



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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PASTORAL TEAM

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; & 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

As indicated in the weekly calendar.

RECONCILIATION

Available before weekday and Saturday Masses as indicated in the weekly calendar and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after mass. See parish website for further information.

MARRIAGE

Please make an appointment with the pastor as soon as a decision is made to marry. A minimum of nine months notice is required. Please make no other arrangements until a date is confirmed with the parish. A marriage preparation course, offered in our pastoral region, is required.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Kim Baudouin 613-884-8475

PASTORAL CARE

A Pastoral Care Team visits sick or elderly members of the parish in their homes or in hospital. To arrange for Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, or a visit, please contact the Pastor.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Claire Moore, President 613-612-1659

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

James MacLean, Grand Knight 613-831-8617

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Alex Golob, Chair 613-410-1896

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary 613-907-4122
Guardian Angels Elementary 613-836-7423
Holy Spirit Elementary 613-831-1853
St. Stephen Elementary 613-831-8844
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PARISH REGISTRATION: If you are new to our Parish Community, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket.

Names: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone Number: _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9
Philippians 1.3-6,8-11
Luke 3.1-6

December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.10-18

Parish Calendar

- Mon, Dec 9** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am Mass followed by Adoration
6:30 pm RCIA
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Tue, Dec 10**
7:00 pm Mass
7:35 pm Knights of Columbus planning meeting
- Wed, Dec 11**
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Choir Practice
- Thu, Dec 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
7:00 pm Youth Night Grades 6-8
- Fri, Dec 13** St. Lucy
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group
- Sat, Dec 14** St. John of the Cross
4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun, Dec 15** **Third Sunday of Advent**
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
2:00 pm Drop In Reconciliation

*hospitality & coffee hosted by the Catholic Women's League after the 9 & 11 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

*Confession available before morning Mass 8:30-8:50am

ADVENT ACTIVITIES at Holy Spirit Parish

Mon, Dec 9 at 9am – Special Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: because December 8th falls on a Sunday, the celebration of the Feast is moved to Monday this year. We will have a 9am morning Mass, followed by an hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and ending with Benediction. All are welcome and encouraged to attend both or either liturgy.

Sun, Dec 15 at 2-4pm – Drop in reconciliation

on Sunday, December 15th between 2 pm and 4 pm we will have several priests available to hear your confession. This is a 'drop-in' opportunity for reconciliation anytime in the two-hour time frame. Give yourself the gift of a good confession to prepare yourself for Christmas.

For e-Transfer please send it to admin@holyspiritparish.ca and use the password: Holyspirit (all one word with a capital H).

Mass Intentions

- Mon, Dec 9 – 9:00 am**
In thanksgiving by Marie & Family
- Tue, Dec 10 – 7:00 pm**
Intentions of Justin Gifford by Dolores & Warren Bahen
- Wed, Dec 11 – 9:00 am**
Intentions of Noah
- Thu, Dec 12 – 9:00 am**
Intentions of Aaron Gifford by Dolores & Warren Bahen
- Fri, Dec 13 – 9:00 am**
Intentions of Whelehan Family
- Sat, Dec 14 – 5:00 pm**
†Madeleine Riordan by James
†Kyle Tapp by Walsh Family
†Mary K. Bleskie by Agatha Bleskie
Intentions of Angelo & Regina by Marie
- Sun, Dec 15 – 9:00 am**
For the intentions of all parishioners
- Sun, Dec 15 – 11:00 am**
Deceased members of Hogan & Yee Families by Daniel & Divina Hogan
†Owen Combden by Alice Dwyer
Intentions of Thomas Kurian by Family
- Please pray for those who are sick:** Emilie, Donald, Mary Ellen
- Please pray for those who have died:** †Tony



†Indicates Deceased.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Masses - First Come-First Seated. Parishioners will be seated by ushers. Please, no seat saving. Doors open one hour before Mass.

Tue, Dec 24 at 4:30 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm

Wed, Dec 25 at 10 am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sat, Dec 28 at 5 pm

Sun, Dec 29 at 9 & 11 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tue, Dec 31 at 7 pm

Wed, Jan 1 at 10 am

*May the blessings
of this Holy Season
be with you always.*

Beware of Suspicious Emails from the Priests!

Fr. Geoff will **never** ask parishioners for money, gift cards or favours by email. As Christmas approaches, Scammers are hard at work trying to fool us. If you receive an email supposedly from Fr. Geoff that looks suspicious, call the parish office. Do not respond to the email. Call anytime if you have questions! It's a sad reality that scammers use priests' names to prey on the generous good will of parishioners.



Advent Quote of the Week: “Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.” *Pope Francis*

Sunday Reflection:

“A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD...” We typically don’t think of Advent as a wilderness experience, do we? The Israelites encountered the Lord in the wilderness of the desert during their Exodus journey from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. Their pilgrimage through it is an image of the journey we each make through this life to God’s kingdom. Both are journeys where we have an idea of the destination but not how long it will take, nor do we have an exact GPS route from here to there. Advent is our pilgrimage towards Christmas.

Fr. Geoff

Understanding the Mass – “And With Your Spirit?”

“The Lord be with you” and the response, “and with your spirit”, echo St. Paul’s conclusion in his letters to the Galatians and to Timothy (Gal 6:18 and 2 Tim 4:22). This greeting is used 4 times during Mass. The celebrant uses it at the beginning of Mass, during the Preface Dialogue before the Eucharistic Prayer and at the End of Mass. The deacon uses it (or in his absence the priest) before the Gospel. “Spirit” signifies the spirit given to the bishop, priest or deacon at his ordination for service to the Church. The greeting and response help us to remember that the Holy Spirit empowers the celebration of the sacraments in which God blesses, heals, forgives, strengthens and nourishes us.

Fr Geoff

SUNDAY MISSALS The 2024-2025 Sunday Missal, “Living with Christ” is available for purchase in the Parish Office at \$5.00 each. Please call the Parish Office for assistance. Limited supply – get yours early.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Campaign To reserve your tree or to pay via e-transfer, email koc@holyspiritparish.ca. Trees 8 feet and higher are \$80 each. All the rest are \$65 each. Supply is limited. Proceeds are going to support the Parish Youth Ministry.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

If you are not already a member, please accept our invitation to join the Catholic Women’s League! Our Membership Drive will be on January 18-19, 2025 after each Mass. All women 16 years and older are welcome!

Join our Christmas Choir: With the arrival of the Advent season, our Music Ministry invites you to join us in preparing for our upcoming Christmas celebrations. If you like to sing, OR just want to get into the Christmas Spirit, you are invited to our Choir Rehearsals on December 11 & 18 at 7:15pm in the church. We will be going over our Christmas season music program and singing many of our favourite, classic Christmas songs. All are always welcome to attend. Contact Divina for more details.

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 6-8. This week’s theme: Advent. Bring a friend. Check Parish Calendar above. Our ministry is still looking for volunteers, if you feel called to help in any way, please contact Alex for next steps! youth@holyspiritparish.ca

2024 Stittsville Food Bank Christmas Campaign



Please consider purchasing gift cards for children ages 1-17 for the Stittsville Food Bank. These cards will be included in the Christmas hampers distributed this December. Your donations can be dropped off to the parish office during office hours or slipped under the office door on weekends no later than Fri, Dec 13. Thank you for the ongoing support received by those in our community who need our help.

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is seeking donations of warm clothing, children’s toys, and household items to assist individuals and families in need during this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at our Merivale location: 1620 Merivale Rd. Thank you for your generosity.

Quo Vadis? Where Are You Going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration on December 12 from 7 - 9 pm at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. For more information, contact Fr. Connor O’Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

Jubilee Christmas Concert – Holy Redeemer December 15 at 2PM A Christmas Concert with local artists at Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay, Kanata (corner Eagleson). Free will donation, bake sale, silent auction. All proceeds will go to youth attending the Jubilee year in Rome.

Weekly contribution **envelopes for 2025** have arrived! Please pick up your box of envelopes early. If you do not have an envelope number and you would like one, envelopes are available. Call the Parish Office for assistance. Please do not use your 2025 envelopes until January 2025!

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR & RESOURCES

If you would like to donate toward the decorations & resources in celebration of a loved one’s birthday, anniversary, in memorial or in thanksgiving, please complete this form and put it, along with your cheque made payable to Holy Spirit Parish, in an envelope marked *Christmas Décor & Resources* and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. All names will be printed in our bulletin in the new year.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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