



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. & 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
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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.

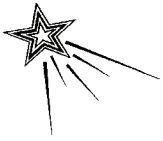
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NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Dec 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 52.7-10
Hebrews 1.1-6
John 1.1-18

Jan 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6.22-27
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.16-21

Parish Calendar

Mon, Dec 26 St. Stephen
No Mass

Tue, Dec 27 St. John
No Mass

Wed, Dec 28 The Holy Innocents
No Mass

Thu, Dec 29
No Mass

Fri, Dec 30 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 am Mass

Sat, Dec 31
5:00 pm Mass

Sun, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
10:00 am Mass
and Mass will be available on the church website:
www.holyspiritparish.ca

(Please note: The Parish Office will be closed until January 2nd at 9:00 am.)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

That young men and women will answer the call to bring the word of God to his flock as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, 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 it to admin@holyspiritparish.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.

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!***

Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec 24 – 4:30 pm
†Phil & †Josh by Joan & Family
Intentions of Maureen Amrith & Family
†Luigi & deceased family members of Bianca Lolli & Family

Sat, Dec 24 – 7:00 pm
For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, Dec 25 – 10:00 am
†Agnes & †Leo, †Bob, †John & †Imelda Mulvihill by Margaret
†Oswald & †Kay Muldoon by Msgr. Muldoon
Deceased members of Scarfo & Tassone Families by Giuseppe & Teresa Scarfo

Fri, Dec 30 – 9:00 am
Intentions of Tom & Shari Anderson by Theresa Anderson
†Xavier Bastiampillai by Family
†Oswald & †Kay Muldoon by Msgr. Muldoon

Sat, Dec 31 – 5:00 pm
†Mike McLaughlin by Msgr. Muldoon

Sun, Jan 1 – 10:00 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, Joan, Jane

Please pray for those who have died: †Angela McDonnell, mother of Bernard McDonnell

†Indicates Deceased

We are in the process of preparing our system to generate CHARITABLE RECEIPTS for 2022. 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 2022, donations must be received and deposited on or before the end of 2022. 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 **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022**, and your etransfer donations in by December 22, 2022 before 3PM, or your donations must be calculated as donations for 2023.

Christ desires to be born in the manger of our hearts. Are our hearts wide open to receive him? ~ Catherine Doherty



Word from the Pastor

“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit” “This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.” What would you expect should follow an opening line like that? Would you expect that God had a neat and orderly plan that would be received with joy and marvel when it was revealed? Well, Matthew’s gospel shows us that God did have a plan. But that plan started by messing up Joseph’s marriage plans with Mary. God’s plan initially brought chaos into Joseph’s life. Not all distressing events that happens to us are a result of God’s plan for us. But when something happens that throws us off balance, the birth of Jesus reassures us that God is with us to help us work things out --- according to God’s good plan for us. When did something happen to me that caused me to change or destroy my plans? How did I experience God with me as I struggled to reorganize my life? Can I look back and say, “God was with me and guided me at that hard time in my life?”

The Knights of Columbus have made a generous donation to the Parish. We thank all the Knights.

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.

Merry Christmas and a New Year of Peace and Joy.
Msgr. Joseph Muldoon and Staff.

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

Take Five for Faith: Daily renewal for busy Catholics Jubilee, every day! Christmas is the only day of the year designated as “merry.” While most birthdays are declared “happy” in the celebration of life, the birth of God among us recommends merriment: a festival of delight, high spirits, good fellowship, and feasting. Yet Saint Théophane Vénard observed that our faith asks even more of us: “Try to fulfill each day’s tasks steadily and cheerfully. Be merry, really merry. The life of a true Christian should be a perpetual jubilee, a prelude to the festivals of eternity.” Capture the spirit of Christmas in your being. Resolve to bring joy to the world, every day of the year.

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”
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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 do not leave food outside, but bring your donations during office hours or when you come to Sunday Mass.

Archbishop’s Christmas Message 2022

Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall,

The season of Christmas is once again upon us. How we decide to welcome it and celebrate it is of utter importance. Many in our world today live under the many pressures of society, of work and family obligations and, of course, of personal challenges. The “busyness” of our lives can easily overwhelm us and steer us off course. So, in what space will you be when Christmas arrives?

Obviously, we remain attentive to upcoming events if they mean something for us. If they are of little importance, or if they are likely not going to change anything in my life, chances are I will let them pass by without notice. We therefore need to ask ourselves if celebrating Christmas really matters or not. Another question relates to the understanding we have of Christmas. What is Christmas really all about? In order to cut through all the glitter and traditions around Christmas, it is essential to seek understanding by going back to the source.

Holy Scriptures, during the Christmas liturgies, relate to us the day Jesus was born in Bethlehem. His birth is presented to us as a gift from God to humanity. Let us hear once again the message of the angel: “good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11). The celebration of the nativity of the Saviour is therefore an invitation for us to welcome in our personal lives a divine gift that has life-changing consequences.

Opening our hearts to Jesus the Christ is allowing ourselves to enter into the Light where healing Love and lasting Peace reign. It is about dying to earthly things and choosing Eternal Life. It is giving ourselves a chance to experience profound Joy and Hope. It is our way of answering God’s call and giving the best of ourselves in accomplishing his will.

This gift, received in faith, transforms human lives. This is why it has such a huge impact. This is why Christmas takes on meaning and is truly celebrated. In welcoming the Gift, we become the Gift to others around us. The more we share the Gift of Christ, the more our world resembles the Kingdom of God.

It is therefore my prayer that you may all celebrate Christmas this year with great expectation.

Christmas blessings to you all!



Marcel Damphousse
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

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