathedral Christmas Concert preceded by National Historic Site Designation: The choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral will present a Choral Celebration on **Sun., Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m.** Free will offering. Concert preceded by the unveiling of a historical plaque by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada at **2:00 p.m.** The Archbishop's Christmas reception will follow in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. Info: 613-241-7496.

Archbishop's Luncheon for Priests: During Christmas Week, **Thurs., Dec. 28.** Reception, 11a.m. in his Residence; Buffet Luncheon, 12p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. **RSVP before Fri., Dec. 15:** (arch@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x 233).

Homelands' Mass: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. Those in national dress are to be in the hall before 2:00 p.m. Please confirm group attendance and the name of the person responsible to Deacon Gilles Ouellette (gouellette@archottawa.ca) before Jan. 5. All welcome!

Advent Penance/Confession & Christmas Mass Schedules in Parishes: The Advent Penance Service/Confession schedule in parishes of the Archdiocese are available on the diocesan website by date [here](#) and by location [here](#). The Christmas & Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1) Mass schedules in parishes are also available [here](#). Website: (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/>).

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Journey of Hope – A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Cost: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

CARE FOR CREATION

Care for Creation - Advent Prayer: In this Sunday's Gospel, a voice calling out in the desert calls us to 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.' In the face of growing ecological crises, let us pray for genuine conversion to help us mend the ruptures and to re-establish our relationship with nature, our sisters and brothers, and the Creator of Life. Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 251.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Third Sunday of Advent - December 17. For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guide their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.



"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...above all, clothe yourselves with love!"
(Colossians 3.12,14)

FROM THE CCCB

2018 World Day of Migrants & Refugees: The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated Jan. 14, 2018. Theme of Pope Francis' message: "*Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees*". [Message](#).

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Simbang Gabi: Filipino Novena Mass for Christmas, having its roots in antiquity with Rorate Coelo "Mass." Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead St., Vanier, **Dec. 15 – 23**. Confessions at 6:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. Info: assumption@rogers.com; www.assumptionchurch.ca; 613-746-8503.

Enrolment in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary: Fr. Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, OMI, Rector of Canada's National Marian Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape invites Canadians to enrol in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary originally established in 1694. Info: www.CatholicInCanada.com.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Christmas Gift & Bake Sale: St. Ignatius the Martyr Parish, 518 Donald St., in the Parish Hall. **Sat., Dec. 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Assortment of home-baked goods; new and gently used gift items. Raffle on Festive Gift Basket. Info: 613-744-4889.

FAITH FORMATION

Dominican University College - Interest Courses in Theology: January 8 - April 20, 2018. "*In the Beginning*": Gen 1-11, Professor Hervé Tremblay, O.P.; *Hope and Charity*, Professor Didier Caenepeel, O.P.; *Baptism and its Confirmation*, Professor Jean Doutre, O.P. Info: info@dominicanu.ca; www.dominicanu.ca/interestcourses.

Free Cinema Forum Night: Film viewing and discussion on the lives of the saints (one saint/evening). Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 320 Olmstead, Vanier. Last Friday of every month starting **Jan. 26**. Info: assumption@rogers.com; 613-746-8503.

SCHOOLS

Movie - 'It's A Wonderful Life': All proceeds to the Ottawa Catholic Education Foundation to help needy students. Ottawa Family Cinema, Notre Dame HS, 710 Broadview, **Fri., Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.** Cost: \$6 advance; \$8 at door. Info: familycinema.ca.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Coordinator of Youth Ministries: Responsible for programs that enrich the spiritual, educational and social lives of parish youth. Description: www.annunciation-ottawa.com. Candidates to submit a letter of interest and resume to parish@annunciation-ottawa.com. Salary commensurate with training & experience. Position open until filled.

Community Helpers Training: 4 session programme; reach out to isolated seniors. Topics: ageism, mental/physical/spiritual health, elder abuse, loss and grief and diversity. St Isidore Parish Hall, 1135 March Rd., **Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** Sponsored by Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre. Info: Megan Richards (613-591-3686x324; richards@worc.ca).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

The Star Christmas Movie-Party: Stage show; free gift to all kids; Christmas treat plus the new animated movie THE STAR. Charity event to help families in need. Ottawa Family Cinema at Notre Dame Catholic HS, 710 Broadview Ave., **Sat., Dec. 23, 2:00 p.m.** Tickets in advance \$9; at the door \$12. Hosted by Ottawa Family Cinema Foundation. Info: www.familycinema.ca.

PILGRIMAGES

Info Session - Marian Pilgrimage: Join Fr. Matthew Keshwah on 11 day Marian Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico City), Our Lady of Sorrows & Our Lady of Good Success (Quito, Ecuador), May 19-29, 2018. St. John the Apostle, **Sun., Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Cost: \$2,999/person double; \$3,259/person single. Info: David Hnatiw 613-620-1196; david@voyagesterranatura.ca