



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. & 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

Claire Moore, President 613-612-1659

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 Community, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket.

Names: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dec 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-2a,10-11
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
John 1.6-8,19-28

Dec 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7.1-5,8b-12,14a,16
Romans 16.25-27
Luke 1.26-38

Parish Calendar

- Mon, Dec 18**
9:00 am Mass
 6:30 pm Catholic Women's League General Meeting
- Tue, Dec 19**
9:00 am Mass
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Wed, Dec 20**
 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Thu, Dec 21**
9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
 7:00 pm Youth Night Grades 6-8
- Fri, Dec 22** Paish Office Closed
9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group
- Sat, Dec 23**
 4:00-4:25 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun, Dec 24** Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
- Sun, Dec 24** Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
4:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Mass

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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

Sun, Dec 24 at 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Mon, Dec 25 at 10:30 am

Tue, Dec 26 – NO MASS
Wed, Dec 27 – NO MASS
Thu, Dec 28 – 9:00 am
Fri, Dec 29 – 9:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sat, Dec 30 at 5:00 pm
Sun, Dec 31 at 9:00 & 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sun, Dec 31 at 5:00 pm
Mon, Jan 1 at 10:30 am



No Scents Makes Sense! Many of your fellow parishioners suffer from allergies to hairspray, after shave, perfume, eau de cologne, etc. Please think of those around you as you prepare for Mass so that they too, may enjoy coming to church each week.

Mass Intentions

- Sat, Dec 16 – 5:00 pm**
 Intentions of Kera & Kevin
 †Helena Golob by Patricia Wood
- Sun, Dec 17 – 9:00 am**
 For the intentions of all parishioners
- Sun, Dec 17 – 10:30 am**
 Intentions of living & deceased members of Dalrymple Family
 †Phil Bernier by Family
 †Gerry Burchat by Lori, Mark, Ashton & Ashleigh Hoare
- Mon, Dec 18 – 9:00 am**
 †Lucile McKinnon by Dan O'Connor & Family
- Tue, Dec 19 – 9:00 am**
 †Alina Lusito & †Adrian Cozzolino by Nick & Pam Lusito
 Intentions of Garvey Family
- Thu, Dec 21 – 9:00 am**
 For poor souls in purgatory by Suzanne
 †René Bibaud by Wally & Joan Moroz
- Fri, Dec 22 – 9:00 am**
 Intentions of Marion Di Gaspari by Family & Isabella
 Intentions of Cameron & Susana Bahen by Dolores & Warren Bahen
- Sat, Dec 23 – 5:00 pm**
 In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Sun, Dec 24 – 9:00 am**
 For the intentions of all parishioners
- Sun, Dec 24 – 10:30 am**
 †Gerald A. Kealey by Elaine Kealey
 Deceased members of Scarfo & Tassone Family
- Sun, Dec 24 – 4:30 pm**
 †Phil & †Josh by Joan & Family
- Sun, Dec 24 – 7:00 pm**
 †Bill Gagattek by Alice
 Living & deceased members of Foote-Pollock-Gunn Families
 †Mary Rocco by Phil Rocco



Please pray for those who are sick: Bruce, Marlene, Ron, Patrick, Gerald, John, Nancy, Miriam, Muriel, Hugh, Mona
Please pray for those who have died: †Ben Sauve, father of Marcel Sauve & husband of Mona; †Laurette Boudreau, mother of Dan Boudreau; †Msgr. Peter Schonenbach

†Indicates Deceased

The Catholic Women's League of Canada means: VALUES The Catholic Women's League is an organization built on Catholic values, embracing all aspects of Christian family life. Standing together, members grow in faith and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. To be the cornerstone for women who believe helping one another is a call for all. If you believe – your place is with us!

Word from the Pastor

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, Latin for ‘rejoice’. Rose coloured vestments are worn to symbolize our joy in the nearness of Jesus’ birth. The third rose candle is lit on our Advent wreath in anticipation of the great feast. We rejoice as the entrance antiphon reminds us: ‘Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.’ Indeed the Lord is near. Why are we rejoicing? We hear of John the Baptist proclaiming a message of glad tidings, healing to broken hearts, liberty to captives, and a year favoured or blessed by the Lord. At the heart of this word is a message of salvation offered to us by Jesus, son of Mary. Come, let us rejoice in Him.

Please remember in your prayer Pope Francis who celebrates his 87th birthday December 17th.

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

To all parishes’ generous faithful Thank you to all who donate to the ongoing operation of the parish. For e-Transfer please send it to admin@holyspiritparish.ca and use the password: Holyspirit (*all one word with a capital H*). 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.

Weekly contribution **envelopes for 2024** 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 2024 envelopes until January 2024!

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Campaign Please email knightsofcolumbusstittsville@gmail.com or call 613-831-0411 for more info and to reserve your tree. Trees are \$60 each. Limited supply - reserve yours early!

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.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name of person(s) or intention: _____

Name of person making the donation: _____

Phone No. (613) _____ Envelope No. _____

Amount (circle one): \$25 \$50 \$100 or _____

The Lighthouse Youth and Sacraments Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 6-8. 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

We are in the process of preparing our system to generate CHARITABLE RECEIPTS for 2023. If you have made an address change in the past year, please contact the Parish Office so that we can update our records. We wish to remind our supporters that if you wish to receive credit for contributions in 2023, donations must be received and deposited on or before the end of 2023. Revenue Canada does not permit charitable organizations to backdate receipts and we are bound by that regulation. So please have your year-end donations in by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023**, and your etransfer donations in by December 21, 2023 before 3PM, or your donations must be calculated as donations for 2024.



Here’s Saint Mother Teresa’s Humility List:

1. Speak as little as possible about yourself.
2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.
3. Avoid curiosity (this refers to wanting to know things that should not concern you.)
4. Do not interfere in the affairs of others.
5. Accept small irritations with good humor.
6. Do not dwell on the faults of others.
7. Accept censures even if unmerited.
8. Give in to the will of others.
9. Accept insults and injuries.
10. Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.
11. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.
12. Do not seek to be admired and loved.
13. Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.
14. Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.
15. Choose always the more difficult task.

UNESCO’s two-year tribute to St. Thérèse of Lisieux By Christel Juquois Thérèse of Lisieux, the French Carmelite nun who lived from 1873-1897 and is known affectionately in English as the “Little Flower”, was “a revolutionary” who possessed an “extraordinary strength of mind and will”. That’s the assessment of Nicole Ameline, the 71-year-old French politician and women’s rights advocate who was behind UNESCO’s decision to mark the 150th anniversary of the saint’s birth in Normandy with a two-year cycle of events and celebrations.

The biennium 2022-2023, which concluded on Nov 27, was a way for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to recognize the spiritual, cultural, and educational contribution that Thérèse Martin (her given name) has made to humanity. Thérèse died at the young age of 24 in the cloistered convent of Lisieux, leaving a spiritual diary that has become a Christian classic.

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