



# 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  
Sacred Heart High 613-831-6643



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### Jan 12 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7  
Acts 10.34-38  
Luke 3.15-16,21-22

### Jan 19 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62.1-5  
1 Corinthians 12.4-11  
John 2.1-12

#### Parish Calendar

#### Mon, Jan 13

6:30 pm RCIA  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### Tue, Jan 14

7:00 pm **Mass**  
7:35 pm Knights of Columbus planning meeting

#### Wed, Jan 15

9:00 am **Mass**  
7:00 pm Finance Council meeting  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

#### Thu, Jan 16

9:00 am **Mass**  
9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests  
6:30 pm Youth Night Grades 3-5  
7:00 pm Small Faith Group (by zoom)

#### Fri, Jan 17 **St. Anthony, Abbot**

9:00 am **Mass**  
9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

#### Sat, Jan 18

4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm **Mass**

#### Sun, Jan 19 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am **Mass**

11:00 am **Mass**

\*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

**ATTENTION WOMEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH** It's our annual Catholic Women's League membership drive! All women are welcome. The CWL is a national Sisterhood. The last Wednesday of each month, we focus on our Catholic faith, fun and doing good for others in our parish and community. Be part of a wonderful group of ladies devoted to God and country! Come join us! CWL members will be in the parish hall after all three Masses January 18 and 19 to help you sign up, or renewal your membership. The cost is \$40/yr. We hope to see you! For more information contact Louise Beggs at 613-852-4469.

#### Beware of Suspicious Emails from the Priests!

Fr. Geoff will **never** ask parishioners for money, gift cards or favours by email. 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.



#### Mass Intentions

#### Tue, Jan 14 – 7:00 pm

Intentions of Father Geoff by Alison Mirabelli

#### Wed, Jan 15 – 9:00 am

†Lucette & †Fern Marcil by Jacques & Jeannie

#### Thu, Jan 16 – 9:00 am

Living & deceased members of the MacDonald-Keyworth Families

#### Fri, Jan 17 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Justin Gifford by Dolores & Warren Bahen

#### Sat, Jan 18 – 5:00 pm

†Mary K. Bleskie by Charlie & Deb Rodway

†Jean Eno by Lori, Mark, Ashton & Ashleigh Hoare

#### Sun, Jan 19 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

#### Sun, Jan 19 – 11:00 am

Intentions of Siolek Family by Alison Mirabelli

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Jean Pegg, mother of Allison Adam; Brian McCaffrey, husband of Connie

**Please pray for those who have died:** †Father Jean-Louis Gosselin

†Indicates Deceased.



**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.

**Have You Moved in the past year?** Call or email the Parish Office to be sure we have your new mailing address before income tax receipts are printed and distributed. Please help us stay up to date!



#### STITTSVILLE FOOD BANK

Thank you to all parishioners who share with those less fortunate in our community. Monetary donations are best right now but toiletries, toilet paper, tissue, juice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, salmon and tuna, rice, cereal, cookies, crackers, coffee and tea are also needed. Please check expiry dates on donations. Please do not leave food outside, but bring your donations during office hours or when you come to Sunday Mass.

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**Sunday Reflection:**

Jesus' baptism is not the sacrament of baptism we typically celebrate with our infant children. One of the early saints wrote: "perhaps [Jesus] comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (Gregory of Nazianzus). For us, sacramental baptism is not about getting a spiritual passport and collecting our first stamp. Rather, baptism makes possible a filial relationship with God but our children need to be taught by our example how to live this relationship, what it means to be God's child and a servant of the kingdom, a brother or sister of Christ and a member of the Church. In the sacrament of baptism, parents and godparents affirm their faith in the Creed as part of the rite because it is this faith that their child will be taught. This is the faith context in which they will come to know and love God. Baptism is incorporation into God's family; how we live that relationship begins with the example of our parents and godparents and ultimately will depend on our own choices as we mature and grow.

Fr. Geoff

**Understanding the Mass – The Preface:**

The Prayer before the Eucharistic Prayer is called the "Preface". There are many different ones for the special celebrations during the liturgical year but the first part of all of the Prefaces is the same. It begins with "The Lord be with you" (and the people respond: "And with your spirit") and it continues with "Lift up your hearts". The people's response is: "We lift them up to the Lord". In the final part of the dialogue the priest says: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God" and the response is: "It is right and just". This response reflects the fact that thanking God is not only the right thing for us to do, but considering everything that God has done for us, it is the just thing to do as well! We owe God our thanks for His goodness and blessings and this response highlights that reality. We are not always accustomed to thinking that we owe God thanks but when we really think about it, it makes perfect sense. The rest of the Preface varies with each of the individual ones, but we will notice that the language in general follows the more formal and dignified way of speaking to God that we are now accustomed to using in the New Missal.

Fr. Geoff

**Christmas Collection:** thank you to all who donated to the Christmas collection: between the regular collection at Mass, e-transfers and donations made through Canada Helps, we collected \$16,526.25. As I mentioned at Mass, we do really need the financial support not only to pay our bills (like every family has for taxes, heat, electricity, water) and repairs but to offer services like our Youth Ministry. Without your financial support, the parish couldn't survive because we operate solely on your donations. Thank you for your support to continue to offer a spiritual home for parishioners and a welcoming place for visitors. Fr. Geoff

**Thank You to All Our Volunteers:** we had a beautiful Christmas at Holy Spirit, but to do that, required the work of many volunteers before, during and after the Masses: the decorators, the hall set up people, our sound and projection people, the ushers, altar servers, lectors and commentators, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Divina and Jacinta and both choirs (adult and children), Ryan & Trina Larose and Karen Spindler from Sacred Heart High School who provided the music at the 9 pm Christmas Eve Mass, the money counters and the people who pitched in at the last minute to lend a hand where needed. Thank you to the staff - Alex, Tamara, Allison and Michael - who helped get us ready for Christmas. Finally, thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Christmas with us for their presence, prayers and financial support. Thank you! Fr. Geoff

**Help Needed Counting Parishioners at Weekend Mass:**

We are looking for volunteers to count parishioners at the weekend Masses. We have the handheld counters. It involves counting how many people come to a Mass and recording the number in a log sheet in the sacristy. We are hoping to collect some 'hard data' on attendance. If you can volunteer to count at a Mass on a rotating schedule, please contact Alex at [youth@holyspiritparish.ca](mailto:youth@holyspiritparish.ca)

**Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care**

*Gathering together to share meaningful conversations to better understand palliative care so that our parishes and families become Compassionate communities, rooted in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ.* Sundays: Feb 9 – Mar 2 from 2:15 - 4:15pm at Holy Redeemer Parish. Questions or to register: contact Michael at [olsentsai@rogers.com](mailto:olsentsai@rogers.com) or call Holy Redeemer: 613-836-1764

**Synod Update: Echoes from the Synod Assembly in Rome: A Voting Delegate's Insight.**

Dr. Catherine Clifford, professor and founding director of the Centre for Research on Vatican II and 21st century Catholicism at St. Paul University, served as a voting delegate and expert consultant at the Synod on Synodality. What happened in Rome? What does synodality mean for you and me? Come and learn. Bring your questions on Sunday, February 9 at 12 pm in the parish hall. Followed by a light lunch offered by our CWL and Holy Spirit Parish synod team. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Louise 613-852-4469.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 - 25**

The theme for the week is: "Do you believe this?" (John 11.26) This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

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