



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

CHRISM MASS: Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 22, 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Parish reps (for Holy Oils) to pick-up parish card at the Cathedral entrance no later than 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2016: Now available online at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/>).

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS: Through the streets of downtown Ottawa on **Fri., Mar. 25.** Led by Archbishop Prendergast S.J. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from Saint Patrick Basilica. Arrival 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Organized by Communion and Liberation. Info: (clonottawa@gmail.com).

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

REMINDER TO PASTORS: Please see request received from the Archbishop sent separately re letters on euthanasia & assisted suicide.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: The Easter Triduum schedule in parishes is now available online at (www.ArchOttawa.ca).

NEOPHYTE MASS: It is customary that all those who have completed their initiation at the Easter Vigil come together during the Easter Season for a celebration of the Eucharist. This celebration will be on **Sun., April 10, 12:00 noon** at Notre Dame Cathedral. All are welcome.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 1, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Deadline to register: Wed., April 20.

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Easter Sunday – March 27. That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will grace many more men and women to answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

CCCB OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS ISSUES WINTER EDITIONS OF 'ON GOOD SOIL' AND 'ENCOUNTER': The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has published the second issues of the e-newsletters *On Good Soil* and *Encounter*. This office supports and implements the mandate of the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis. Priority is given to the identification and development of resources in the areas of catechesis for adults, children, and youth within parishes and families. [Read more...](#)

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

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2015-2016

Available online at:
<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>

Dates to Note

Mar. 20 – Diocesan WYD

Mar. 22 – Chrism Mass

Apr. 10 – Neophyte Mass

May 1 – Wedding Anniversary
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

PAX CHRISTI PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA: To mark the 5th anniversary of the war in Syria, the International Catholic Peace Movement, *Pax Christi*, has issued a call for "Actions of Solidarity and Days of Prayer and Fasting for Syria", with a special focus for **Sun., March 20**. Info: (<http://www.paxchristi.net/>); ([Link to the prayer](#)).

JUBILARIANS – 2016

*We are pleased this year to honour our priests celebrating the following anniversaries.
We thank them for their years of dedicated ministry!*

60 years / ans

Frère Jacques Tremblay, o.p., ordonné le 6 avril 1956
Mgr Roger Quesnel, p.h., ordonné le 31 mai 1956

55 years / ans

M. l'abbé Robert Maurice, ordonné le 10 juin 1961
M. l'abbé Jean-Louis Gosselin, ordonné le 13 juin 1961
Msgr. Robert Latour, P.H., ordained June 15, 1961
Mgr Gérard St-Denis, p.h., ordonné le 17 juin 1961
Father Francis Morissey, O.M.I., ordained Sept. 23, 1961

50 years / ans

Father Timothy Amyot, O.S.M., ordained Feb. 2, 1966
Frère Yvon Gélinas, o.p., ordonné le 15 avril 1966
M. l'abbé Gilles Tanguay, ordonné le 11 juin 1966
M. l'abbé Gilles Marcil, ordonné le 12 juin 1966

40 years / ans

Msgr. Joseph Muldoon, P.H., ordained June 11, 1976
M. l'abbé Gratien Girod, ordonné le 13 juin 1976
R.P. Normand Brûlé, o.m.i., ordonné le 14 août 1976
Father Donald Tuori, ordained September 18, 1976

25 years / ans

Father Gregori Hyun Kim, ordained February 2, 1991
Father Lukose Kochupurackal C.M.F., ordained Apr 20, 1991
M. l'abbé Daniel Paquin, ordonné le 11 mai 1991
M. l'abbé Alain Guèvremont, ordonné le 1 juin 1991
Father Mark Slatter, ordained November 23, 1991

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY PALM SUNDAY MASS 2016: Celebrate with young Catholics from Ottawa and Alexandria-Cornwall at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on **Sat., March 19, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** This bilingual Local World Youth Day event is open to all! Includes snacks and discussion, a pilgrimage walk, passing through the Door of Mercy, and Mass with Archbishop Prendergast at 8:15 p.m. For more info: (<http://catholicottawa.ca/events-1>).

"JOURNEY OF HOPE" FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: At Holy Rosary Parish. Women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 29**; men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 31**. 6 weeks; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The program 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). Cost: \$25.

PRO-LIFE

WORKSHOP BY CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN ON PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE & EUTHANASIA: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1758 Alta Vista Dr. **March 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** "Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide – Urgent Questions!" will be used to facilitate discussion (<http://www.colf.ca>). Concludes with a summary of the concerns surrounding the Parliamentary report, and what you can do to voice your concerns. Info: (<http://ihm-parish.ca>). RSVP: (CDS.ottawa@gmail.com).

PROTESTING EUTHANASIA RALLY: Parliament Hill, **Sat., March 19, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Rosary at 12:30 p.m. Pray to St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Principal Patron of Canada and Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Ottawa on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19. Info: Nicolas (613-415-1670).

MERCY KILLING? An invitation to St. John the Apostle Parish Hall, 2340 Baseline Rd. to hear Louise Harbour, Executive Director of Action Life, speak on the critical life issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide. **Wed., Apr. 13, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Free. Info. & registration: Deborah (613-820-3580).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR CREATION - EARTH HOUR THIS SATURDAY: Earth Hour (www.earthhour.org) takes place on **Sat., Mar. 19, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.** St. Peter Basilica in the Vatican has joined "Earth Hour" by going dark for the hour in order to help raise awareness of climate change. In support, the Archdiocese of Ottawa has registered as a participant in this year's event.

Parishes and parishioners are encouraged to participate as well by turning off all non-essential lighting during Earth Hour. Further info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: At Holy Cross Church, 685 Walkley Rd., **Sun., April 3, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.** Silent Adoration from 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. and confession. The world is in great need of God's Mercy. Come and pray. Info: (613-731-7834).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT HOLY REDEEMER PARISH, KANATA: Confessions, Exposition, Veneration of the Image, and a talk on Divine Mercy. **Sun., April 3, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.** Note: advance tickets to the Saint Luke Productions play, *FAUSTINA: Messenger of Divine Mercy* will be available. Info: parish office (613-836-1764).

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: St. Maurice Church, 4 Perry St., **Sun., April 3, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Reflection by the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Luigi Bonazzi. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Consecration to the Divine Mercy, veneration of Divine Mercy image and relics. Info: Maria Pirrone (613-225-6067).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Wed., Mar. 23, 7:30 p.m.** Tenebrae is a service of readings and choral works from the divine office for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Tenebrae responsories of Msgr. John E. Ronan sung by a male voice chorus comprised of men of the Cathedral Choirs, Alumni of the Choir School, and singers from the University of Ottawa Choir and other Choirs, under the direction of Michel Guimont. Info: (613-241-7496).

AN ENACTMENT OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN: At Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, on **Wed., Mar. 23** following Mass at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to witness this stirring depiction of the Passion of our Lord and Savior. Info: (613-836-1764).

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL PUBLIC WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION, GOOD FRIDAY IN CLARENCE-ROCKLAND: Hosted by the church communities of Très Sainte Trinité, St. Edith Stein, Our Lady of Divine Love, and St. Andrews United on **Good Friday, Mar. 25**. Bilingual. Assemble at St. Patrick's School by 9:30 a.m.; procession departs at 10:00 a.m. via Heritage and Laurier Sts. to Très Sainte Trinité Church. Refreshments in Bernard Lapointe Hall, Très Sainte Trinité Church. Shuttle service between both locations before and after the procession. Everyone is welcome. Info: Deacon Rick Gervais (613-487-2709).

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS APOSTOLATE INFO SESSION: At Villa Marconi Library, 1026 Baseline Rd. on **Wed., April 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** All women are invited to attend. 'Learn more about interceding for our beloved priests.' Info: Maria Pirrone (613-225-6067) or Maria Nicastro (613-875-6279); (www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca).

SCHOOLS

MARYVALE ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017: 'Making Disciples of Christ' through academic excellence and spiritual growth. JK through Grade 8. SCHOOL-DAY OPEN HOUSES: Every Thursday in April. Info: (613-321-2186); (www.maryvaleacademy.ca).

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER: Semi-formal attire. **Saturday, April 23**, cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 per ticket with a donation receipt of \$20. Tickets now available for sale. Info: contact Pearl Beausoleil (613-820-1117); (pearldan@gamma.ca).

PILGRIMAGES & TOURS

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES: Hosted by Fr. Virgil Amirthakumar, St. Isidore Parish, Kanata. A 10 day pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France with visits to Lourdes and Fatima planned for Oct. 2-11. Info/register interest: parish office (613-592-1961 ext. 7). Collette Travel presentation on **March 31, 7:00 p.m.** in the church fireside room.