

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

November 24, 2017

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Parish Advent Penance Services & Christmas Mass Times: Parishes, please remember to submit your Advent Penance Services, Christmas Mass times, and Solemnity of Mary Mass times, **before Nov. 24**, using our online submission form, found at <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/adventpenancechristmas>. Thank you!

All Parishes – College of Consultors: Regarding new parish projects – to be submitted for approval (such as construction, renovation, restoration, major acquisitions, property sales, major fundraising campaigns, changes to sacred art or any changes to the parish's worship spaces). According to diocesan policy, approval must be obtained from the College of Consultors before carrying out these projects. The College is meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. **In order to be included on the College's agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to the diocese (centre@archottawa.ca) no later than Fri., Dec. 1, 2017.**

Submitting a Notice or Event to the Friday Facts: Friday Facts notices should be submitted using this [online link](#), by **Tuesday noon**. Please note that as of January 1, only events or notices received via the [submission form](#) will be considered for the Friday Facts. Thank you.

Pentecost Confirmation of Adult Catholics: Archbishop Prendergast, S.J. will celebrate Confirmation for adult Catholics (grade 9 & above) on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018** at the noon Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. More details in the new year.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Madame Brigitte Turcotte Guimont, mother of Michel Guimont, Music Director at Notre Dame Cathedral. Madame Turcotte Guimont died on November 11, 2017, at the age of 92 at the CISSS-AT Villa St-Martin de Malartic. The funeral was held on November 14 at Saint-Sauveur Church in Val d'Or. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

World Youth Day 2019: Are you between the ages of 16-35 and would like to learn more about your faith while on an international pilgrimage? Consider coming to World Youth Day 2019 with the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Panama, Jan 19 – 29, 2019. Cost: approx. \$3400. Info: thurley@archottawa.ca.

CARE FOR CREATION

Pope Francis' Message on First World Day of the Poor: In his message last Sunday, Pope Francis declared 'Let us love, not with words but with deeds' as we respond to those who plead for help and solidarity. 'They are our brothers and sisters. This Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter.' Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 251.



"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...above all, clothe yourselves with love!"
(Colossians 3:12,14)

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Solemnity of Christ the King - November 26. For a deepening understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord. **First Sunday of Advent – December 3.** That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will be enriched in Christ and prayerfully graced with abundant spiritual gifts to serve Him, we pray to the Lord.

PRO-LIFE

Pro-life Mass: Monthly pilgrimage of Masses to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica, Sussex Dr. & St. Patrick St., **Sat., Dec. 9, 10:00 a.m.** Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: wandawoj@rogers.com; 613-831-2515.

FROM THE CCCB

New Bishop appointed for Chicoutimi: His Holiness Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend André Rivest as Bishop of the [Diocese of Chicoutimi](#), and has appointed today as his successor Father René Guay. At the time of his appointment, the Bishop-elect was chaplain at the Detention Centre of Québec City. [Read more...](#)

2017 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in Canada: Since 1980, over 1000 Indigenous women and girls have been murdered in Canada. While Indigenous women make up only 4% of Canada's female population, 16% of all women murdered in Canada between 1980 and 2012 were Indigenous. In June 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission issued 94 Calls to Action designed to redress the legacy left by the Indian Residential Schools. In Call to Action no. 41, the federal government is invited to launch a public inquiry into the causes of, and remedies for, the disproportionate victimization of Indigenous women and girls. [Read more...](#)

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Heart of Worship Adoration Night: Loving Our Enemies. Come and worship Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Speaker: Fr. Rick Lorenz. Praise & worship music, silent adoration, opportunity for confession followed by food & fellowship. Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, **Tues., Nov. 28, 7-9 p.m.** Info: (613) 836-1764, reception@holyredeemer.ca.

Launch of St. Leonard Parish Weekly Youth Mass: Guest Speaker: Matt Charbonneau, OCSB high school Religion Education teacher and author of 'God's Giveaways'. Topic: 'Our True Calling'. Refreshments after Mass. **Sun., Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m.** at 5332 Long Island Road, Manotick. Info: office@stleonardsparish.ca.

Mass in Honour of Our Lady Virgen de Caacupe of Paraguay: Medical Aid for Paraguay invites you to celebrate their Patron Saint's Feast Day, Virgin of Caacupe. Celebrant: Fr. Sean Wenger, CC. St. Mary Parish, **Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m.** Reception with a sampling of Paraguayan food. Sponsored by Medical Aid for Paraguay. Info: Rosa Frias medicalaidforparaguay@rogers.com.

Resurrection of Our Lord Advent Mission: Theme: The Beatitudes. Led by Fr. Roman Rystar. Starting at weekend Masses, **Dec. 9 – 10** and continuing **Mon. – Wed., Dec. 11 – 13, 7:00 p.m.** At Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, 1940 Saunderson Drive. Info: resurrectionchurch@rogers.com.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Breath of Heaven: An evening of Christmas songs and singalong carols featuring Gracenote and the Holy Redeemer 11 am Choir under the direction of Maria Deluca. Freewill offering and refreshment table to benefit parish Syrian refugee extended

family. Everyone welcome! Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, **Fri., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.** Free will offering. Info: 613-592-6959; <http://holyredeemer.ca/announcements.php>.

Stairwell Carollers Christmas Concert Fundraiser: Saint Joseph Church, Orleans, 2757 St. Joseph Blvd., **Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.** Singing for the first time in Orleans, the Stairwell Carollers Concert will feature songs in many languages. Benefits to the financial campaign to renovate the Church, a historical landmark. Tickets at parish office or at concert, if space available. Cost: \$20; children 12 and under free. Info: 613-824-7983; paroisse_stjoseph@bellnet.ca; campaign <http://stjosephorleanscampaign.ca>

BAZAARS & CRAFT FAIRS

Craft Sale in Support of Miriam Centre: Miriam Centre will be selling blankets, quilts, fleece outfits for children and much more. All proceeds go to supporting pregnant women and mothers in need. Gloucester Centre, 1980 Ogilvie Rd., **Sat., Dec. 2, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Info: info@miriamottawa.org, 613-830-8623, www.miriamottawa.org.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Save the Date for The New Evangelization Summit: Join Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization **April 27 - 28, 2018**. At the Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. World-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Register online: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>. Cost: \$95. Sponsored by Mission of the Redeemer Ministries.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment Opportunity at St. Patrick Basilica: A part-time bookkeeper is being sought by Saint Patrick Basilica Parish. The job description is available on the parish website basilica.ca. Interested candidates are asked to send their resume and two work-related references by email to the Parish Office info@basilica.ca.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

New Movie ALL SAINTS to aid families in need: ALL SAINTS is based on the true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all. Ottawa Family Cinema 710 Broadview Avenue at Carling, **Fri., Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m.** Tickets in advance \$6 or \$8 at the door. Info: www.familycinema.ca.

Lutheran Advent Evening Prayer: Continuing in the spirit of charity and friendship in Christ inspired by this year's 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church is inviting all to join in evening prayer (Vespers), **Wed., Dec. 6, 13 & 20, 7:00 p.m.** Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 933 Smyth Rd. Info: minister@mtcalvaryottawa.org.

Sponsor a Hamper for Ottawa Residents in Need this Christmas: Caring and Sharing Exchange offers individuals, groups, and families the chance to give back to the community. Info: [Sponsor-a-Hamper program](#).