



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

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Joseph Carbonetto, Grand Knight 613-831-0411

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

December 25 – CHRISTMAS – The Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 62.11-12
Titus 3.4-7
Luke 2.1-20

Parish Calendar December 19 – December 25

- Mon. 19** 10:00 AM **MASS** with Holy Spirit School
6:15-6:45 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm **MASS**
5:00 – 8:00 pm Blood Donor Clinic in parish hall
- Tues. 20** 8:15-8:45 am Reconciliation
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am **MASS** with Sacred Heart HS grade 7&8's
7:00 pm Parish Finance Council
- Thurs. 22** 10:00 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
10:00 am Communion at Granite Ridge
6:15-6:45 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm **MASS**
- Fri. 23** 8:15-8:45 am Reconciliation
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am **MASS**
9:30 am Flame of Love
- Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord**
- Sat. 24** 4:00 pm **MASS**
7:00 pm **MASS**
10:00 pm **MASS**
- Sun. 25** 10:00 am **MASS**

Mass Intentions

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 Kealey
†Droogh Family Members by the Family
†Albina Baznik by Selma MacIver

Sun., December 18 – 10:30 am

All Parishioners

Mon., December 19 – 7:00 pm

†Patrick McGill by the Garvey Family

Thurs., December 22 – 7:00 pm

Intentions of Eileen by Margaret and Joan

Sat., December 24 – 4:00 pm

†Paddy Barry by Joyce Rogers

†Phil and Josh by Joan and Family

Sat., December 24 – 7:00 pm

†Ed and Cecile Besser by the Children

Sat., December 24 – 10:00 pm

All Parishioners

Sun., December 25 – 10:00 am

All Parishioners

† Indicates Deceased

Please pray for all those who are ill:

Travis Boudreau

Please pray for those who have died:

†Ann Lawther



CHRISTMAS MASSES	NEW YEAR'S MASSES
Dec. 24 @ 4, 7, 10 pm	Dec. 31 @ 5:00 pm
Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am	Jan. 1 @ 9:00 & 10:30 am

Christmas Office Hours

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

ADVENT TRADITIONS

Did you know that the custom of **Advent calendars** originated among Lutherans in Germany as early as the beginning of the 19th century, who would count down the 24 days of Advent by drawing a chalk line on the door each day. The first known Advent calendar was handmade in 1851 and the first printed one was produced between 1902 and 1908. Advent calendars were used to mark goals toward personal conversion or service to be done for others during the Advent season. Some Advent calendars have Bible verses behind each door, some have little pictures. Many calendars today have lost their religious significance and are aimed at children who are counting down to Christmas and the arrival of Santa.

Please check the parish website
www.holyspiritparish.ca
for other details and interesting extras
such as Catholic news and inspirational videos.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Christmas Day - That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION

A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome.

OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program at Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. The 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is **Jan. 16-20** at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. Info: (ocsb.ca/registrations).

ECOLE ELEMENTAIRE CATHOLIQUE SAINT-JEAN-PAUL II REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

Enrollment of students attending junior kindergarten in September 2017 will take place by appointment on the following dates: January 23, 24, 31 and February 1, 2017.

Word from the Pastor

St. Luke: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Jesus Christ is our Emmanuel. Once again he is our Christmas gift who brings light into our darkness and hope to our struggles. Love has pierced the chill of our world and warmed us with an embrace that will not let go of us -- "God is with us." In our periods of darkness who is a sign to us that "God is with us?" To whom am I called to be a sign of God's faithful presence in their darkness?

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

CAROL SING-A-LONG WITH LAWRENCE HARRIS
Annual Carol Sing-a-long with Lawrence Harris and Gregorian chants sung by Chorus Ecclesiae. Experience this "voices-only" sing-a-long of favorite traditional carols. Free admission. **Sun., Dec. 18, 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**, Dominican Convent, 96 Empress Ave. (off Somerset). Info: (613-567-7729) or (ChoirClass@hotmail.com).

STEBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING
Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); (kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca).

The Real Meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas

The following was written anonymously for young Catholics during an era of 1558 until 1829 when Roman Catholics were forbidden to practise their faith openly in England:

The partridge in a pear tree was **Jesus Christ**.
Two turtledoves were the **Old and New Testaments**.
Three French hens stood for **faith, hope and love**.
Four calling birds = four gospels of **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**.
Five golden rings recalled the **first five books of the Old Testament**.
Six geese a-laying stood for the **six days of creation**.
Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold **gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy**.
Eight maids a-milking were the **eight beatitudes**.
Nine ladies dancing were the **nine fruits of the Holy Spirit; Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control**.
Ten lords a-leaping were the **Ten Commandments**.
Eleven pipers piping stood for the **eleven faithful disciples**.

FAITH FORMATION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL
Offering one course beginning in January: "How Did Vatican II Change the Church?" Thursday evenings, **7:00 - 8:30 p.m., January 19 - April 6**. Cost: \$20. Info & registration: (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/courses>); or (613-241-7496).

These Beatitudes fit well alongside the original Beatitudes that were offered by Jesus Christ during his famous Sermon on the Mount. Those Beatitudes are known to many, the first and most famous is, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

- Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
- Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.
- Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.
- Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
- Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

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: _____

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