

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 13, 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.

Appointments of New Episcopal Vicars: Archbishop Prendergast has made the following appointments as of March 2, 2020: Fr. Sean Wenger, CC as Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services, English Sector, Ottawa; M. l'abbé François Kibwenge as Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services, French Sector, Ottawa; Fr. Daniel Van Delst as Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services, Alexandria-Cornwall.

Directives concerning precautions against the Coronavirus (COVID-19): Available online at CatholicOttawa.ca.

Notes for Holy Week: Available online at 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: Celebration **Tues., Mar. 17, 10:30 am** with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast as presider. 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 Theresa Mathew, mother of Regi Mathew who is wife of Deacon Mathew Mathew, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish. Mrs. Mathew died March 11. Please pray for her and her family.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

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**.

"Momnipotent" - 8 Week Workshop for Moms & Moms-to-be: Momnipotent will validate the dignity & importance of motherhood by helping mothers to recognize 8 uniquely feminine strengths & how to use those



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strengths to find peace, purpose, balance, & joy in being the woman God created & called them to be. Includes 8 week facilitated workshop, DVD presentations, workbook/journal, group discussions & Danielle Bean's book 'Momnipotent: The Not-So-Perfect Woman's Guide to Catholic Motherhood'. St. John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Rd., large downstairs hall, beginning **Sat., April 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Cost: \$60. Hosted by Sister+Hood. Info & to register: Karen 613-806-0377; livesisterhood@gmail.com; www.sisterhood.live.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 29. That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ, have suffered the loss of all things, will be strengthened in their vocations to bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

2020 Message of the Holy Father for 35th World Youth Day: Celebrated in dioceses/eparchies on or around Palm Sunday, 5 April 2020, on the theme "Young man, I say to you arise!" (Luke 7:14). This is the first in a series of messages to young people leading to the international celebration of World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in 2022 on the theme of "Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39). [Link to Pope Francis' 2020 WYD message.](#)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Advance Care Planning in the Family: Compassionate Ottawa is offering to come to parish gatherings of seniors and family members to talk about advance care planning for an organised family sensitive death (this is not about MAiD). If your parish is interested please contact Patricia Marsden-Dole at pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca.

CARE FOR CREATION

Beloved Amazon: Voices from the Region: Pope Francis's exhortation *Beloved Amazon* is an urgent appeal to preserve the Amazon for the health of our planet and all of humanity. Join this panel discussion on the Church's response to the crisis in the Amazon and how we can care for our common home, with special guest: Bishop Alfredo Vizcarra, Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Jaén, Peru and participant in the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region. Saint Paul University Amphitheatre, 223 Main St., Ottawa, **Wed., Mar. 18, 7:00-8:30pm**. Sponsored by Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, Saint Paul University, Oblates Voice for Justice. Info: info@devp.org; 1-888-234-8533.

Earth Hour- A Sign of Solidarity: Parishes and parishioners are invited to turn off all non-essential indoor and outdoor lights during Earth Hour, between 8:30 - 9:30 pm on **Sat., Mar. 28**. Earth Hour, a global initiative, is a simple way to show that we choose a future where climate change is no longer a threat and that together we can make a difference. Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 ext. 251.

Pope Francis' Urgent Call to Respond to the Ecological Crisis: Pope Francis invites Catholic communities to join Laudato Si' Week, **May 16-24**, a global campaign on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the encyclical Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home. Our Holy Father states, 'I renew my urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis, the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue. Let's take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator God.' Info and resources for planning: [here](#).

FAITH FORMATION

Renewed in Liturgy Series Evening 2: Renewed in Liturgy Teaching Series continues on **Mar. 13** at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant St. Info: 613-355 6023; www.renewedinliturgy.org.

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.

Pope Francis and the Sexual Abuse Crisis: This workshop, in French only, will explore the "Zero Tolerance" policy put in place by Pope Francis, and the *motu proprio vos estis lux mundi* of 2019. Its aim to reform canon law will be examined, as well as the norms and determination to bring change and credibility to the Church. Saint Paul University, Rm G264, **Mar. 27, 9:00am - 3:30pm**. Cost: \$50; \$10 students/employees. Hosted by Centre for Safeguarding Minors and Vulnerable Persons. Info: <https://ustpaul.ca/en/>.

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. Register by Mar. 28: unboundottawaregister@gmail.com.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Saint Patrick Basilica - Laetare Sunday Concert: Sacred Music of the Renaissance. **Sun., Mar. 22, 3:00pm**. Schola Basilicae will offer an hour of sacred music during this Lenten season. Come and enjoy a prayerful hour of reflection with Sacred Music of the Masters of the Renaissance. Free admission. All are welcome. Saint Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Info: (613) 233-1126 x 561.

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).

Lenten Night of Worship & Adoration: The evening includes Stations of the Cross, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Praise and Worship. All are welcome. St. Monica Church, 2080 Merivale Rd., **Mar. 27, 7:00 pm**. Hosted by F3 Youth Group. Info: youthf3@gmail.com.

Restore: Mini Lenten Retreat for Women: Are you looking for a way to enter deeper into the season of Lent but #momlife makes it seem impossible? Come to "Restore" for a mini retreat; a time to connect with other moms and encourage each other in our Lenten journeys. Eucharistic Adoration, with praise & worship and the opportunity to go to confession. Daycare available; RSVP restoremomsministry@gmail.com. Holy Redeemer Parish, **Sat., Mar. 28, 9:00-11:00am**. Free. Info: restoremomsministry@gmail.com.

Heart of Worship at Holy Redeemer: Guest speaker: Chris Zettel, seminarian, Companions of the Cross. Topic: *7 Hebrew words of Praise. How to praise God like the early Church*. Please note: monthly Heart of Worship will begin at 7:30 p.m., immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Redeemer Parish, **Tues., Mar. 31, 7:30 pm**. Free. Info: reception@holyredeemer.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.

PRO-LIFE

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.

Bill C-233 to Prohibit Sex-selection Abortion: MP Cathay Wagantall has introduced Bill C-233 to make sex selection abortion (aborting a baby because it is the 'wrong' sex) illegal. Details: www.defendgirls.com.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

“That Man Is You” Catholic Men’s Leadership Program: 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. St. Maurice, every **Saturday 7:00 am**, until Apr. 4. Free will offering. Info: 613-818-0742; kwgboxing@gmail.com.

Mothering Sunday Mass & Tea: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (Ottawa's Ordinariate parish) invites you to join the annual "Mothering Sunday" Mass and Tea, **Sun., Mar. 22, 10:00am**. Celebrate the traditional English Mother's Day. Located at 289 Spencer St., Westboro. Info: www.annunciationofthebvm.org.

Community Beans, Macaroni & Hot Dog Dinner: With the Daughters of Isabella – Sainte-Marie Circle – No. 1395. **Fri., Mar. 27** at Béatrice Desloges French Catholic Secondary School, 1999 Provence Ave., Orléans. Cost: \$10; \$5 for children aged 6-12. Info: Mrs. Nicole Laferrière 613-824-5121.

St. Brigid's Summer Camp Trivia Challenge: Annual trivia fundraiser to raise money to send children to camp whose families cannot afford to pay. St. Brigid's has been giving Ottawa children a camp experience for over 40 years. Enter a team of 6-8 people and join for a fun evening. St. Pius X High School, **Fri., Apr. 3, 7:00 pm**. Cost: \$20/person. Sponsored by St. Brigid's Camp Board of Directors. Reserve table & info: kim.figura@ocsb.ca.

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 St. Joseph's Oratory: With spiritual leader fr. Jim Lowe, CC. **Mar. 19, 2020**. Cost: \$75/person. Info: 613-792-4272.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Part-Time Youth Ministry: For St. Monica Parish, 2080 Merival Rd, Nepean. Deadline for applications is March 31. See <https://saintmonicaparish.ca> for details.

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 on the CCCB website at www.cccb.ca under Careers. Info: 613-241-9461 x224.