

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

December 7, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Diocesan Theme: *Christ is everything for us. "Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith". (Galatians 6.10b).* Please encourage use of our diocesan theme in bulletins and your other material.

Notre Dame Cathedral's Christmas Concert: The choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral will present a Choral Celebration on **Sun., Dec. 16, 2:30 pm**. Young and old, friends and family, all come together to sing our joy at welcoming Jesus into our world. Free will offering. Followed by a reception in the parish hall. Info: 613-241-7496.

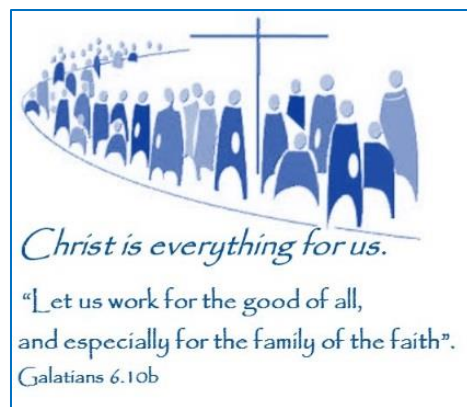
Archbishop Prendergast's Letter for Advent: Now available on our website at <https://catholicottawa.ca>. Please distribute and post in your parish.

Parish Advent Penance Schedules: Now available online at <https://catholicottawa.ca/confession-times>.

Parish Christmas & Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedules: Now available online at <https://catholicottawa.ca>. Parishes, please check the schedule to ensure the information is correct and complete.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mei Yuk CHEUNG-WONG, mother of Fr. Bosco Wong, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima parish. Mrs. Cheung-Wong died in Hong Kong on December 5, 2018, in her 93rd year. The Funeral Mass will be held on December 20, 2018 in Hong Kong. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Welcome: We welcome Chantal Langlois as she returns to her work at the Diocesan Centre after her maternity leave. Chantal is working primarily with French Pastoral Services as of December 3. Welcome back!



FOR CLERGY

Reminder – Luncheon for Priests: During Christmas week, **Fri., Dec. 28**. Reception at the Archbishop's Residence at 11:00 a.m. Buffet Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. RSVP before Fri., Dec. 14. (arch@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x233).

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Singing from the Heart of Advent: Join in the singing of some favorite hymns along with solo performances led by musician Joanne Parenteau on **Sat., Dec. 15, 7:00-8:30 pm** at Holy Spirit Parish, 1489 Shea Rd., Stittsville. A free will offering is welcomed in support of Holy Spirit Parish Youth Ministry. Info: john@holyspirirtparish.ca.

Recruiting for the Notre Dame Cathedral Children's Choir: Come join the Notre Dame Cathedral Children's Choir; youth, elementary to high school; no audition; no fees. Rehearsals every **Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**. The Choir sings at the 9:00 am Mass, 2 Sundays per month. For many the idea of singing at the Cathedral is intimidating; please be assured that no experience is necessary. The kids are there to learn. Info: 613-241-7496.

VOCATIONS

Prayers: Second Sunday of Advent - December 9. That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to

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completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord. **Third Sunday of Advent - December 16.** That the Lord will call members from our flock to “bring glad tidings to the poor and heal the brokenhearted” as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

CARE FOR CREATION

Catholic Action at the U.N. Climate Talks: What kind of actions are taking place as the U.N. climate talks are taking place in Katowice, Poland? What can we do? Information and suggestions for prayers and actions may be found on the Global Catholic Climate Movement website (<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/cop24/>). Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext.251.

Conference of the Parties (COP24): The nations of the world are gathered in Katowice, Poland to attend the UN ‘Conference of the Parties’ (COP24) to discuss and plan solutions to the climate crisis. Prayer of the Faithful: ‘Let us pray for representatives of all countries who have gathered together at the United Nations Conference on climate change in Katowice, Poland with the goal of planning and implementing solutions to the climate crisis that we are experiencing in our common home.’ Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 251.

FROM THE CCCB

Diocese of Moosonee united with Diocese of Hearst – appointment of Most Rev. Robert Bourgon as Bishop of Hearst-Moosonee: On December 3 His Holiness Pope Francis united the Diocese of Moosonee with the Diocese of Hearst and appointed the Most Reverend Robert Bourgon Bishop of the new Diocese of Hearst-Moosonee.

Life and family suggestions for homilies and prayers of the faithful during December 2018: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to post homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The suggestions for homilies and prayers can be adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. "[Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#)".

FAITH FORMATION

"Called and Gifted" Spiritual Gifts Introductory Workshop: At St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St. Presented by Catherine of Siena Institute. **Sat., Feb. 23, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.** Cost: \$50 for member of St. Mary's Parish; \$60 for non-member. Info and registration: spiritual.gifts@stmarysottawa.ca or 613-728-9811 x734. Come and discover the charisms the Lord has given you.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Sung Rorate Mass - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Early morning Mass by candlelight, with Gregorian Chant and polyphony sung by the Coram Deo Choir of St. George's Church. Potluck breakfast to follow. All are welcome. St. Albertus Church, 416 Parkdale Ave., **Sat., Dec. 8, 7:00 am.** Info: coramdeo@saintgeorges.ca; <http://www.saintgeorges.ca>.

St. Peter's Parish Christmas Novena – Simbang Gabi: A Catholic tradition celebrated across the world and a source of spiritual nourishment to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. 9 days of Masses, **Dec. 16 - 24, 6:00 p.m.** with Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Confessions, Rosary and followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Peter Church, 1640 Heatherington Rd. All are invited. Info. 613-733-1553 or www.stpetersparish.ca.

Advent Service of Lessons & Carols: Enter more deeply into the Advent season with an evening of Advent Lessons & Carols. This service of scripture and music will feature the choirs of Coram Deo, St. George's School and Chesterton Academy. St. George's Church, 415 Piccadilly Ave. North, **Sun., Dec. 16, 6:30 pm.** Followed by desserts and refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome. Info: coramdeo@saintgeorges.ca; <http://www.saintgeorges.ca>.

Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration: All night vigil of Eucharistic Adoration (including 33 rosaries). St. Patrick's Basilica, **Fri., Dec. 21, 8:00 p.m. – 6:30 a.m.** Info: Naomi Visser 613-421-3023.

Refuge Night: Praise and worship, shared silence, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a spiritual talk. Monthly, every third Friday at St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd (at Merivale), **Fri., Dec. 21, 7:00 pm**. Priests will be available for confessions, preparing for Christmas. Info: 613-225-7388.

SCHOOLS

Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality: Classes open to all. Registration for winter term, **Mon., Jan. 7, 7:00 p.m.** at Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave. Once weekly classes on topics such as our current spiritual crisis, Christian art, world Christianity, and more. Info: www.osts.ca.

PARISH EVENTS

Nativity Scene Exhibit at the Parish of Saint-François d'Assise: Nativity scenes from around the world, from a private collection owned by Mr. Jean Cloutier, a member of the parish, in the church's museum **until Sun., Jan. 6**. Open during Mass hours, Tues. – Sat., 11:00 a.m. and Sun., 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m., at 20 Fairmont Ave. Info: Gilles Leclerc (gilles.leclerc7@sympatico.ca, 613-798-0264) or the parish office (613-728-1983).

Christmas Concert: The Ottawa Police Choir will present a Christmas Concert on **Sun., Dec. 16, 2:00 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd. Enjoy classic religious music both traditional and contemporary. All are welcome. A reception will follow. Free will offering. Info: 613-731-7834. Info: office@holycrossparish.com.

New Year's Eve Dance at St. Patrick's, Fallowfield: Hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **Dec. 31** at 15 Steeple Hill Crescent. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for appetizers and cash bar; cold cuts and cheese at 7:30 p.m.; light hot buffet at 10:00 p.m. DJ from Quality Entertainment. Cost: \$35 per person. Tickets: Parish Office (613-591-1135); Pierre Chartier (613-599-6589); (fitt@rogers.com).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Big Give 2019 - A National Movement of Generosity: A group of volunteers who passionately believe that kindness and generosity are an integral part of the Christian faith. Every year, churches mobilize across the country to bless their neighbourhoods through a unified day of giving extravagantly. Churches and ministries welcome to join The Big Give on June 1, 2019. More info: www.thebiggive.ca.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Archdiocese of Ottawa – Family & Youth Ministry Officer – English Pastoral Services: To assist in the strategic planning and ongoing operations of the Family and Youth Ministry Office. Full-time position (37½ hrs/week). A recent Canadian Criminal Records check is required. Send C.V. with 3 professional references to Ms. Hélène Le Dorze, Human Resources Officer (hledorze@archottawa.ca). Deadline to apply: **5:00 p.m., Jan. 4**. No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest; only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Archdiocese of Ottawa Accounting Technician – Diocesan Administration: Full-time, permanent position (37½ hrs./wk.). A recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement. Full job description available here: <https://catholicottawa.ca/documents/2018/11/AccountingTechnician.pdf>. Send C.V. with three professional references to Hélène Le Dorze, Human Resources Officer (hledorze@archottawa.ca). Application deadline: **5:00 p.m., Mon., Dec. 17**. No phone calls please. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Full-time Manager of St. Joe's Supper Table: The St. Joe's Supper Table, the community meal program of St. Joseph's Parish, is hiring a full-time Manager. Involves volunteer coordination, meal planning and budget management skills. Remuneration: \$40,000 per year plus benefits. For info or to apply by Dec. 12: Christopher Adam, Parish Executive Director (cadam@st-josephs.ca); (613-233-4095 x223). Details: www.st-josephs.ca/.