



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

Guardian Angels Elementary 613-836-7423
Holy Spirit Elementary 613-831-1853
St. Stephen Elementary 613-831-8844
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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: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

December 31 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3.12-21
Luke 2.22-40

Parish Calendar December 25 – December 31

Mon. 25	Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 am	MASS
Tues. 26	St. Stephen
8:20-8:45 am	Reconciliation
8:30 am	Rosary
9:00 am	MASS
Thurs. 28	The Holy Innocents
6:20-6:45 pm	Reconciliation
6:30 pm	Rosary
7:00 pm	MASS
Fri. 29	8:20-8:45 am Reconciliation
8:30 am	Rosary
9:00 am	MASS
9:30 am	Flame of Love
Sat. 30	4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm	MASS
Sun. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 am	MASS
10:00 am	Rosary
10:30 am	MASS
Sun. 31	The Solemnity of Mary
5:00 pm	MASS
Mon. 1	10:00 am MASS

Christmas Office Hours:

Closed Dec. 22 at 3:00 pm until January 2 at 9:00 am

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

ADVENT WREATH: The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of God's plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished.



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 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 Lalonde

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

Tues., December 26 – 9:00 am

†Xavier Bastiampillai by family
†Tim Garvey by the Garvey family

Thurs., December 28 – 7:00 pm

†Danny Sutherland

Fri., December 29 – 9:00 am

Family and friends living and deceased by Samir & Rima Ayoub

Sat., December 30 – 5:00 pm

†Marina Dilys Asirvatham by family and friends
In thanksgiving for the year by the Ho family
†Phil and †Winnie Roos by Ken and Bonnie Lehmann

Sun., December 31 – 9:00 am

All Parishioners

Sun., December 31 – 10:30 am

†Michael O'Hara by Kevin & Suzanne O'Hara
Intentions of Eileen McEvoy by the Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests

†Agustin Tomas by the Miranda family

Mon., January 1 – 10:00 am

All Parishioners

Please pray for those who are ill:

Peter Aristotle, husband of Cecilia
Noreen Plant, mother of Fr. Gerard Plant



† Indicates Deceased

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.

Word from the Pastor

For the fourth and final Sunday of Advent we are brought back to the Gospel of St. Luke and its moving story of the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel whose name means 'God is my strength' appears to Mary in Nazareth. The familiar words spoken recall the 'Hail Mary'. Though troubled in her spirit, Mary is willing to receive God's Word to her in the birth of Jesus. She is called the new 'Eve' by her generous and faith filled 'yes' to the plan of God.

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

BIRTHRIGHT Ottawa

Looking for compassionate non-judgmental individuals, who desire to bring hope and encouragement to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. A 3 hour commitment per week is encouraged. Please contact Birthright-ottawa@rogers.com. Training provided.

Dominican University College - Courses in Theology

January 8 - April 20, 2018. "In the Beginning": Gen 1-11, Professor Hervé Tremblay, O.P.; Hope and Charity, Professor Didier Caenepeel, O.P.; Baptism and its Confirmation, Professor Jean Doutre, O.P. Info: info@dominicanu.ca www.dominicanu.ca/interestcourses

Elements of Community

There are three elements of community. The first is prayer or communion, the second, presence and service to the poor, and the third is consciousness of being bonded in a single body.

Jean Vanier

Christmas Message

As we look forward to Jesus coming to us once more at Christmas we look to the manger. It is not so much a pretty scene as a radical foreshadowing of Jesus' role as food for the world. May the Prince of Peace give to us and to all the world the joy and the truth of His love for all people.

Wishing you and your loved ones health and holiness in this Season of Love.

Merry Christmas and a New Year of Blessings.

Msgr. J. Muldoon and the Staff of Holy Spirit Parish

**Archbishop's Christmas Message 2017
The Family: An Icon of God's Love**

Christmas offers us all a share in the joy of the shepherds who rushed to Bethlehem as soon as they heard the Angel's news and found "Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in the manger" (Luke 2.16).

The shepherds found not only the Infant Jesus but also a small family: a mother, father and newborn son. God chose to reveal himself by being born into a human family and so the human family became a living image—an icon—of God!

That's why I have chosen for my Christmas card this year the icon of the Holy Family prepared for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August 2018.

It depicts the end of the gospel passage in which the twelve-year-old Jesus stayed behind in the Temple in Jerusalem unknown to his parents who, surprised and anxious, discovered him three days later conversing with the learned teachers gathered there (Luke 2.41-52).

A new conversation began as Jesus answered his mother who asked him to explain his claim that he had to "be in his Father's house" that is God's house (cf. Luke 2.49). The boy Jesus appears full of zeal for God and for the Temple. Still, he went back with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth and lived in obedience to them, growing in wisdom and age and grace.

It is a rare family even today that cannot identify with the confusion and shock of Jesus' parents at his words that placed a gap between the devotion he owed them in filial piety and the powerful attraction he felt towards a higher vocation. And perhaps all of us struggle to understand the divine element in daily life.

God took divine-human relationships to a new level by entering the messiness of human existence in the incarnation—in the Word of God taking on our human condition in the person of Jesus.

God, the Trinity, is a communion of love. Despite the obvious differences between the majesty of God and the created human person, the family too is a communion of love.

For the theme of our Pastoral Year 2017-2018 the Archdiocese chose that of the World Meeting of Families: "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". The family is "good news" bringing joy to our troubled world!

By "family," we mean the family as it is today, with its problems, wounds, and need of healing—not the idealized family. It is this real-life family that reflects the gospel message and brings joy to the whole world, even though it suffers from individualism, relativism, and other "isms" around today.

Two friends of mine were speaking with me recently about the challenge to listen attentively as each child shares with one or both of them their experiences, questions, doubts, fears, dreams and accomplishments. Since they have a large family this can prove quite demanding. It is a set of conversations that seemingly need never end, even when the children become adults.

Children are a gift and a project of God, not the possession of their parents. Rather, following God's wondrous plan, the family is called to educate children in true freedom, which is precisely that of saying "yes" to God in order to do his will, just as the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph did.

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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