

# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon, Pastor, pastor@holyspiritparish.ca Sean Flynn, Youth/Sacramental Coordinator, youth@holyspiritparish.ca Administrative Assistant, admin@holyspiritparish.ca

**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. & 10:30 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

As indicated in the weekly calendar.

#### RECONCILIATION

As indicated in the weekly calendar, with a communal celebration in Lent, and at other times 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

Marilyn Foote Pollock, President 613-836-9839

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph Carbonetto, Grand Knight 613-831-0411

#### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Alex Golob, Chair 613-410-1896

#### **OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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 Com the collection basket.  Names:	munity, please fill out this form and put it in
Email:Address:Phone Number:	Postal Code:

#### Dec 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-6a,10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

#### Dec 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-14 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-24

#### Parish Calendar

Mon, Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Catholic Women's League General Meeting

Tue, Dec 13 St. Lucy 9:00 am Mass

6:30 pm Parish Finance Council **Wed, Dec 14 St. John of the Cross** 

9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thu, Dec 15

**9:00 am** Mass, Sacred Heart High School Grade 12

9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests

Fri, Dec 16

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

Sat, Dec 17

4:00-4:25 pm Reconciliation

**5:00 pm** Mass

Sun, Dec 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Mass

11:30 am Children's Choir Practice

and Mass will be available on the church website:

www.holyspiritparish.ca

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

That the Lord will call members from our flock to "bring glad tidings to the poor and heal the broken-hearted" as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

#### To all parishes' generous faithful

Thank you to all who donate to the ongoing operation of the parish. For e-Transfer please send admin@holvspiritparish.ca and use the password. "Holyspirit". We currently have a significant number of parishioners who contribute via bank auto debit. If you would like more information about the program or wish to participate, please contact the parish office at 613-836-8881 or email admin@holyspiritparish.ca.

Save the date: Sun, Dec 18, from11:30 am-2:30 pm, there will be a **Child/Youth Christmas Sing-along** in the Parish Hall. All the kids from the choir, sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion & Confirmation classes) and the altar servers are invited to join in a Christmas sing-along with refreshments, snacks, and games. Special thanks to Divina Hogan and Kevin Walker for the gift of their music and time. Parents, this is a great time to catch up on preparing for Christmas.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sat, Dec 10 - 5:00 pm

†Nancy Fioravanti by Guy & Joanne Fortier

Sun, Dec 11 - 9:00 am

†Tom, †Richard, †Sandy & †Dan by Jean Pegg

†Antonio by Emelita Sun, Dec 11 – 10:30 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Mon, Dec 12 – 9:00 am

†Germain Gosselin by Family

Tue, Dec 13 – 9:00 am

†Thomas Sibbald by Margaret Mulvihill

Thu, Dec 15 - 9:00 am

Intentions of Patricia Sibbald by Dolores & Warren Bahen

Fri, Dec 16 - 9:00 am

Intentions of the Garvey Family

*Sat, Dec 17 – 5:00 pm* †Phil Bernier by Family

†Gloria Pilley by Ross & Jackie Pilley

Sun, Dec 18 - 9:00 am

†Tom, †Richard & Deceased Members of the Pegg Family

by Jean Pegg

†Grace Foran by Mary Jeffrey

Sun, Dec 18 - 10:30 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick: Rolando, Marlene, Connie O'Brien, Ron, Dan, Vivianne Goneau, Dorothy, Alma, Patrick, Bill

**Please pray for those who have died:** †Michael McLaughlin

#### †Indicates Deceased

Do you enjoy singing Christmas songs? You are invited to join Divina during the Christmas season to sing beautiful Christmas songs to fill our celebrations with joyful music! If interested, please send email to divina.hogan@gmail.com

#### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, December 24 at 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 am

New Year's Masses

Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 pm Sunday, January 1 at 10:00 am

**Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed from 3:30 pm on Thursday, December 22, 2022 until 9:00 am on Monday, January 2, 2023.



### Word from the Pastor

"Rejoice!" I say, "Rejoice!" The third Sunday of Advent, so called from the first word of the Introit at Mass (Gaudete, i.e., Rejoice), calls upon the faithful to worship and hail with joy, "The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand." While our attitude during Advent is one of preparation, penance, and expectation, this Sunday's liturgy symbolizes that joy and gladness in the promised redemption/salvation should never be absent from the heart of the faithful. Many Christians have reduced "salvation" to assurance of a blessed afterlife with God. However, if we look at biblical words translated as "salvation," we find that they convey meanings of healing, wholeness, and right relationships. The human person is capable of acting on these three meanings of salvation. As Isaiah points out, salvation begins on this earth.

The use of masks is being advised by health authorities, but at this time it is not mandated.

Please lock your car and keep valuables out of sight when parking in the lot. Recently a car was stolen, and tires have been slashed and damage done to vehicles.

Become a blessing to others. A legacy of faith remains for all as you choose to remember Holy Spirit Parish in your will. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

Take Five for Faith: Daily renewal for busy Catholics

'Tis the season to be generous Seasonal gift-giving was originally an expression of generosity toward the needy. These days, gift-giving has become many other things, including a source of anxiety or obligation, mindless consumerism, one-upmanship, and often, an annual occasion of snowballing debt. The gifts Jesus brings are different—they are restorative, occasions of good news. Consider offering gifts that fill hearts, not closets. There are many organizations that accept donations in directed ways to honor your loved ones.

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk... and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

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# **2022 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 Friday, December 16. Thank you for the ongoing support received by those in our community who need our help.

Moving?? Help us keep our records up to date. Notify the Office with your old and new contact information including your complete mailing address, and current email address. <a href="mailto:address.admin@holyspiritparish.ca">admin@holyspiritparish.ca</a> 613-836-8881

Weekly contribution envelopes for 2023 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 2023 envelopes until January 2023!

A simple soul is one who seeks only God and does not fear being laughed at or despised. ~ St. Julie Billiart the founder of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Campaign Please email <u>carbonejoseph@netscape.net</u> for more info and to reserve your tree. Trees are \$60 each. Limited supply - reserve yours early!

**Toiletries Drive for Shepherd's of Good Hope by Kelly Funeral Home** <u>Urgent Needs</u>: deodorant, razors, underwear (all sizes men and women); <u>ongoing needs</u>: toothbrushes, shampoo, soap. Bring donations to the bin at the Parish Office door before December 21<sup>st</sup>. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Holiday concert: Introspección: With Christopher Matthew & Hermelindo Ruiz who will play solo guitar music by Canadian and Puerto Rican composers & guitar duos. Our Lady of Fatima Church, 153 Woodroffe Ave, Sat, Dec 17, 2:00pm. Admission by voluntary donation at the door. Hosted by Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Info: 613-722-7661.

Advent Penance Service: Will be held at Holy Redeemer Parish, Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00pm

Action Life (Ottawa) Inc.: Two employment opportunities. Executive Director (End of March 2023) and an Administrative Assistant (January 3, 2023). Office hours 9:30am - 3:00pm. Additional info: <a href="mailto:louise@actionlife.org">louise@actionlife.org</a> or call 613-798-4494.

#### CHRISTMAS ALTAR DECOR

If you would like to donate toward the decor 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 Altar Decor* 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.

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