



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: _____

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dec 3 – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63.16b-17,64.1,3-8
1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Mark 13.33-37

Dec 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11
2 Peter 3.8-14
Mark 1.1-8

Parish Calendar

Mon, Dec 4
9:00 am **Mass**

Tue, Dec 5
9:00 am **Mass** with Sacred Heart Grade 10
9:30 am Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King

Wed, Dec 6
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Thu, Dec 7
St. Ambrose
9:00 am **Mass** with Sacred Heart Grade 11
9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
7:00 pm Youth Night Grades 6-8

Fri, Dec 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am **Mass**
9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

Sat, Dec 9
4:00-4:25 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm **Mass**

Sun, Dec 10 **Second Sunday of Advent**
9:00 am **Mass**
10:30 am **Mass**

Pope's Prayer Intention For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada means: SPIRITUALITY We are called to live in relationship with God, others and creation. Spirituality nourishes us on our faith journey enriching us as we grow. The Catholic Women's League calls us to be witnesses to the love of God through ministry and service. Connect and grow with us.

2023 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 15. Thank you for the ongoing support received by those in our community who need our help.



Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec 2 – 5:00 pm
†Max Pecoskie by Lori, Mark, Ashton & Ashleigh Hoare

Sun, Dec 3 – 9:00 am
Living & deceased members of the Catholic Women's League
Deceased members of Sauve & Foley Families by Jim & Doreen Sauve
†Maureen Friedman by Mary Jeffrey & Family

Sun, Dec 3 – 10:30 am
For the intentions of all parishioners

Mon, Dec 4 – 9:00 am
Intentions of Kera & Kevin
Intentions of Marie Nicholas by Tessie Stoppa

Tue, Dec 5 – 9:00 am
†Trina Muldoon by Annemarie Brown

Thu, Dec 7 – 9:00 am
†Pasa Kristensen by O'Hara Family

Fri, Dec 8 – 9:00 am
Intentions of Liam O'Hara by Suzanne
Parents, grandparents, relatives & friends by Family Ho Truong

Sat, Dec 9 – 5:00 pm
†Helena Golob by Ginette Dagenais
†Jacob Lommen by Family

Sun, Dec 10 – 9:00 am
For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, Dec 10 – 10:30 am
†John Yutronkie by Lori, Mark, Ashton & Ashleigh Hoare



Please pray for those who are sick: Bruce, Marlene, Ron, Patrick, Gerald, John, Nancy, Miriam, Muriel, Hugh, Ben, Mona
Please pray for those who have died: †Sami Atallah, father of Father Fadi Atallah, †Jacqueline Pomeroy, wife of Mike

†Indicates Deceased



We welcome to our parish family **Cooper, Taylor, Theodore,** and **Sophie** who were recently baptized. We give thanks and praise to God for the new life in Christ bestowed upon these children.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 & 10:30 am

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

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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 30 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 & 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31 at 5:00 pm
Monday, January 1 at 10:30 am

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed from 3:30 pm on Thursday, December 21, 2023 until 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Word from the Pastor

The new liturgical season of Advent begins today. Having concluded cycle A, the Church begins cycle B of a three year cycle which focusses our attention on the Gospel of St. Mark. Two important themes are the Lord's return at the end of time and St. John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Our Advent theme this year is based on the hymn *The Summons* as we journey together with our youth preparing for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

December donations of personal care items for the needy at the Shepherds of Good Hope sponsored by Kelly Funeral Home, Kanata, can be placed in the bin at the church entrance.

Please read the insert in today's bulletin on 'How to Use the Sunday Missal', by Novalis Publishing Inc.

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

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

Guardian Angles School Christmas Concert All are invited to join us for an Advent Lessons and Carols style evening on December 13 at 5pm and 6:30pm.

Do you like to sing and do you love Christmas music? What would our Christmas celebrations be without good, traditional Christmas music! Calling any singing parishioners: You are invited to come out to sing with the 9am Music Ministry over the Christmas Season. We have Tuesday evening choir rehearsals where we will prepare, sing and have fun! All talent levels are welcome! Contact Divina (divina.hogan@gmail.com) for more information.

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 _____

Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration on Dec 14 at 7pm at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more info, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, vocations@ottawacornwall.ca.

Three additional projects in our Archdiocese were recently awarded grant monies by the **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund**

1. An exchange program being organized by Notre Dame High School wherein they are bringing a group of Indigenous students from Fort Providence, NWT to Ottawa in May 2024. A group of Notre Dame students previously travelled north and it was an extremely positive experience for all involved.
2. Kateri Native Ministry was awarded a grant to conduct a weeklong land-based language week – the language being Algonquin.
3. The Akwesasne Board of Education located on the Akwesasne reserve near Cornwall was awarded a grant to teach the Mohawk language to their students using a music and arts based approach.

The Synod this year... Our beautiful St. Phoebe icon and Synod banner are not on display now since the ambry was needed for baptisms, but the Synod is not over! We are all invited by Pope Francis to keep "walking together towards Synod 2024" next October through prayer, dialogue and listening. Please read the latest Synod Synthesis report (www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf). The only challenge, amid 80 other recommendations, marked "urgent" is the call to enrich the role of women in our Church. Prof. Clifford, in a recent Ottawa talk, said the restoration of women to the diaconate remains "an open question" and continued work on the concept was supported by over 70% of Bishops present. Team Holy Spirit, with Msgr. Muldoon's support, is continuing to walk together towards Synod 2024. Please stay tuned! (Louise Beggs@icloud.com, 613-852-4469).

The CWL would like to thank all the parishioners for their amazing generous donations of bedding and linens for the Chrysalis House Women's Shelter. The collection will be delivered in early December and we know every item will be put to good use.

The Catholic Women's League would like to sincerely thank all of those who supported their Annual Bazaar on November 18th. To the volunteers, parishioners, vendors and local businesses who helped to make this a very successful event, we are very grateful. It was great to see so many people come out and see what we had to offer. We thank all the local businesses who donated items to the Bazaar and to Stittsville Glass and Signs for their help with our signs.

Several raffles were held and the **winners of the gifts provided by local businesses are as follows:**

Denise Peckham - Brown's Independent Grocer Gift Basket; Isabella Bourada – Zenvy Salon Spa Gift Basket; Denis Bouchard – Starbuck's, Stittsville, Gift Basket; Heather Quince – Kal's Place Restaurant & Pizzeria Gift Card; Shirley Pipkin – Pierino Scarfo Salon; Pauline Foley – Gift Cards basket

The winners of the CWL baskets were: Julie Beingessner – Movie Night; Israel Suzo – Christmas Basket; Joanne Fortier – Wine Basket. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you again to everyone who supported our Bazaar.

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