



Friday Facts

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March 24, 2017

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

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).

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. Coffee will follow. All are encouraged to attend this celebration and to pray with and for our Catholic health care practitioners.

"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).

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 online [here](#). The first video, Bishop Christian on prayer, can be seen [here](#).

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

PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES: Now available at (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/>).

WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, PROBATE, EXECUTORS; TAX TIPS FOR SENIORS; CATHOLIC CEMETERY SERVICES; PLANNED GIVING: On **Sunday, April 2, 1:00 p.m.**, a presentation covering the foregoing topics will be given at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 194 Fourth Ave., by professionals in their field and will take about 1 ½ hours. Refreshments will be served; all welcome. 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.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Gillissie who died Tuesday, March 21. Fr. Gillissie was born August 23, 1941, ordained to the priesthood on May 2, 1987 and exercised parish ministry at St. George, St. Martin de Porres, St.

**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. 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

Philip (Richmond) and St. Clare (Dwyer Hill). He served as Diocesan Spiritual Director to the Catholic Women's League, taught high school, and served as religious instructor for the Commission scolaire régionale de l'Outaouais for 17 years. He was also president of the English Catholic Teachers Association for two years. The Funeral Mass will be at St. Philip Parish, Richmond on **Mon., Mar. 27, 11:00 a.m.** A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. As Fr. Gillissie was a member of the St. Joseph Ecclesiastical Society of Ottawa, members are asked to offer a Mass for the repose of his soul. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Fr. Lucien Charbonneau, who died March 15, 2017 at the age of 88. Born June 21, 1928 in Lefavre, Ontario, he was ordained a Priest on June 17, 1954. Fr. Charbonneau served as vicar and pastor of many parishes in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. He was Diocesan Director of the Lacordaire and chaplain to The Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbus. The Funeral Mass was held on March 20, 2017 at St-Thomas Church, Lefavre. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: For Mrs. Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu, mother of Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu, who died February 28, and also for his aunt Mrs. Rose Ejike, who died March 17. Memorial Service at St. Peter Parish, **Sat., Apr. 22, 7:00 p.m.** Info: (613-733-1553).

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 2017. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes or on our website (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-services-forms>). Deadline to register: Wed., May 3.

OTTAWA PRIESTS' RETREAT: Scheduled for **October 23-27, 2017** at Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg, NY. Priests, please save these dates and ensure your travel documents are up-to-date.

WAY OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY: Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa, **April 14**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St Patrick Basilica (220 Kent). Arrival 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Organized by Communion and Liberation. Info: David McConkey (clonottawa@gmail.com).

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 9. For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion more closely through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

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).

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: At the Centrepointe Theatre, **Sat., Apr. 1** 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).

2017 MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR 32ND WORLD YOUTH DAY: Celebrated in Dioceses on **April 9, 2017**, on the theme *"The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name"* (Luke 1:49). [Link to Pope Francis' 2017 WYD message.](#) [Link to the text version of his video message.](#)



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

EARTH HOUR THIS SATURDAY: Earth Hour (www.earthhour.org) takes place on **Sat., Mar. 25, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.** Record breaking temperatures in 2016 signal an increased need for urgent international action on climate change. St. Peter Basilica in the Vatican has joined "Earth Hour" by going dark for the hour. In support, the Archdiocese of Ottawa has once again registered as a participant in Earth Hour. Parishes and parishioners are encouraged to participate by turning off all non-essential lighting during Earth Hour. Further info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

PRO-LIFE

DIOCESAN WEEK FOR LIFE/NATIONAL WEEK for LIFE and FAMILY: Pro-Life Sun., May 7 – Sat., May 13. Annual General Meeting, **Wed., Apr. 5, 7:30 p.m.** at St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Guest speaker: Fr. Geoffrey Kerslake, Episcopal Vicar. Topic: Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide – Church Teaching and Pastoral Practice. Pro-Life Sunday resources for Reps will be available there. All welcome. Info: Deborah La Riccia (613-820-3580); (deborahlariccia@rogers.com).

SCHOOLS

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 CROSS PARISH LENTEN MISSION: 685 Walkley Rd., **April 3, 4 & 5, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Preacher: Father Alberto M. Ruiz, CMF. Theme: "Are You Willing To Die For Christ?" Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wed., April 5. All welcome. Free will offering. Info: (613-731-7834).

FAITH FORMATION

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2017: Featuring 8 world-class Catholic speakers including: Bishop Robert Barron, Patrick Sullivan, Tom Corcoran and more. **May 12 & 13** at the Infinity Conference Centre in Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada, the US and beyond. Limited seating. Register online today (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/>).

PARISH EVENTS & OTHER

JOHN PAUL II CONCERT: On the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the death of John Paul II. Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sat., Apr. 1, 7:00 p.m.** Maria Knapic, soprano, Julian Armour, cello, the New World Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble, the Belcanto Vocal Ensemble and the Ottawa Classical Choir. Readings of Pope John Paul II's reflections and literary works will be presented by Liliana Komorowska. Free admission. Info: Cathedral (613-241-7496); (info@notredameottawa.com).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST & OTHER

CONGRATULATIONS: On March 15, 2017, at the Pontifical University of Saint John Paul II in Cracow, Poland, Fr. Tomasz Krzesik, Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish, Ottawa successfully defended his doctoral thesis in sacred theology "The Issue of Purgatory in the Polish Preaching after the Vatican Council II". Congratulations!

THE COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON 2017: With Martine Lagacé. *Aging Together: The Strength of Intergenerational Bonding to Combat Ageism.* **Wed., Apr. 19.** Info & registration: (<https://coaottawa.ca>).

BOTTLE DRIVE TO SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL OLYMPIANS: At St. Basil Parish, 940 Rex Ave., **Sat., April 22, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 485. Beer, wine and liquor bottles accepted. Students, complete your volunteer school hours by helping out. Thank you for your support. Info: John Watters (wattersj@magma.ca).

OK CLEAN WATER FASHION SHOW AT SHEPHERD'S TRAIN YARDS: *OK Clean Water Project* annual spring fundraiser at Shepherd's, Train Yards, **Mon., Apr. 24, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Cost: \$45. Tickets: (horanc@sympatico.ca); (613-737-3681).