



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## Nov 24 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Daniel 7.13-14  
Revelation 1.5-8  
John 18.33b-37

## Dec 1 – First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2  
Luke 21.25-28,34-36

### Parish Calendar

**Mon, Nov 25**  
6:00 pm First Reconciliation Prep session  
6:30 pm RCIA  
7:15 pm Catholic Women's League General meeting

**Tue, Nov 26**  
7:00 pm **Mass**

**Wed, Nov 27**  
9:00 am **Mass**  
7:00 pm Praying Christmas Advent Retreat

**Thu, Nov 28**  
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, Nov 29**  
9:00 am **Mass**  
9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Youth Night 9-12

**Sat, Nov 30**  
4:15-4:45 pm St. Andrew Reconciliation  
5:00 pm **Mass**

**Sun, Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 am **Mass**  
11:00 am **Mass**

\*hospitality & coffee hosted by the Knights of Columbus after the 9 & 11 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

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

**Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre (DSYTC) Talk Nov 25:** The Holy Spirit Parish Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to our meeting on Mon, Nov 25, at 7:15pm to hear guest speaker, Cindy J. Manor, from the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre (DSYTC), a non-profit, live-in, and community-based agency that is dedicated to helping youth (13-21) and families across Ontario overcome substance use and related issues and to achieve a healthier lifestyle. We look forward to seeing you there.

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 6-8. This week's theme: Bible. 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](mailto:youth@holyspiritparish.ca)

### Parish Support:

Sunday Offerings in October 2024 \$31 065.00  
Thank you for your generous contributions!

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

### Mass Intentions

**Tue, Nov 26 – 7:00 pm**  
†Patricia Nevins by Anne & Gordon MacIsaac

**Wed, Nov 27 – 9:00 am**  
Intentions of Justin Gifford by Dolores & Warren Bahen

**Thu, Nov 28 – 9:00 am**  
†Benedict & †Regina Selvadurai by Marie

**Fri, Nov 29 – 9:00 am**  
†Joanne Belanger by Mireille Delorme

**Sat, Nov 30 – 5:00 pm**  
Intentions of Robert Bahen by Dolores & Warren Bahen  
†Hugh Carroll by Carol & Family  
†Eleanor Surette-MacDonald by Denise & Family  
†Thomas Gibbons by Shirley & David Pipkins

**Sun, Dec 1 – 9:00 am**  
†Captain Ken Newman by O'Hare Family  
†Bill Davis by Bob Davis  
Intentions of Gillis Family by Don & Shirley  
Intentions of Hannah Anto by Family

**Sun, Dec 1 – 11:00 am**  
For the intentions of all parishioners

**Please pray for those who are sick:**  
**Please pray for those who have died:** †Bill Davis, brother of Bob Davis; †Solange Lemieux, sister of Deacon Denis Lemieux



†Indicates Deceased.

### ADVENT ACTIVITIES at Holy Spirit Parish

#### Wed, Nov 27 at 7pm – Advent One-Evening Retreat:

**Praying Christmas** Join us for an evening talk on the beauty and meaning of the prayers we pray at the Christmas Masses. Prepare yourself for the celebration of the Birth of the Messiah. When: Wed, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 7 to 8:30pm; Where: Holy Spirit Parish Stittsville

#### Mon, Dec 9 at 9am – Mass followed by Adoration

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

**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.

### 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.



**Reflection:**

Today is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time - the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In the preface before the Eucharistic Prayer today we pray: "For you [God the Father] anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." The kingdom of God is unique because Christ's kingship is like no other kingship that ever existed in history or fiction.

*Fr. Geoff*

**Understanding the Mass** – Where Does Latin Fit In? In the West, the Mother Tongue of the Church has been Latin since the Church was established in Rome. After the Second Vatican Council, the Church gave permission for the Mass to be translated from the official Latin version into other languages with the approval of the Vatican. The Church revised the Mass, making some changes and additions, in an official Latin text that then needed to be translated into other languages. The English-speaking world was the first language group to translate the New Missal from the official, original Latin text into another language. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) translated the texts of the Mass from Latin to English. The translation underwent 17 drafts and was scrutinized by eleven English speaking national conferences of bishops. The Catholic Church often continues to produce her official documents in Latin and in this way every language group has a common 'reference text' to use to make sure we are saying and meaning the same things. We still use Latin (and one Greek response) in our Mass periodically to remind us of our Latin, Roman Catholic identity and as a witness to a faith stretching back centuries. An interesting fact: over eighty percent of the prayers we use today date back to before the ninth century! Latin will not replace English as the language in which we celebrate Mass on Sunday but understanding its importance as the 'core' or original language of the Roman Catholic Church is helpful. Fr Geoff

**Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Campaign** Please email [koc@holyspiritparish.ca](mailto:koc@holyspiritparish.ca) for more info and to reserve your tree. Trees are \$60 each. Limited supply - reserve yours early!

**Granite Ridge Care Community** (5501 Abbott St. E.) will be holding its annual **Christmas Bazaar** on Nov 29, 30 and Dec 1st from 9am – 3pm. All items are handmade by residents and proceeds go to the Residents' Council Fund. Everyone is welcome.

A **Memorial Book** has been placed in the Atrium. In this book, all parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of their family, relatives and friends who have died and who they wish to have remembered in the prayers that will be said for them during the month of November.

**ATTENTION MEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

Men's Discussion Group sponsored by the Knights of Columbus: Join us after the First Saturday Mass on December 7th at 9:45 am until 10:45 am for a discussion based on the Knights of Columbus series for men "Into the Breach." There is coffee, a short video and a facilitated discussion on the topic. The next session is: "Brotherhood". All men are welcome!



The Holy Spirit Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who donated to and attended our annual bazaar on November 16, and the Knights of Columbus who worked with us and helped to make the bazaar a success. Thank you to those who donated items for our raffle: Brown's Your Independent Grocer for a gift basket, Penny Wheeler for the quilt with shams and pillow, and Elza Seregelyi for the porcelain doll. Congratulations to the winners of the CWL Raffle: Porcelain Doll- Barb Denis; Quilt- Carm van Leewen; Food Hamper- Marilyn Lalande; Family Basket- Bertin; Wine Basket- Bertha Emmett.

**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.



**Indigenous Reconciliation Fund:** Together, we're creating pathways of healing. The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has raised over 80% of our \$1.2 million goal for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special collection on November 3rd! It's not too late to donate—your support can still make a meaningful difference – every donation counts! [www.journeyforhealing.ca](http://www.journeyforhealing.ca)

**Evening of Worship, Prayer and Healing** on Fri, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm-9pm at St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Topic: "And the Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us". Guest speaker Sr. Melinda Schenher of the Servants of the Cross.

**The Synod in our parishes:** The Final Document for the Synod 2021-2024 is out in English now! See [www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26\\_final-document/ENG---Documento-finale\\_traduzione-di-lavoro.pdf](http://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26_final-document/ENG---Documento-finale_traduzione-di-lavoro.pdf). It suggests we as the People of God now live synodality in our parish and personal lives. Our surprise guest speaker on February 9 will be Prof. Catherine Clifford an expert Theologian from St. Paul University in Ottawa and a voting delegate at the October Synod, who helped write the Final Document above. Everyone is invited! Prof. Clifford will speak after the 11am Mass during a light lunch hosted by Team Holy Spirit and our CWL. Please mark your calendar! For more information, contact Louise 613-852-4469.



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