

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

February 28, 2020

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

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**.

The Norms for Lenten Observance: Available [here in PDF](#) or on the Diocesan website at CatholicOttawa.ca.

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 presider. 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: Information 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.

Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto re Introduction of Bill C-7: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying): The federal government has introduced new legislation expanding the eligibility criteria for euthanasia. The inaccurate term, medical assistance in dying (MAiD), is currently used to describe what this law would allow, but this process is more accurately called euthanasia or assisted suicide. Pain medication and other resources and procedures can be used effectively to medically assist people who are dying, but that is not what MAiD means. It means giving a lethal injection to people who are not dying, so that they will die. Read the full statement from Cardinal Collins [here](#).

Bishop Guy Desrochers' Statement on Reports of Sexual Misconduct by Jean Vanier: Available in PDF [here](#).

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Rosemarie LeBane, mother of Deacon Jeff LeBane, Divine Infant Parish. Mrs. LeBane died on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in Winnipeg. Please pray for her and her family.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Weekly Children's Liturgy: Engaging kids in the faith with hands on activities. St. Mary's Parish, at Masses on **Sunday, 9:00 & 11:00 am**. in the downstairs hall. Info: childrens.liturgy@stmarysottawa.ca.

World Youth Day in Cornwall: A unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ. All young people invited from highschool to college-age. **Sat., Mar. 7, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm** at the Salesian Sisters' House, 300 Montreal Rd.,



Christ is everything for us.

"Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words of eternal life".
John 6.68

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Cornwall. Theme: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (Lk 7:14). A celebration of all young people with games, food, friends, a short talk and a time of Adoration. Free. Info: 613-933-1138 ext. 31; dplant@alexandria-cornwall.ca.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Third Sunday of Lent - March 15. For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2020: "We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). [Read the Pope's Message here.](#)

FROM THE CCCB

Response by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the tabling of Bill C-7: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)": In the response, the Bishops of Canada express their concerns with Bill C-7, which seeks to expand the eligibility criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide by removing the "reasonable foreseeability of natural death" criterion currently in the Criminal Code, and by loosening some of the existing "safeguards" allowing patients whose death is "reasonably foreseeable" to waive final consent to receiving euthanasia by making an advance directive. In addition to voicing their strong opposition to the proposed legislation, the Bishops call upon all Canadians who also oppose the new Bill to make their voices heard. They likewise urge members of Parliament to acknowledge the giftedness of life as an inalienable right not to be taken away by others, the importance of compassion for the ill and the dying, as well as the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable. [Response to the tabling of Bill C-7: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code \(medical assistance in dying\)".](#)

FAITH FORMATION

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 and snacks. Free-will donations appreciated. Registration at 8:15am. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 9005. Info: 613-834-8339.

Trauma in the Context of Abuse: Prof. Mariéle Wulf will explore the dynamic of trauma, which impacts the provision of pastoral care to abused persons. The seminar will also address theological aspects of trauma in relation to the light of redemption. Participants will gain a better understanding of trauma and how to respect the specific limits and needs of traumatized persons. Saint Paul University, Rm G264 and online, **Mar. 16-20, 9:00am - 4:00pm.** Cost: \$300; student \$50. Info: <https://ustpaul.ca/en/seminar-trauma-in-the-context-of-abuse>.

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.

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. Info/registration by Mar. 28: unboundottawaregister@gmail.com. At Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., **April 4, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm** (Mass at 8:00 am). Cost: \$30.

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

Mini Lenten Retreat: At Our Lady of the Visitation Parish with Fr. Roman Rytsar. *'On the Path to Life After Life'*. **Wed., March 4 & Thurs., March 5** with Mass beginning at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. 5338 Bank St. No registration required. All are welcome. Info: www.olvottawa.ca.

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 Catechism 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.

Stations of the Cross: A devotional reflection and prayer meditating on the Passion of Christ at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant St. **All Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm** (except Mar. 6, 13 & 20 at 6:15 pm). Info: 613-728-4935.

PRO-LIFE

Pro Lifers Needed: Since May 1983 there has been a pro life presence in front of the Civic hospital every Sunday from 2-3 p.m. The purpose is to educate the public and to reassure women they have a choice other than abortion. In the beginning, there were many people each Sunday but as time went on the numbers dwindled. Now there are just one or two in front of the hospital every Sunday afternoon. We would like to keep up this pro life witness and need more help. If you can give one hour/month please contact: John Fennelly 613-867-0144; fennelly11189@gmail.com.

Pro-life Mass: At [Madonna Della Risurrezione](#), 1621 Fisher Ave., **every Friday, 9:00 am**. To pray for life and especially the protection of unborn children. Plenty of parking at the back of the church. The Masses will be held in English.

40 Days for Life Winter/Spring campaign, Feb. 26 - April 5. To pray and fast for an end to abortion. A downtown vigil is not taking place during this campaign. Novena of Masses at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., **Wed., Feb. 26 – Thurs., Mar. 5, 9:00 am; Mass on Sun., Mar. 1 at 10:00 am**. Intention: to pray for the permanent closure of the Bank Street abortion facility and the conversion of all the staff. Info: wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca; 613-299-2515.

Second 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.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

St. Patrick's Supper: The night includes homemade Irish Stew, homemade Irish Soda Bread (plus more), live music and Irish dancers. Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Avenue, **Sat., March 14, doors open 5:30pm**. Donation at the door. Hosted by CWL in the Parish Hall. Info: Jean Anderson, 613-680-2823.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

That Man Is You - Catholic Men's Leadership: Help men rediscover the true desires of their heart; identify the major challenges in the spiritual life & the means for overcoming them; reveal to men the structured approach used by saints to make true progress in the spiritual life; open men to an encounter with Our Lady and the Holy Family that will transform their lives and that of their families. At. St. Maurice parish, every **Sat., 7:00 – 8:30 am**. Free will offering. Info: kwgboxing@gmail.com; 613-818-0742.

Seminar for Women - "It's Okay to Say No: Setting Healthy Christian Boundaries": As women it can often be difficult to juggle the many demands of a busy life, including family, friends, volunteering & workplace responsibilities. The Christian call is also one to serve, which can compound the complexity of setting healthy boundaries. Heather MacPhail explores the call to serve, & how to establish and maintain healthy boundaries in our various roles as women. St. John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Road, large downstairs hall, **Sat., Mar. 7, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Cost: \$20. Hosted by Sister+Hood. Info: pre-register with Karen (613-806-0377); (livesisterhood@gmail.com); (www.sisterhood.live).

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: 'May your conscience bear witness to the Lord'. Speaker: John Gay, retired physician. Physicians and other professionals are being told to forsake their conscience. St. Augustine Church, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Sat., March 14, 8:00 am**. Cost: \$5. Enter through east door. Info: breakfastformen@gmail.com; Denis 613-228-7646.

Bach Lenten Cantatas: Ewashko Singers present three cantatas for the Lenten season by J.S. Bach that describe a penitential aspect of a spiritual journey. Joined by mezzo-soprano Heather Lynn Smith, tenor Philip Klaassen, and bass-baritone Kevin Burke, with orchestral accompaniment led by Kevin James. St. Joseph's Church, 147 Wilbrod St., **Sun., Mar. 15, 3:00pm**. Tickets: www.ewashkosingers.ca or at the door. Cost: \$35; students/seniors \$30.

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>.

PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: In the footsteps of Jesus, the Official pilgrimage of the Commissariat of the Holy Land, **October 11-23, 2020**. Spiritual leader: Fr. Regi Mathew, OFM. Round-trip flight (Montreal - Munich - Tel Aviv), all overnights in 3*and/or 4*hotels, all breakfasts & dinners, air-conditioned coach, all entrance fees as per itinerary & all taxes. Price/person, double occupancy: \$4,700. Info: Boreal Tours 514-271-1230; voyage@borealtours.com.