



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

Marilyn Foote Pollock, President 613-836-9839

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: _____

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Jan 2 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2.1-12

Jan 9 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7
Acts 10.34-38
Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Parish Calendar

Mon, Jan 3	9:00 am	Mass
Tue, Jan 4	9:00 am	Mass
Thu, Jan 6	9:00 am	Mass
Fri, Jan 7		St. André Bessette
	9:00 am	Mass
	9:30-10:30 am	First Friday Adoration and Benediction
Sat, Jan 8	5:00 pm	Mass
Sun, Jan 9		Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
	9:00 am	Mass
	10:30 am	Mass

and MASS will be available on the church website: www.holyspiritparish.ca

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, January 7 after the 9AM Eucharist. The Monstrance with the consecrated host (the Body of Christ) will be placed on the altar for Benediction at 10:30AM. We are invited to pray for the Synod as called by Pope Francis and for vocations to the Priesthood.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separate from You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

That, just as the Magi were inspired by the Holy Spirit, young men and women will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the Lord as priests, deacons and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

To start the conversation, contact Fr. Pierre Champoux, Director of Vocations, at vocations@archottawa.ca or 613-558-1445.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

God of wonder and awe, point us to your miracles. Help us to see them and never take them for granted. May we return with worship and praise to give you thanks, and return your gifts with giving hearts and lives, we pray to the Lord. Amen.

Upcoming Blood Donation Event at Holy Spirit Parish on Wednesday, January 5th from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Book now to donate at www.blood.ca

Mass Intentions

Sat, Jan 1 – 10:00 am

Intentions of Don Gillis by Gillis Family

Sun, Jan 2 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, Jan 2 – 10:30 am

†Pietro, †Filomena, †Teresa & †Maria Scarfo and †Raffele, †Angela & †Maria Tassone by Giuseppe & Teresa Scarfo

Mon, Jan 3 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Margaret Mulvihill by Marion Di Gaspari

Intentions of Jayne Miles by Kathy & Gerry Lafleur

Tue, Jan 4 – 9:00 am

†Lillian Hamilton by Lucille Russet

Thu, Jan 6 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Dalrymple Family & †Cecile & †Henry St-Cyr by Linda Dalrymple

Fri, Jan 7 – 9:00 am

†Oswald & †Kay Muldoon by Monsignor Muldoon

Sat, Jan 8 – 5:00 pm

†Pat Foley by Marcelle & Leo Coulas

†Russ Grant by Garvey Family

Sun, Jan 9 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, Jan 9 – 10:30 am

†Dorothy Smirle by Sandra Cybulski

†Lillian Hamilton by Dalrymple Family

Please pray for those who are sick: John, Marlene, Philippe, Anne, Connie O'Brien, Theresa Hamilton, Shirley O'Connell; Daniel Cillis, father of Jacinta Asquith; Don Gillis, husband of Shirley;

Please pray for those who have died: †Margaret Beanish, mother of Fr. Jim Beanish (Pembroke)

†Indicates Deceased

To all the parishes' generous faithful Thank you to all who donate to the ongoing operation of the parish. Please bring your donation in the form of a cheque in an envelope with your name and envelope number. This can be dropped off in the office mailbox between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday. Safety protocols are being followed. For e-Transfer, please send it to admin@holyspiritparish.ca and use the password "Holyspirit". 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.

Sunday missals are available for purchase from the Parish Office at \$7.00 each. Please call the Parish Office for assistance.



Word from the Pastor

The Feast of the Epiphany has traditionally been considered more theologically important than almost any other Feast Day, including Christmas. The early Christians had only Scripture, not the wealth of tradition we have today, to guide them in marking the great events of the life of Christ. So Holy Week and Easter, the Baptism of the Lord, Pentecost, and Epiphany jumped off the pages of Scripture as great events which merited celebration. These few dates became fixed points on the calendar and were later surrounded over the centuries with numerous other feasts and saints' days.

Two lessons from the visit of the Magi are worth considering. The first is that the wise men's gifts were given after Christmas. Many Catholic cultures preserve the ancient tradition of giving gifts on the Epiphany, not on Christmas itself. This tradition separates the birth of Christ from gift giving. When these two things—the birth of Christ and the giving of gifts—are collapsed into the same day, it causes some confusion of priorities, and the birth of Christ never wins. Waiting to exchange gifts until January sixth lets the Child God have the stage to Himself for a day. It makes people, especially children, wait, a modern day rarity in the Western world. Gift giving postponed until January sixth makes for a long, leisurely Christmas season and has the benefit of tradition and good theology as well.

Thanks to Martha Kilfoil for the prayer cards. Please take one and give it to someone.

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

Humor: Differences of Opinion Dr. Eugene Brice tells a delightful but disturbing story about a minister who returned to visit a church he had once served. He ran into Bill, who had been an elder and leader in the church, but who wasn't around anymore. The pastor asked, "Bill, what happened? You used to be there every time the doors opened."

"Well, Pastor," said Bill, "a difference of opinion arose in the church. Some of us couldn't accept the final decision and we established a church of our own."

"Is that where you worship now?" asked the pastor.

"No," answered Bill, "we found that there, too, the people were not faithful and a small group of us began meeting in a rented hall at night."

"Has that proven satisfactory?" asked the minister.

"No, I can't say that it has," Bill responded. "Satan was active even in that fellowship, so my wife and I withdrew and began to worship on Sunday at home by ourselves."

"Then at last you have found inner peace?" asked the pastor.

"No, I'm afraid we haven't," said Bill. "Even my wife began to develop ideas I was not comfortable with, so now she worships in the northeast corner of the living room, and I am in the southwest."

Eugene Brice

November 2021 Financial Summary

Total Revenue	\$37 829.14
Total Expenses	\$18 191.75
Net Income	\$19 637.39

Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish.

STITTSVILLE FOOD BANK Thank you to all parishioners who share with those less fortunate in our community. Monetary donations are best right now but juice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, salmon and tuna, rice, cereal, cookies, crackers, coffee and tea are also needed. Please do not leave food outside, but bring your donations during office hours or when you come to Sunday Mass.

Moving?? Help us keep our records up to date. Notify the Office with your old and new contact information including your complete mailing address, and current email address. admin@holyspiritparish.ca 613-836-8881

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Two job openings at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, 206 Barry Road, Madoc ON. The first position is to plan and coordinate our 'Respite and Recovery for Trafficked Women' project starting early in the New Year. This person needs energy, passion, and a thirst to help those who are suffering. The second is to work with our community garden and seniors' projects, expanding and supporting both; and also to begin our project of creating a conference in honour of St. Oscar Romero. This person needs to enjoy networking and planning and love grassroots work. Complete job descriptions can be found at: www.stmarysrefuge.org

Archbishop's Christmas Message 2021

Dear brothers and sisters, "Today true peace has come down to us from heaven." (Entrance Antiphon, Mass during the Night) What a comforting word for a world in disarray! Thank you, God our Father, for the gift of your Son that we celebrate this Christmas. Amid our worries, our concerns, our fears that paralyze and divide us, we welcome during this Holy Night, true peace, the Prince of Peace as announced by the Prophet Isaiah. Joseph and Mary are the first to benefit from the peaceful grace, the balm of peace that their newborn child brings them. During the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, unable to find shelter in the inn, surprised and disappointed to be in a stable to give birth to a child, and surrounded by unknown shepherds, these are many reasons for them to have a troubled heart; but on the contrary peace reigns. Emmanuel, God-with-us, is very present, incarnated in their history and in our history to reveal Love to us. Let us pray, then, for the true Peace that comes from heaven, so that it may be deeply rooted in the reality of our daily lives. The angels are truly right to announce that a Savior has been born to us. The joy is great for all humanity. On this Christmas Day, let us make room for Jesus the Christ so that He can be born into our personal and community lives. Transformed and renewed by his Word and the gift of his Life, let us become missionary disciples happy to witness to our faith. Let us be generous in our acts of charity and mercy towards the less fortunate, so that by these actions, we also sow joy and be peacemakers for the people around us.

Merry Christmas!

✠Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

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