



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

MARCH 25TH WHITE MASS IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS:

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Archbishop Prendergast invites everyone to join Catholic health care practitioners at a special Mass honouring their work in health care and praying for their freedom of conscience. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at Notre Dame Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. with Archbishop Prendergast presiding joined by Archbishop Lépine of Montreal and his seminarians who are making a special pilgrimage to Ottawa. Coffee will follow. All are encouraged to attend this celebration and to pray with and for our Catholic health care practitioners.

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT: Archbishop's Lenten Letter available [here](#).

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Now available online (www.catholicottawa.ca). Includes schedule for **Fri., Mar. 31** Day of Confessions.

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast and Bishop Christian Riesbeck have prepared videos to help the faithful explore various aspects of Lent and Holy Week. The second video, in which Bishop Christian speaks on almsgiving, is now online [here](#). The first video, Bishop Christian on prayer, can be viewed [here](#).

INVITATION TO PRIESTS: Penitential Service for Priests, 3:30 p.m.; Reception at Archbishop's Residence, 4:15 p.m.; Jubilarian Dinner in the Cathedral Hall, 5:00 p.m.; Chrism Mass 7:30 p.m. **Kindly RSVP for the reception & dinner before March 24** (rsvp@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025, ext. 233).

PRIESTS NEEDED FOR MARCH 31 YOUTH EVENT: A youth event for the day of confessions will take place **Fri., Mar. 31**. Priests are needed to hear confessions from **7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Please contact Krista Wawrykow (k.wawrykow@gmail.com, 613-738-5025 ext. 222) if you are available.

'LENT IN OTTAWA' WEBPAGE: For a list of Lenten resources and events in the Archdiocese, click [here](#).

WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, PROBATE TAX TIPS FOR SENIORS, CATHOLIC CEMETERY SERVICES, PLANNED GIVING: On **Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**, a presentation covering the foregoing topics will be given at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 194 Fourth Ave., Ottawa, in the Glebe. The presentation will be given by professionals in their field and will take about 1 ½ hours. Refreshments will be served. Please indicate your attendance with Aisha Poitevien of the Archdiocese of Ottawa at (613-738-5025 x202; dev@ArchOttawa.ca).

***PARISH HOLY OIL VIALS:** If you have not already done so, **please return your small Holy Oil vials** (3 vials in small black case) to the Diocesan Centre, as soon as possible.

REMINDER: Parishes, if you have not already done so, please provide your Holy Week & Easter Sunday schedule.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. [Registration details now available in parishes](#). Deadline to register: Wed., May 3.

**The family: home of love,
mercy and joy.**

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace..." (Galatians 5.22)*

Events/Deadlines to Note

Mar. 21 & 23 – Sessions for Separated & Divorced

Mar. 24 – Ignatius movie

Mar. 30-31 – COLF Seminar

Mar. 31 – Day of Confessions

Apr. 1 – EWTN Canada Family Celebration

Apr. 4-11 – 'Man of the Shroud'

Apr. 11 – Penitential Service for Priests & Jubilarian Celebration

Apr. 11 - Chrism Mass

May 14 – Wedding Anniversary Mass ([note change of date](#))

May 18 – Pastoral Day

Jun. 4 – Pentecost Confirmations

Jun. 8 – Diocesan Feast Day

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mary Scheer, the wife of Deacon Jim Scheer, who died March 9, 2017. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on March 13, 2017 at Saint Patrick Basilica, 281 Nepean Street, Ottawa. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 2. For all those being called to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – www.fymottawa.com

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER: We send out a monthly newsletter with articles, resources and event announcements. To subscribe or view previous editions, click [here](#).

DAY OF CONFESSIONS - YOUTH EVENT: The Family & Youth Ministry Office will be hosting a reconciliation evening for youth in grades 6-12 on **Fri., Mar. 31, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Praise & worship; a spiritual talk; Adoration; Sacrament of Reconciliation. Info: Krista Wawrykow (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA MOVIE - OTTAWA PREMIERE: A full-length feature film about St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. **Fri., Mar. 24, 7:00 p.m.** Ottawa Family Cinema, 710 Broadview Ave. Tickets: click [here](#). Trailer: click [here](#).

'JOURNEY OF HOPE' FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 21**. Men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 23**. 6 weeks, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Info: (www.journeyofhopeottawa.com) or (613-294-1308). Cost: \$25.

YOUTH SUMMIT 2017: Young adults 18-35 are invited to take part in the Youth Summit in Sherbrooke, QC **May 19-22**. The Family & Youth Ministry Office is organizing transportation from Ottawa. For info about the Youth Summit, click [here](#). To sign up for transportation, click [here](#). Contact: Krista Wawrykow (k.wawrykow@gmail.com, 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO: Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest conference for Catholic youth, taking place **July 28-30** for youth currently in grades 8-12. It is still possible to register with the Ottawa group at a cost of \$390, including transportation. Info: Krista Wawrykow (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION IN OTTAWA: EWTN Global Catholic Network invites you to our Family Celebration at the Centrepointe Theatre, **Sat., Apr. 1** An inspiring day for your entire family. Theme: *"The Life and Legacy of Mother Angelica."* Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by EWTN hosts, Johnnette Benkovic, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J, and Fr. Larry Richards. Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J, Archbishop of Ottawa will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Mass. Admission is free; seats are limited. Info: (ewtn.com/familycelebration).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT HOLY REDEEMER PARISH, KANATA: **Fri., Mar. 31 & Sat., Apr. 1**. Cost: \$100/couple; includes a book and Saturday lunch. Contact for interested couples: Jennifer (613-836-1764); (reception@holyredeemer.ca).

FAMILIES ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS: The Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada, in collaboration with the Franciscan Family Center in Bethlehem, is offering a new resource for prayer entitled *"Families on the Way of the Cross"*. [Read more...](#)

FROM THE CCCB

LETTERS TO PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU FROM CCCB PRESIDENT BISHOP CROSBY & CARDINAL COLLINS: Concerns about the federal government support for foreign access to abortion have been raised by the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton: [Read the letter...](#) His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has also written to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, regarding the recent decision by the government to provide \$650 million toward "sexual and reproductive health and rights" ([Link to the letter of Cardinal Collins](#)).

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BISHOP FOR PETERBOROUGH: His Holiness Pope Francis has named the Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. [Read more...](#)



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

EARTH HOUR VIGIL: The Roman Catholic – United Church Dialogue of Canada has prepared an ecumenical prayer service to help congregations, parishes, and other groups observe, in prayer and worship, the International Earth Hour which takes place on **Sat., Mar. 25, 8:30 p.m.** Resource entitled *Earth Hour Vigil*: (<http://www.cccb.ca/>). Further info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

EMERGENCY SPIRITUAL CARE ASSISTANCE TEAM: The Ottawa Hospital needs volunteers to respond to local disaster situations by working alongside responders from other disciplines. An info session regarding recruitment and training will be given on **March 29**. RSVP by March 22 to Linda Miller (escat@toh.ca) or (613-798-5555 ext. 16193).

PRO-LIFE

NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - 12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE ON MAY 4, 2017 & PETITION: Designed to take place as a lead-in to the National Hospice Palliative Care Week of May 7 - 13, (organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. The Catholic Women League (CWL) invites Catholics sign the petition (**printable version** <https://www.cwl.ca/> & **instructions** <https://www.cwl.ca/12-hours-of-prayer-hospice-palliative-care-petition/>) that they want to present to the House of Commons to establish palliative care as defined medical care covered by the Canada Health Act. Please mail the signed petition directly to Mrs. Nancy Smith. **Archbishop Prendergast strongly encourages our support of this cause.** Info & resources package: (<https://www.cwl.ca/12-hours-of-prayer-for-palliative-care/>).

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY PRO-LIFE RALLY: *Human rights for all because pro-life=pro-democracy.* **Sun., Mar. 19, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.** on Parliament Hill. Speaker: William Baptiste SFO. Info: William (613-761-0147); (brotherunity@ymail.com).

SCHOOLS

PUBLIC INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS ON COUNTERFEIT DRUGS IN OTTAWA: Overdose response, overdose prevention and substance abuse education in schools. Hosted by The Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB), in conjunction with Ottawa Public Health (OPH). **Mon., Apr. 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at St. Paul High School, 2675 Draper Ave. (<http://bit.ly/2mYn4TS>). Info: Mardi de Kemp (613-224-4455, ext. 2326); (mardi.dekemp@ocsb.ca).

MARYVALE ACADEMY OF OTTAWA SCHOOL-DAY OPEN HOUSES: Come and discover about a Maryvale education. **Thurs., Mar. 30 or Thurs., Apr. 6, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Mass at 2:00 p.m. Please call the principal to register for part or all of the day: (613-321-2186, ext. 2). School info: (maryvaleacademy.ca); (facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa).

LENTEN EVENTS, MISSIONS & RETREATS

HOLY NAME OF MARY (ALMONTE) PARISH LENTEN MISSION: With Fr. Lester Mendonsa. **Mon., Mar 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.,** *You are God's Precious Gift.* **Tues., Mar. 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.,** *Mary, God's Precious Gift to Me.* **Wed., Mar. 22, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.,** *My Soul: God's Precious Gift* (includes Lenten Reconciliation Service with visiting priests). Info: (613-256-1034).

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT: Organized by Ottawa Christian Meditation. **Mar. 31 – Apr. 2** at Galilee Centre, Arnprior. With Joseph Clarkson on *the mercy of God*. Info: (www.wccm-canada.ca) or Stephan (613-820-1267).

WAUPOOS FAMILY FARM LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN: Includes Mass, Adoration, time for silence, prayer, reading and discussion. **Apr. 7-8.** Cost: \$95. Details & registration: (<https://www.artoffatherhood.ca/lenten-retreat-2017>).

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS APOSTOLATE FORMATION WEEKEND: For those interested, formation is obligatory to understand the concept of the apostolate as a life-offering. **Fri., Apr. 28, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. & Sat., Apr. 29, 9:00 a.m. -**

4:00 p.m. at Cityview Retirement Living Recreation Room, 151 Meadowlands Dr. W. Lunch provided. Registration required by noon, Apr. 26: (613-225-6067); (spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com); (www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca).

FAITH FORMATION

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE INTEREST COURSE: *Ways of Praying*. With Professor Louis Roy O.P. Identify more clearly your own way of praying, ponder various methods and sympathetically understand ways practised by others. **May 23, 25 & 30, June 1, 6 & 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Info: (www.dominicanu.ca/interestcourses); (welcome@dominicanu.ca).

PARISH EVENTS & OTHER

“ADORATION NIGHT” AT HOLY REDEEMER PARISH: Praise & worship music, silent adoration, Confession. Food & fellowship. Speaker: Fr. Lindsay Harrison. *“The Spiritual Life & the “Noonday Devil” (Acedia)*. **Tues, Mar 21, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** 44 Rothesay Dr. Info: (613-836-1764); (reception@holyredeemer.ca); (<https://www.facebook.com/events>).

SPRING CONCERT AT ST. BASIL PARISH, 940 REX AVE: *“Primavera Spring Renewal”* with the National Capital Concert Band under the direction of parishioner Rocco Romeo. **Apr. 2, 1:30 p.m.**, in support of St. Basil Renovation Campaign. Tickets: available at the door. Adults, \$15; children under 12 years, free; family \$50. Info: (stbasilparish.ca); Rod (613-228-8644).

“MAN OF THE SHROUD” EXHIBIT: At St. Isidore Church, Kanata, **April 4-11**. Life-sized authentic reproduction of the “Shroud of Turin” and 30+ display panels citing historical, scientific and theological information about The Shroud. Daily seminars for students and adults; please call (613-435-3076). Free; donations graciously accepted. Made possible by the Vancouver Shroud Association, the Archdiocese of Ottawa and the generous support of St. Isidore parishioners. Opening Mass: April 4, 9:00 a.m.; exhibit opens to the public each day at 10:00 a.m. Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ will celebrate Mass during the display on Palm Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Info: (www.theshroud.org).

EVA OLSSON – HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR: In 1944 Dr. Olsson was 19 years old when her Jewish family was taken from their home in Hungary to Auschwitz-Birkenau camp. She managed to survive and will be telling her story at St. John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Rd., on **Mon., April 10, 7:00 p.m.** in the basement Hall. Cost is free. Info: (613-829-1760).

PROCESSIONAL CANDLES NEEDED: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish is looking for a pair of Processional Candles. If any parish has a pair they would like to donate please contact Joan Surette (613-722-1446) or Parish (613-728-4935).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

WAUPOOS FARM, A CATHOLIC MINISTRY TO THE POOR, SEEKING NEW RESIDENT FAMILY: To move in for a 2-3 year commitment. Join 2 other managing families who live at the farm caring for the animals and premises, while ministering to the underprivileged. The farm is located between Manotick and Greely. Info: ([613-822-2189](tel:613-822-2189)); (www.waupoops.com).

PILGRIMAGES

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, FRANCE & SPAIN: In celebration of 100th Anniversary of Fatima; also Lourdes and Santiago de Compostella; led by Fr. Tadeusz Jordan SDS, **Oct. 8-19**. Cost: \$2,890/person, double occ. Contact Stan (647-463-9057) or Fr. Jordan (613-733-4661). Info meeting: **Thurs., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.** at Resurrection of Our Lord, 1940 Saunderson Dr.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CARETAKER AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH, ORLEANS, AS OF JULY 2017: In close collaboration with the parish priest, the caretaker is responsible for upkeep of church and adjacent property. Must be available weekdays but also Saturdays & Sundays to clear entrances in winter and respond to emergencies. Knowledge of carpentry, electricity, plumbing, painting and equipment maintenance an asset. French is a requirement. Send CV to parish office by Mar. 30. Info: (613-824-0787).

ST. THERESA PARISH SEEKING AN ORGANIST: The position requires competence in playing the pipe organ, experience with Catholic Liturgical music and proven ability to work and direct adult choir members. Must be available to play for 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays and an evening rehearsal once/week, along with weddings & funerals. Info: (613-235-5119).