



## Friday Facts

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### FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

**ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT 2016:** The Archbishop's Letter for Lent is available online at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>).

**COMMUNION AND LIBERATION EVENT:** Memorial Mass on **Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.** for the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Father Luigi Giussani and the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pontifical recognition of Fraternity in the Chapel of Notre Dame Cathedral. Archbishop Prendergast will preside. Info: David McConkey ([clonottawa@gmail.com](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com)).

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:** Now available online at ([www.CatholicOttawa.ca](http://www.CatholicOttawa.ca)).

**\*PARISH HOLY OIL VIALS:** If you have not already done so, please remember to return your small Holy Oil vials (3 vials in the small black case) to the Diocesan Centre, as soon as possible.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Please save the date of the next Pastoral Day, **Thursday, May 19**, and plan to attend.

**PRAYERS:** For the repose of the soul of Mr. Godefroy KANGA NOTCHAO, older brother of Father Louis Fohssié, Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Mr. Kanga Notchao died Sunday, February 14, 2016 at the age of 74. The funeral Mass will be held in the Cameroon. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

**YEAR OF MERCY VIDEOS:** Videos of the Opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral, Archbishop Prendergast speaking on the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the Opening of the Door of Mercy, now available to view online at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/year-of-mercy>).

**DIOCESAN FAMILY & YOUTH OFFICE PRESENTS 'MOVED BY MERCY – HUNGRY AND HOMELESS':** St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave., **Sat., Mar. 12, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The first of three sessions in this Jubilee Year of Mercy; sponsored by the Diocesan Family & Youth Ministry Office. Prayer, speakers, discussion, lunch. Live your faith & show God's mercy. All ages welcome. Free child care and children's programming available. RSVP: ([skorban@archottawa.ca](mailto:skorban@archottawa.ca)).

**CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF MERCY, COMPASSION AND MISSIONARY WORK OF THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE:** Saint Paul University Chapel, **Sat., Feb. 20, 11:00 a.m.** Bishop Gilles Cazabon, OMI will preside. Come and

The family, home of  
love and mercy.  
"Be merciful, just as your Father  
is merciful" (Luke 6.36)

### PASTORAL CALENDAR 2015-2016

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#### Dates to Note

**Feb. 23** – Presbyteral Council & College of Consultors

**Mar. 4** – Day of Confessions

**Mar. 12** – Moved by Mercy event

**Mar. 22** – Chrism Mass

#### Submitting a notice for the Friday Fax

- ✓ please ensure all notices include contact details
- ✓ ideally notices should be sent 3 weeks before event date
- ✓ weekly deadline for FF is **Wednesday noon**

#### How parishes can benefit most from the Friday Fax

- ✓ make a note of important dates in the parish & priest calendars
- ✓ skim the FF – the sub-headings are used to assist you in finding the info you may find helpful
- ✓ 'cut & paste' items of interest and important notices into your parish bulletin
- ✓ print and keep the FF in a binder, for future reference
- ✓ feel free to post, print, distribute and forward

reaffirm the commitment to the principles of the “Joy of the Gospel”. The Mass will be followed by a light lunch. All are welcome.

### **VOCATIONS**

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Third Sunday of Lent – February 28. That like Moses, our young people will enter more deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they seek to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFO SESSIONS:** Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the diaconate is all about. All Roman Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. [To register for a session](#) or get more info, please contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-834-1840); ([mseath@archottawa.ca](mailto:mseath@archottawa.ca)). Three info sessions: **Wed., Feb. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at St. George Parish, 425 Piccadilly Ave., (conference room); **Mon., Feb. 29, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata (in the hall).

### **FROM THE CCCB**

**EMERGENCY AID FOR SYRIANS:** To date, the joint campaign of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Aid to the Church in Need Canada, and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada (CNEWA), has raised more than \$3.5 million. [Read more...](#)

### **FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**“JOURNEY OF HOPE” FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS:** This ministry, for separated and divorced Catholics, offers separate sessions for women and men at Holy Rosary Parish. Women’s session begins **Tues., Mar. 29**; men’s session begins **Thurs., Mar. 31**. Sessions run 6 weeks, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Info & registration: Elaine Simpson (613-290-1577); ([JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com](mailto:JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com)). Cost: \$25.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

**CARE FOR CREATION - ENGAGE YOUR PARISH IN CLIMATE ACTION:** This is a critical time for climate policy in Canada. The federal government must commit to an ambitious carbon emissions reduction target and a concrete plan of action. People of faith can speak up on behalf of those who are most vulnerable to a changing climate. Citizens for Public Justice is coordinating a petition that amplifies this urgent call to action from Canadian faith communities. The deadline to return petitions is Feb. 29. Further information and a copy of the petition: (<http://www.cpj.ca/climate-call>), or contact John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251, [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca)).

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION:** Kairos, the Canadian inter-church social justice organization, invites churchgoers to sign a petition to the Ontario Legislature in support of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s call to educate school children about the indigenous residential schools legacy and the need for reconciliation through education. The petition and explanatory materials can be viewed and downloaded from the Kairos website ([www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org)).

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**WORKSHOP ON ECCELESIASTES BY FR. WALTER VOGELS:** At Sheng Shen Chinese Parish, 1187 Michael St., Ottawa, on **Sat., Feb. 27, 2:45 - 4:45 p.m.** Registration fee: \$10. Kindly pre-register by e-mail ([reg.sshsp@gmail.com](mailto:reg.sshsp@gmail.com)).

**OTTAWA CATHOLIC CURSILLO MOVEMENT DISCERNMENT WEEKEND:** Open to all Cursillistas wanting to deepen their faith and looking toward the future of this Movement in Ottawa. **March 5-6, 2016.** Cost: \$130 (includes an overnight stay and meals). Info: Fitz Grant ([fgrant@sympatico.ca](mailto:fgrant@sympatico.ca)) or Marc Bélanger ([marcbelanger9@sympatico.ca](mailto:marcbelanger9@sympatico.ca)).

## **PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**WAY OF THE CROSS:** Journey on Jesus' Passion as seen through the eyes of Mary, His Loving Mother. Sponsored by the CWL of Holy Spirit Parish, 1489 Shea Road, Stittsville. **Fri., Mar. 4, 6:00 p.m.** A Poverty Supper (homemade soup) will follow in the Church hall. Free will donation to The Stittsville Food Bank. Info: Claudette Langdon (613-831-1286); ([thelangdons393@gmail.com](mailto:thelangdons393@gmail.com)).

## **LENTEN MISSIONS**

**HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN MISSION:** 685 Walkley Rd., **Feb. 29, Mar. 1 & 2, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Preacher: Rev. Dr. Peter V. Veliyanoor CMF. Theme: "Mercy and the Parables." Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wed., Mar. 2. All welcome. Free will offering. Info: (613-731-7834).

**ST. HYACINTH PARISH LENTEN RETREAT:** Preached in English by Fr. Tomasz Skibiński at St. Hyacinth, 201 LeBreton St. N. **March 11 – 13.** Schedule: Fri, Mar. 11, 6:30 p.m. The Way of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. Mass; Sat., Mar. 12, 4:00 p.m. Confession, 5:00 p.m. Mass; Sun., Mar. 13, 9:45 a.m. Mass. Info: (613-230-0804).

**NEW LIFE RETREAT:** Would you like to take part in a life-changing, faith-building experience? Are you looking for more meaning in your life? Are you seeking a personal encounter with the living Jesus Christ? **Fri. – Mon., March 11, 12, 13 & 14** at St. Mary Parish, 100 Young St. Info/registration: (613-224-5723); ([www.newlifeparishretreat.org](http://www.newlifeparishretreat.org)).

## **SCHOOLS**

**MARYVALE ACADEMY OF OTTAWA SCHOOL-DAY OPEN HOUSE:** Join them for part or all of the day on **Thurs., Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Please call the principal to register (613-321-2186 ext. 2). School info: [MaryvaleAcademy.ca](http://MaryvaleAcademy.ca) or [Facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa](https://www.facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa).

## **PARISH EVENTS**

**ST. ELIZABETH PARISH AFTERNOON RETREAT:** *Merciful Responses: A scripture-based opportunity to reflect on Pope Francis' challenging invitation to this Year of Mercy.* Facilitated by Dr. Carol Kuzmochka. **Sat., Feb. 27, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** Adoration after retreat followed by Mass at 4:30 p.m. Free will offering. All are welcome. 1303 Leaside Ave. Info: parish office (613-725-2242).

## **CONFERENCES**

**DIVINE RENOVATION CONFERENCE:** Speakers will present on timely topics and themes from the book by Fr. James Mallon, *Divine Renovation: Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission.* **June 13 & 14,** St. Benedict Parish, Halifax. Info: ([www.divinerenovation.net](http://www.divinerenovation.net)).

## **WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**OTTAWA PREMIERE OF THE FILM, "THE CHAPLAINS":** The story of 4 Catholic military chaplains in Ukraine during the present war. **Mon., Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.** at Saint Paul University Amphitheatre (Rm 1124), 223 Main. Good will donation at door to support the chaplains. Guests: Deputy head chaplain, Fr. L. Yavorsky from Ukraine, and Jason Kenney, former minister of defense. Sponsored by the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. Info: ([pgaladza@ustpaul.ca](mailto:pgaladza@ustpaul.ca)).

**WAUPOOS FARM SEEKING NEW RESIDENT FAMILY:** A Catholic ministry to the poor. Seeking a new Resident family to move in this summer for a 2-3 year commitment. If you would like to learn more about becoming a farm family and what it means to live the Pray, Work, and Play motto, contact the office (613-822-2189); ([www.waupoos.com](http://www.waupoos.com)).