



# 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

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  
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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.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### Dec 26 – Feast of the Holy Family

1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28  
1 John 3.1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2.41-52

### Jan 2 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6  
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2.1-12

#### Parish Calendar

**Thu, Dec 30** 9:00 am Mass  
**Fri, Dec 31** 5:00 pm MASS  
**Sat, Jan 1** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
10:00 am MASS  
**Sun, Jan 2** Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord  
9:00 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass

and MASS will be available on the church website: [www.holyspiritparish.ca](http://www.holyspiritparish.ca)

*(Please note: The Parish Office will be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 pm until January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.)*

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separate from You. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord. To start the conversation, contact Fr. Pierre Champoux, Director of Vocations, at [vocations@archottawa.ca](mailto:vocations@archottawa.ca) or 613-558-1445.

**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES** Holy Trinity, our families are formed as an image of your Divine relationship. Help us to grow in tenderness and respect towards one another. Grant us the grace and courage to support families in need of attention and care. May we always know and proclaim that a family sharing and growing love is a holy family. Amen.

**To all the parishes' generous faithful** Thank you to all who donate to the ongoing operation of the parish. Please bring your donation in the form of a cheque in an envelope with your name and envelope number. This can be dropped off in the office mailbox between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday. Safety protocols are being followed. For e-Transfer, please send it to [admin@holyspiritparish.ca](mailto: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](mailto:admin@holyspiritparish.ca).

**Please remember to lock your car doors and do not leave valuables in view while parking in Lot.**

#### Mass Intentions

##### Sat, Dec 25 – 9:00 am

Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

†Oswald & †Kay Muldoon

†Karrin Tereschuk & Catherine Stewart by MacLeod & Langlois Families

##### Sat, Dec 25 – 10:30 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

##### Sun, Dec 26 – 9:00 am

†James & †Nora Muldoon & †Ellen & †Edward Monaghan  
Deceased Members of Bahen Family by Warren & Dolores

†John Valentine Evans by Di Gaspari Family

##### Sun, Dec 26 – 10:30 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

##### Thu, Dec 30 – 9:00 am

†Xavier Bastiampillai by Family

†Gordon Keough & †Louis Paris by Keough Family

Intentions of Anne Andrews by Marie Selvadurai & Family

##### Fri, Dec 31 – 5:00 pm

†Patrick O'Donnell by O'Donnell & Devenny Families

†Lillian Hamilton by Women's Fellowship

##### Sat, Jan 1 – 10:00 am

Intentions of Don Gillis by Gillis Family

##### Sun, Jan 2 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

##### Sun, Jan 2 – 10:30 am

†Pietro, †Filomena, †Teresa & †Maria Scarfo and †Raffele,

†Angela & †Maria Tassone by Giuseppe & Teresa Scarfo



**Please pray for those who are sick:** John, Marlene, Philippe, Connie O'Brien, Don Gillis, husband of Shirley; Anne, Theresa Hamilton, Peter

**Please pray for those who have died:** †Florian Castonguay, father of André

†Indicates Deceased

**Upcoming Blood Donation Event** at Holy Spirit Parish on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Book now to donate at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

#### 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 do not leave food outside, but bring your donations during office hours or when you come to Sunday Mass.

## Word from the Pastor

“No Room in the Inn”

Wally was big for his age-seven years old. Everyone wondered what role the teacher would give him in the annual Christmas play. Especially considering the fact that he was also a slow learner. Perhaps he could pull the curtain. To everyone’s surprise the teacher gave Wally the role of the innkeeper. The boy of course was delighted. After all, all he had to learn was one line: “There is no room in the inn.” He had that down in no time.

Then came the night for the program. The parents took their places. Every seat in the auditorium was filled. The children entered singing “Oh come all ye faithful.” The lights dimmed. A hush moved over the audience. The curtain opened on Scene One. Mary and Joseph entered the stage and walked up to the inn. “Please sir, my wife is not well. Could we have a room for the night?” Wally was ready for his line. He had rehearsed it all night. He began, there is...and he hesitated. He started over again. There is. . . and again his mind went completely blank. Everyone was embarrassed for him but poor Wally just didn’t know what to do. Joseph thought he would improvise and started walking away toward the stable on stage left. Seeing him walking away Wally in desperation called out: “Look, there’s plenty of room at my house, just come on home with me.”

That seems a rather delightful twist on a familiar story. Over the years the characters in the Christmas story have become clearly defined for us. The issues all seem so clear cut. Herod was a villain, and the wise men were heroes. The shepherds were heroes and the Innkeeper-well, the poor innkeeper has gone down as one of the heavies in the story. In our minds eye, we envision him as a crotchety old man with a night cap on his head sticking his head out a second story window and tersely shouting: “Take the stable and leave me alone.”

But perhaps the innkeeper has received bad press. Preachers over the centuries have had a field day with the poor fellow. But was it his fault that the inn was built with twelve rooms instead of thirteen? Was it his fault that Caesar Augustus had issued a decree that the entire world should be taxed? Was it his fault that Mary and Joseph were so late in arriving?

But you know something; this simple little statement about there being no room in the Inn becomes a symbol for Luke. As he writes his gospel it almost becomes a theme. Luke takes this one line, “There is no room in the inn,” and shows us how this phrase was recurrent throughout Jesus’ ministry. The question that Luke leaves for us is-will there ever be any room for him?....

*Monsignor Joseph Muldoon*

We are in the process of preparing our system to generate CHARITABLE RECEIPTS for 2021. 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 2021, donations must be received and deposited on or before the end of 2021. 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 26, 2021**, and your etransfer donations in by December 23, 2021 before 3PM, or your donations must be calculated as donations for 2022.



Weekly contribution envelopes for 2022 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 2022 envelopes until January 2022!**

*Hence we must attempt in return to repay the acts of his divine kindness by loving God the Father with our whole heart, our whole soul, [and] our whole strength. ~ St. Bede the Venerable*

We wish the following priests and deacons a happy anniversary in December. M. l'abbé François Kibwenge on **Dec 4**, Fr. Antonio Pannunzi on **Dec 8**, M. l'abbé Gimsly Valbrun, o.m.i. on **Dec 9**, Fr. Kipling Cooper on **Dec 14**, M. l'abbé André Samson on **Dec 14**, Fr. Daniel Dubroy on **Dec 15**, M. l'abbé Gaétan Ouimet, s.m.m. on **Dec 18**, Fr. Thomas Villeneuve on **Dec 19**, M. l'abbé Pierre Domerson on **Dec 28**, and M. l'abbé Shibu George P. Sipriyanose, O.F.M. Cap. on **Dec 30**. M. Yvan Lavoie on **Dec 13**, and M. Joseph Élivert on **Dec 28**.

**Start the new year with Alpha at St. Maurice Parish:** Alpha online starts **Jan 13, 2022, 8:00 pm**. Details & to register: [www.stmauriceparish.com/news/alpha-is-starting-up-in-january](http://www.stmauriceparish.com/news/alpha-is-starting-up-in-january). Everyone is welcome!

**BE NEAR ME...** Matthew 28.20

For thousands of years, people waited and hoped for a Messiah. God promised. Angels visited people. They longed for a Savior. Then, ready or not, he arrived, lying in a manger bed. Angels lit up the dark quiet night, shepherds ran in. Wise Men traveled from far away.

Was your Christmas full this year? You may have days of celebrations with tons of relatives or a simple tree with a few lights. You may have piles of presents or maybe just a couple. One thing is for sure, Jesus came for you. If you have faith in him, then you know he is in your heart. Make room for him there. He loves you and wants to live with you forever.

*Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.*

*From No Crib for a Bed by Stephenie Hovland*



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