

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 6, 2020

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Diocesan Theme: *Christ is everything for us. "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life". (John 6.68).*

Archbishop's Letter for Lent: The Archbishop's Letter for Lent is available in PDF [here](#). A version in WORD is available at www.CatholicOttawa.ca.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Schedule: Now available online at CatholicOttawa.ca. **Note:** Diocesan Day of Confessions is **Friday, April 3**.

Request to Parishes for their Easter Triduum Schedule: Please submit your Parish Easter Triduum schedule, using this online submission form (<https://catholicottawa.ca/easter-triduum-times>) before **Wed., March 18**. The schedule will be posted online.

Reminder to Parishes re Holy Oils: If you have not already done so, please return the parish Holy Oil vials (in the small black case) to the Diocesan Centre by March 16.

St. Patrick's Day at Saint Patrick Basilica: Principal celebration on **Tues., Mar. 17, 10:30 am** with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast as president. A luncheon reception will follow in the Scavi after the Mass. St. Patrick is the secondary Patron of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Info: Parish Office 613-233-1125.

Wedding Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving: For those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2020. Info and online registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sun., May 3** at Notre Dame Cathedral is available at catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mr. Jan Jordan, father of Rev. Tadeusz Jordan, SDS, pastor of Resurrection of our Lord Parish. Mr. Jordan died March 1, 2020 in Limanowa, Poland, at 85 years of age. The funeral was at Matki Bozej Szkaplerznej parish, Dobra, Poland on March 4. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Marriage Preparation at Holy Redeemer Parish: At 44 Rothesay Drive, Kanata on **Fri., Mar. 13, 7:00 – 10:00pm & Sat., Mar. 14, 10:00am – 6:00pm**. Cost: \$100. Info: Jennifer in parish office (reception@holyredeemer.ca).

Mini-Retreat For Families: Parents-teens-kids skits, games, crafts, songs, mini bouncy castle, lasagna/hot dog supper. Special 'parent track' with Fr. Mark Goring CC. At St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St., **Mar. 14, 3:00 – 5:00pm** in the Church Hall. RSVP before Mar. 11. Freewill offering. Info: Childrens.liturgy@stmarysottawa.ca.

By My Side - A Program of Spiritual Friendship and Healing for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, the program is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing. Info: www.bymyside.ca; Mary Jane Manley 613-294-1308. Cost: \$40 for 6 weeks. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church Hall. For women, starts **Tues., Mar. 24, 7-9 pm**. For men, starts **Thurs., Mar. 26**.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22. That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



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FROM THE CCCB

Life and Family Suggestions for Homilies and Prayers of the Faithful for March 2020: 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 can be adapted for family prayer, personal prayer or for use with groups/organizations. The texts for the month of March are available [here](#).

Standing Committee for Responsible Ministry Holds Inaugural Meeting: The inaugural meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Standing Committee for Responsible Ministry and the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons was recently held in Ottawa. The first permanent structure of its kind within the CCCB, the membership of the Standing Committee involves 16 people, including 4 Bishops, victims-survivors, and experts from the fields of safeguarding, psychology, and law (canon and civil). The meeting of the Standing Committee members represents an important step for the Church in Canada in its commitment to address the grave harm sexual abuse caused to victims and their families, and to ensure all pastoral environments are safe. [Read more...](#)

LENTEN MISSIONS

Spiritual Reflection 2020 Lenten Retreat: 'What you seek is what you get'. At Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd., Orleans, **Sat., March 7, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. Mass, confessions, rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and reflection. Moderator: Fr. Eslin Pereira, CMF. No charge; bring your own lunch. Free-will donations appreciated. Registration at 8:15am. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 9005. Info: 613-834-8339.

Lenten Mission: *Why is it so important to God and to me that I commit to pray, fast and share this Lenten Season?* Retreat Master: Mgr Ernest Léger. At St. Finnan's Cathedral, 72 St. Paul St., Alexandria, **Thurs., Mar. 19, 26 & Apr. 2, 7:00 p.m.** (info: 613-525-1340) and Blessed Sacrament Parish, 321 Tollgate Rd. East, Cornwall, **Mar. 22-24, 7:00 pm** (info: 613-932-2996).

Lenten Mission – The Mystery of the Eucharist: With Bishop Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. at St. Raphael's Church, 19998 County Road 18, Williamstown. **Sat., Mar. 21**, begins with Mass at 9:00 am; ends with Rosary at 4:00 pm. Confessions available. Lunch provided. RSVP: Carmel MacDonell 613-347-3196 or Mary Regan 613-931-3285.

Parish Lenten Mission at St. Clement Parish: 'Practicing for Heaven' by Fr. Sean Kopczynski, Missionary of St. John the Baptist (MSJB). Begins with **Sunday Masses, March 22**, continues **Mon. – Thurs., Mar. 23-26**, 6:30 pm Mass followed by 7:30 pm Mission (confessions before & after). Morning Sessions: 9:00 am Mass followed by catechism in the hall with Fr. Kopczynski. St. Clement Parish, 528 Old St. Patrick St. Info: 613-565-9565.

Holy Cross Lenten Retreat: At 685 Walkley Rd., **March 23 & 24, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**. Preacher: Deacon Marc Gauthier. Theme: *What Does God want from you? Why does it matter?* Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tues., Mar. 24. Free will offering gratefully accepted. Info: 613-731-7834.

CARE FOR CREATION

Free Webinar - Birds and the Bees of Sustainable Gardening: This final webinar offered by the Ottawa Chapter of Faith and the Common Good will take place on Wed., Mar. 11, 7:00 pm. The focus is on new research and local resources to help get started at home and parish for spring gardening. Info and registration: https://www.faithcommongood.org/outdoor_greening_winter_webinar_series_4. Further info: Katherine Forster (kforster@faithcommongood.org).

Lenten Examination of Conscience - Ecological Responsibility: When preparing for confession do we reflect on our impact on all God's creation including the poor, our children and future generations? Do we pollute the earth with what we purchase, send waste to landfill that can be recycled/composted, contribute to climate change by wasting energy? Pope Francis calls us to conversion to a 'prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption'(LS222). Info: John Dorner (jdorner@archottawa.ca).

FAITH FORMATION

Opportunity for Lenten Spiritual Growth: "Entering into the Passion of Jesus: A Guide to Holy Week." Reading and discussing the book *Entering into the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Copies of the book will be available at the parish.

At St. Basil's Parish, 940 Rex Ave., **Wednesdays during Lent, March 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8, 10:00 – 11:30 am** with repeat evening sessions, **6:30 - 8:00 pm**. Facilitator: Fr. Daryold Winkler. Info: 613-729-5159.

Weekend Retreat for Deaf Catholics - The Joy of the Gospel: To strengthen your faith. Presented in American Sign Language by Sr. Kathleen Schipani, IHM, Director of the Deaf Apostolate, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, PA, USA. Chaplain: Fr. Peter Monty, SJ. At Maison Notre Dame de la Providence, Orleans, **March 27-29**. Cost: \$55. Registration deadline: March 17. Info: maureen.cerroni@gmail.com.

Day Retreat for Women to Prepare for Holy Week - "The Theology of Liturgy": To enrich our understanding and experience of Holy Week. Speaker: Fr. Martin Farrell o.p. Includes Mass, free on-site parking and buffet luncheon. Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave., **Sat., Mar. 28, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm**. Cost: \$40. All women are invited. Pre-register by Mar. 21: Karen (613-806-0377); (livesisterhood@gmail.com); (www.sisterhood.live/retreats/).

UNBOUND Five Keys Conference: UNBOUND incorporates practical direction on how to respond to the Gospel in 5 key areas. Miriam Wright, International speaker. Fr. Tim Devine, CC, Father's Blessing. At Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., **April 4, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm** (Mass 8:00 am). Cost: \$30. Info/registration by Mar. 28: unboundottawaregister@gmail.com.

Kendaasawin - How We Learn: A two-day cross-cultural retreat that offers transformative opportunities for both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous learners. Participate in ceremony, teaching and sharing circles to help on the journey of healing and reconciliation. Galilee Centre, 398 John St. N. Arnprior, **April 24-26**. Single \$240; double \$195; commuter \$135. Hosted by Kateri Native Ministry. Info: 613-623-4242 ext 21; info@galileecentre.com.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Night of Worship and Ministry: Join St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St., for an evening of praise, prophecy, teaching, healing and fellowship on **Mar. 27, 7:00-9:00 pm**. Theme: 'A New Springtime'. The speaker is Michael Dopp, founder of the Mission of the Redeemer Ministries and New Evangelization Summit. Info: Natalia Lacar (613-728-9811 x720); (night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca).

Tenebrae Service: A service of readings, song and prayer led by a male voice chorus anchored by the men of the Cathedral choirs who will sing the Tenebrae texts set to music by Msgr. J.E. Ronan. **Wed., April 8, 7:30 pm** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Info: 613-241-7496.

Stations of the Cross: A prayerful meditation with a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on His way to the Cross, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead St., Vanier, **All Fridays of Lent, 7:00 pm; Good Friday, 12:00 pm**. Info: 613-746-8503.

PRO-LIFE

Novena of Masses: To pray for the closure of the Bank Street abortion facility and the conversion of all the staff. March 10 – 18 as follows: St. Elizabeth Parish, 1303 Leaside Ave., **Mar. 10-13 & 15, 9:00 am & Mar. 14, 4:30 pm**; St. Monica, 2080 Merivale Rd., **Mar. 16, 7:00 pm**; St. Augustine, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Mar. 17 & 18, 9:00 am**. Hosted by 40 Days for Life Ottawa. Info: 613-299-2515; wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca.

Monthly Pro-life Mass: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. Mass followed by a reception. Queen of The Most Holy Rosary, 20 Grant St., **Sat., Mar. 28, 10:00 am**. Sponsored by Pro-life doctors. Info: 613-831-2515; wandawoj@rogers.com.

Pro-life Mass: Come celebrate the sanctity of life and mourn the children of God who have fallen victim. Proceeds to the purchase of an ultrasound machine. Saint Patrick's Basilica, **April 22, 7:00pm**. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Info: 615-229-9484.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Our Lady of the Visitation Banquet Hall, **Sun., Mar. 8** after the 9:00am Mass. Free will offering. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 8092. Info: Chris Froment, Grand Knight, Our Lady of the Visitation council # 8092; gkchrisfroment@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Day Ceili: Irish Dinner, Dance, and Music featuring Paddy 'G' & the Mennie Man, Kevin & Deirdre Dooley & Friends, Brian Armstrong Ceili Dancing and the Ottawa Irish Dance Company. Saint Patrick Basilica, **Sat., Mar. 14, 5:00pm**. Cost: \$30 adult; free for children. Hosted by Knights of Columbus, Saint Patrick's Council. Info: Brendan Hennigan 613-793-6798.

Paint the "Pink Tulip Vase": Hosted by the Catholic Women's League Council #1771 at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish on **Sat., Apr. 25, 1:15 - 3:30 pm** in the Parish Hall, 5338 Bank St., Gloucester. Cost: \$45/person. Register by Apr. 1: olvottawa.ca.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

"Renewed in Liturgy" Teaching Series: On Holy Mass, beginning **Fri., Mar. 6, 7:00 – 9:00pm** for 3 Fridays. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 21 Grant St. Info: 613-355-6023; www.renewedinliturgy.org.

CWL Lenten Morning of Reflection: The morning begins with Mass, followed by Adoration and Confessions. Lenten Reflection by Fr. Paul Gaudet. Ending with the Stations of the Cross. Free; all are welcome. To register: Janet Warren (jpwarren@rogers.com); 613-749-7653. More details: <http://www.Ottawa.cwl.on.ca>. At Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Dr., Orleans, **Sat., Mar. 21, 9:00am - 1:00pm**. Info: odcpresident2019@bell.net.

Knights of Columbus Canon John Burke Council 6217 50th Anniversary Mass: Of their receiving the Charter from the Knights of Columbus on March 23, 1970. St. Martin de Porres Church, 3891 Old Richmond Rd., Bells Corners, **Mon., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.** Info: Barry Nicholls barry.nicholls@bell.net.

The New Evangelization Summit: A conference on Evangelization. Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, **April 25**. Webcast to host sites around the world. Catholic speakers: Fr. Robert Spitzer, Michael Dopp, Sherry Weddell, Brett Powell, and Barbara Mason. Register for free at www.newevangelization.ca.

NET Canada 25th Anniversary Gala: NET Canada's silver anniversary - 25 years of doing youth ministry in Canada. **Thurs., April 30, 5:30 pm**, at the St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave. Guest speaker: Fr. Emmanuel Mansford, CFR. Cost: \$100/ticket with \$40 tax receipt (\$125 after March 13). For tickets & more info: Danica 613-841-4141; <https://netcanada.ca/25th-anniversary/2-pages/571-25th-gala>.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Used Book Sale for Charity: Sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella. **Mon., March 9 & Thurs., Mar. 12, 9:00 - 11:00am & 5:00 – 8:00pm** at the Francois Dupuis Recreation Centre, 2263 Portobello Blvd., Orléans. English and French books for all age groups. All money raised goes back into the community. Info: Roberta (613-830-5584).

A Caring and Daring Bytown Pioneer - Élisabeth Bruyère: A presentation by Louise Charbonneau showcasing the arrival, the ministry of the Venerable Élisabeth Bruyère and the foundation of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa 175 years ago on February 20, 1845. Auditorium, Ottawa Public Library, 120 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, **Mar. 11, 7:00pm**. Doors open 6:30pm. Free admission. Info: lcharbonneau@ustpaul.ca; 613-236-1393, x2462.

PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Croatia, Austria, Hungary, Czech Rep. and Poland: Under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Paul Nwaeze, pastor, Holy Redeemer Parish, Kanata. 14 days, **Sep. 22 - Oct. 5**, \$4,190, Ottawa departure. Info session on **Tues., Mar. 24, 6:00 - 6:45pm** at Holy Redeemer Parish hall. Info: stan@ihtours.com; michael@ihtours.com.

Presentation on Pilgrimage to Poland, Latvia, Lithuania & Czech Republic: In the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Maximillian Kolbe and St. Faustina, Sept. 28 - Oct. 10, 2020, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Dominic Lim, OFM. Presentation **Wed., Mar. 25, 7:00pm**, Conv Basement Hall, Assumption Parish, 320 Olmstead St., Vanier. Info: 613-746-8503; assumption parishchurch@outlook.com.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Research and Resource Development Assistant: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is seeking a Research and Resource Development Assistant for the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The description of this full time permanent position can be found of the CCCB website at www.cccb.ca under Careers. Info: 613-241-9461 x224.