



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 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.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FOR PARISH BULLETIN: Tuesday, noon

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

Claudette Langdon, President 613-831-1286

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph Carbonetto, Grand Knight 613-831-0411

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Guardian Angels Elementary 613-836-7423
Holy Spirit Elementary 613-831-1853
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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



December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Parish Calendar December 12 – December 18

- Mon. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 9:30 am **MASS** at St. Stephen School
 6:15-6:45 pm Reconciliation
 6:30 pm Rosary
 7:00 pm **MASS**
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:30 pm Catholic Woman's League Executive Meeting
 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- Tues. 13 St. Lucy**
 8:15-8:45 am Reconciliation
 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am **MASS** with Sacred Heart HS grade 11's
 9:45 am Women's Fellowship
- Wed. 14 St. John of the Cross**
- Thurs. 15** 10:00 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
 11:00 am Granite Ridge Mass
 6:15-6:45 pm Reconciliation
 6:30 pm Rosary
 7:00 pm **MASS**
- Fri. 16** 8:15-8:45 am Reconciliation
 8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am **MASS** with Sacred Heart HS grade 12's
 9:30 am Flame of Love
- Sat. 17** 4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm **MASS**
- Sun. 18 Second Sunday of Advent**
 9:00 am **MASS**
 10:00 am Rosary
 10:30 am **MASS**

Hospitality hosted by the Catholic Women's League after all Masses and Anniversary Blessings on December 17th & 18th.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Dec. 24 @ 4, 7, 10 pm
Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Dec. 31 @ 5:00 pm
Jan. 1 @ 9:00 & 10:30 am

Christmas Office Hours

Closed Dec. 23 at 3 pm Open Jan. 3 at 9:00 am

DECEMBER BULLETIN ITEM SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

Our publisher has sent us the bulletin printing schedule. Deadlines are as follows:

Dec. 14 for Dec. 25 bulletin
Dec. 19 for Jan. 1 bulletin

Remember to request your announced masses in advance.

Mass Intentions

Sat., December 10 – 5:00 pm

†Thomas Gillis by the Garvey Family

Sun., December 11 – 9:00 am

All Parishioners

Sun., December 11 – 10:30 am

†Brian and Frederick Grattan by Bev Combe

†Jose Santos by Ana Santos

†Pietro, †Filomena, †Teresa Scarfo and

†Raffaele, †Angela, †Maria Tassome by Giuseppe and Teresa Scarfo

Mon., December 12 – 7:00 pm

Healing of Pat Stotts by Gaye and Peter Lalonde

Intentions of Children of Mother's Prayer Group by Prayer Group

Thurs., December 15 – 7:00 pm

Intentions of Father Steve by Lisa

Fri., December 16 – 9:00 am

†Peter Long by Aunt Joan

Sat., December 17 – 5:00 pm

†Phil Bernier by the Family

†Catharina Wytenburg by Warren and Dolores Bahen

†Agustin Tomas by Miranda Family, Children and Grandchildren

Sun., December 18 – 9:00 am

†Kealey Family Members by Elaine and Gerry Byrne

†Droogh Family Members by the Family

†Albina Baznik by Selma MacIver

Sun., December 18 – 10:30 am

All Parishioners

† Indicates Deceased

Please pray for those who have died:

†Beatrice Svab, wife of Deacon Bill Svab



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 18. For a deeper trust and docility to the Holy Spirit among persons discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

For priests, world peace, the end of abortion, and the unification of Christians. Saint Patrick Basilica (downstairs).

Fri., Dec. 16, 8:00 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. Rosaries, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 a.m., Litany of Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament. Masses in Basilica at 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees. Weekdays from 4pm until 8pm and on weekends from 10am until 6pm. Money can also be dropped off at the office during the day. All profits from this fundraiser will be used to support local charities, and community activities.

As Christmas approaches, don't downplay your sins, Pope Francis said. Instead, name them honestly in the Sacrament of Confession, open your heart, and ask the Lord to heal you from within.

Word from the Pastor

Jesus said, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, Lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear and the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Advent is a season when children and adults anticipate Christmas gifts. But Advent means more than that to us. We anticipate and hope for renewal and deepening of our faith during this reflective season. Like the people of Jesus' time, we are looking for the coming of Jesus to set us free. In what area of our lives do we need him to set us free?

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

ADVENT TRADITIONS

Did you know that during Advent we are **not singing the Gloria** and it's not because someone forgot! It's actually to make a contrast between the season of Advent and the season of Christmas. While Advent is indeed a joyful season, it does not have the same level of exuberance that Christmas will follow with. We dispense with the Gloria during Advent because "absence makes the heart grow fonder!" When Christmas comes along, the singing of the Gloria will be all the more festive.

THANK YOU FOR USING ENVELOPES

We give thanks for the support of our parish all year round. At this time in particular, we give thanks for envelope users who, through tax data, remind our government that the Catholic Church is alive and well. Please consider using parish envelopes next year, or subscribe to the direct deposit method of making your offertory. For a box of envelopes or information about direct deposit, please contact your parish office at 613-836-8881

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS – Dec. 17 & 18



If you are celebrating an anniversary in December and would like your marriage blessed at one of the masses on the weekend of December 17/18, please call the office and leave your name, the number of years married and the mass you plan to attend.

"Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited." — Thomas Merton

VATICAN CHRISTMAS TREE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ... especially at the Vatican! Yes, popes, cardinals, bishops and priests at the Vatican like to get into the spirit, too, with a beautiful 82 foot tree in St. Peter's Square. The tree, which is donated each year, arrived at the square this week and decorations are underway to get it decorated and lit and unveiled on December 9, the day after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Since 1982, during the tenure of Pope John Paul II, the Vatican has erected a gloriously lit tree. The very natural-looking spruce tree, donated from Trento, Italy will be decorated with ceramic ornaments made by children in Italian hospitals who are being treated for cancer, and will shine brightly with some 18,000 LED, earth-conscious lights.

SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE

Donations of 'New' winter clothing and Toiletries can be place in the bins available in the atrium.

ANGEL TREE

If you have forgotten to drop off your Angel Gift which was due by Dec 11, please bring it to the office during office hours by Wednesday December 14.

STITTSVILLE FOOD BANK

You can drop off items for the Stittsville Food Bank in the atrium. The Food Bank needs: toiletries, household items, breakfast food, canned fruits and vegetables, canned salmon and tuna, peanut butter, nuts and possibly one of your favourite Christmas treats.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Monday Dec.19, 5:00-8:00pm, here at Holy Spirit Parish. You have the Power to Give Life. Book your appointment at blood.ca

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous,
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do your will.*

St. Ignatius of Loyola

CHRISTMAS ALTAR DÉCOR

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 Flowers 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 Number: (613) _____

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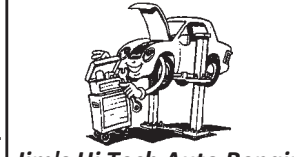
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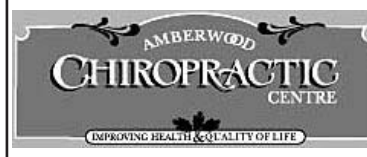


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