



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
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



December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Parish Calendar December 18 – December 24

Mon. 18	6:20-6:45 pm	Reconciliation
	6:30 pm	Rosary
	7:00 pm	MASS
	7:30 pm	KOC General Meeting
Tues. 19	8:20-8:45 am	Reconciliation
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	MASS with Sacred Heart HS Grade 11
	9:45 am	Women's Fellowship
	7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting
Thurs. 21	10:00 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	11:00 am	Mass at Granite Ridge
	6:20-6:45 pm	Reconciliation
	6:30 pm	Rosary
	7:00 pm	MASS
Fri. 22	8:20-8:45 am	Reconciliation
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	MASS
	9:30 am	Flame of Love
Sat. 23	4:15-4:45 pm	Reconciliation
	5:00 pm	MASS
Sun. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 am	MASS
	10:00 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	MASS
Sun. 24	Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord	
	4:00 pm	MASS
	7:00 pm	MASS
	10:00 pm	MASS
Mon. 25	10:00 am	MASS

Some volunteers are needed to prepare the Church for Christmas on Dec 22 or Dec 23. If you can assist, please call the Office 613-836-8881

HELPING HANDS NEEDED

Did you know that we need about 15+ volunteers to help with each Sunday mass! Some 50-60 parishioners graciously exercise their good will each week to help make sure that your time here is a welcoming and inspirational one. This may seem like a lot of people, but really it is the bare minimum and we could use some more help. **There are many opportunities available for anyone of any age to help:** altar serving, reading, ushering/greeting, slides, music/audio, Eucharistic ministries, children's liturgy and more. "Whatever you give in the Lord's name shall be returned to you a hundred fold" Contact Deacon John to discuss what opportunities await you:

john@holyspiritparish.ca



CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Sunday Dec. 31 @ 5:00 pm
Monday Jan. 1 @ 10:00 am

Mass Intentions

Sat., December 16 – 5:00 pm

†Marie Connors by Norah Campbell
†Paul French by Patricia Conway
Intentions of Sherilyn Palmer by Louise Beggs

Sun., December 17 – 9:00 am

All Parishioners

Sun., December 17 – 10:30 am

†Brian and †Frederick Grattan by Beverley Combe

†Jose Santos by Ana Santos

Deceased members of the Whelehan family by Eileen Cullen

Mon., December 18 – 7:00 pm

†Alan Selvadurai by Patricia and Philip Stotts

Tues., December 19 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Judith Hurdman

Thurs., December 21 – 7:00 pm

Deceased family members of Kim and Philippe Baudoin

Fri., December 22 – 9:00 am

†Peter Long by Aunt Joan

Sat., December 23 – 5:00 pm

Intentions of Bob Mulvihill by Margaret

†Don Lacroix by Doreen and Jim Sauv 

Repose of the souls of the Irwin & Bahen families by Dolores and Warren Bahen

Sun., December 24 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Deacon John Orban by Gaye and Pierre Lalond

Sun., December 24 – 10:30 am

All Parishioners

Sun., December 24 – 4:00 pm

†Phil and †Josh by Joan and family

Droogh family by Margaret

†John Yutronkie by Lori & Mark Hoare and family

Sun., December 24 – 7:00 pm

†Kay and †J.P. Giroux by Gerald and Tish Giroux

†Ed and †Cecile Besserer by the children

Intentions of Bob Mulvihill by Margaret

Sun., December 24 – 10:00 pm

†Bill Lehmann and †Joan Berndt by Ken and Bonnie Lehmann

Mon., December 25 – 10:00 am

All Parishioners

Please pray for those who are ill:

Peter Aristotle, husband of Cecilia

Please pray for those who have died:

†Margaret Yurack, sister of Jean Pegg

†Shirley Redmond

†Ron Scott

† Indicates Deceased



CHRISTMAS TREES SALE

The Knights of Columbus are offering Christmas trees for sale on the front lawn of the Parish. The trees are priced at \$45.00 each. The hours are from 5-9 pm weeknights and Noon-9 pm on weekends.

Prayer for Vocations: For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guide their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.

Word from the Pastor

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. Like John the Baptist, our job description as Christians is to give witness to Jesus, the Light of the world. And like him, we may have to suffer the consequences of our witnessing -- being treated severely, or just being ignored and shrugged off. How am I a "voice" that prepares for Christ's coming? How have I had to suffer when I have given witness of my faith to others?

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

INFO SESSION - MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Matthew Keshwah on 11 day Marian Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico City), Our Lady of Sorrows & Our Lady of Good Success (Quito, Ecuador), May 19-29, 2018. Info session : St. John the Apostle, **Sunday , January. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Info: David Hnatiw 613-620-1196 david@voyagesterranatura.ca

2018 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated **Jan. 14, 2018**. Theme of Pope Francis' message: "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees".

FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

The collections at Mass – your donations – fund our church and community. The two envelopes you see most often are for the general collection and the mortgage fund. The general collection envelopes are used for regular expenses of the church including staff salaries, taxes, utilities, insurance, and supplies. We also use these collections for ongoing building maintenance such as cleaning the carpet, clearing snow and cutting the lawn. The mortgage fund is used to pay for the mortgage of the rectory that we bought two summers ago.

Your donations qualify as a charitable donation and you receive a charitable tax credit. A tax receipt is issued when your donations are recorded by the parish. The parish can provide you with a box of envelopes allowing you to be registered. The church also provides 'direct debit' from your chequing account as a contribution option and will ensure your donations are regular without the need for an envelope. This will save you from writing cheques, carrying sufficient cash, or missing donations during either vacation time or illness.

There were a number of projects completed this year. They include the construction of a fireproof room upstairs to protect important parish documents, the interior of the church was painted, windows (inside and out) and carpets were cleaned, the library was converted to an office to accommodate our Deacon, John Orban, and the roof of the tower was repaired.

It's worth noting that the labour and materials were free as the roof was still under warranty for one more month. We made it just under the wire and saved thousands of dollars on that project.

The Finance Council hosted a well-received and attended event in early October that addressed estate planning, taxes, and planned giving. This was delivered by a team from diocese and attended by parishioners around the city. There have already been requests for another presentation next year.

Plans for the old rectory behind the church are still being reviewed. We are considering renovating the space for a library, office space, or a meeting area that may accommodate a youth group. An exciting project the finance committee is exploring, is the establishment of a Youth Ministry. The goal is to provide the youth of the parish a place to gather, and to help strengthen the relationship between the church and its youth. This is a project that many people have said is important and wish to establish. We have been in contact with other parishes and the Diocese for information about a youth ministry, and involvement that would be needed by the parish (both financial and parishioner) to move this project forward. The next step would be to have a youth minister or representative of the ministry from another parish or the diocese speak to the congregation directly about such a program.

On behalf of the Holy Spirit Finance Council, thank you for your time, your stewardship, and your generous support.

TOILETRIES DRIVE SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE

We encourage you to support the Toiletries Drive sponsored by Kelly Funeral Homes. Items urgently needed are: tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, soap, feminine products, deodorant, and razors. Please place the items in the collection bin which will be available in the atrium near the office.

BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON

Speaker Ian Henderson, Bereavement and Support Ottawa St John the Apostle monthly Bereavement Group Luncheon, 2340 Baseline Rd. on **Jan. 9, 11:30 a.m.** in the Small Assembly Room. Bring your own lunch. Info: Mary Ellen (613-224-0030).

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 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)

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