



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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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

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Alex Golob, Chair 613-410-1896

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Guardian Angels Elementary 613-836-7423
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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: _____

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Jan 9 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7
Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Jan 16 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62.1-5
1 Corinthians 12.4-11
John 2.1-12

Parish Calendar

Mon, Jan 10	9:00 am	Mass
Tue, Jan 11	9:00 am	Mass
Thu, Jan 13	9:00 am	Mass
Fri, Jan 14	9:00 am	Mass
Sat, Jan 15	5:00 pm	Mass
Sun, Jan 16	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Mass
	10:30 am	Mass

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

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 FAMILIES Jesus Christ, beloved son of the Father, transform, restore and heal our relationships within our families, friends and communities. Renew our trust in you and your plan for our lives. May we continue to recognize moments in our lives where the Holy Spirit acts and encourages us to love God and our neighbour more humbly and deeply. Amen.

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.

Good Wishes go out to Assemblée Cartier Assembly 860, the patriotic and visible arm of the Knights of Columbus on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of their Charter issued on Jan. 14, 1922. At that time, the application submitted by Council 485 was granted by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, on the noble principle of "Patriotism" to foster, exemplify, and propagate by association of the Supreme Assembly, Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. We appreciate and thank the past and present members of the Assembly for their dedication and volunteerism throughout the past 100 years. May they continue to successfully carry out the principle of "Patriotism" for many years to come. The K of C Assembly chambers are located in Saint Patrick Basilica, Ottawa, Ontario.

Mass Intentions

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

Mon, Jan 10 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Marion Di Gaspari by Margaret Mulvihill

Tue, Jan 11 – 9:00 am

Living & Deceased Family & Friends of Shirley & Don Gillis

Thu, Jan 13 – 9:00 am

†Lucette & †Fern Marcil by Jacques & Jeannie Marcil
Intentions of Marion Di Gaspari by Family

Fri, Jan 14 – 9:00 am

†Patrick O'Donnell by O'Donnell & Devenny Families

Sat, Jan 15 – 5:00 pm

†Olivette St. Amour by Suzanne & Lise Davidson

In thanksgiving for 100th Anniversary Cartier Assembly 860
by Members of Cartier Assembly

†Phil & †Josh by Joan & Family

Sun, Jan 16 – 9:00 am

Deceased Members of Irwin Family by Warren & Dolores

Intentions of Margaret Mulvihill by Marion Di Gaspari

Sun, Jan 16 – 10:30 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick: Jayne, Carlos Oliviera, John, Marlene, Philippe, Connie O'Brien, Anne; Daniel Cillis, father of Jacinta Asquith

Please pray for those who have died: †Ryan Nolan, son of Rick & Nancy

†Indicates Deceased

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS That, like John the Baptist, all those called by the Lord to serve his church will accept His invitation, we pray to the Lord.



You are warmly invited to take part in the Synod with our parish. A Letter of Invitation to you to take part in the Synod at Holy Spirit Parish, with full details, is on the church website, www.holyspiritparish.ca, and copies are in the church foyer. Listening

Sessions begin in January! Your parish representative is Louise Beggs ([613-852-4469](tel:613-852-4469), louisebeggs@icloud.com), assisted by Richard Konchak, and with the guidance of Msgr. Joseph Muldoon. Please read the letter. We want to hear from you!



Word from the Pastor

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: St. Luke 3 *After all the people had been baptized, and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.* We might consider ourselves quite ordinary Christians, but the fact is, through our baptism, we have been anointed by the Spirit. So, we always have with us the intimate presence of God, the foundation of our lives and the driving energy that sends us into the world. After Jesus' baptism he went on mission. Our baptism impels us to do similarly, in the many and diverse places God has sent us. What difference does my baptism make in my everyday world? Do I feel anointed by the Spirit to be more of a witness to my faith? How?

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

In his book, *World of Stories for Preachers and Teachers*, William Bausch tells this little-known fact about riding in a stagecoach in the Old West. The stagecoach had three kinds of tickets: first class, second class, and third class. If you had a first-class ticket, you could remain seated the entire trip, no matter what happened. If the coach got stuck in the mud, had trouble going up a steep hill, or even lost one of its wheels, you could remain seated inside the coach.

If you had a second-class ticket, you could remain seated until there was a problem. In that case, you had to get out of the coach until the problem was fixed. You didn't have to help fix the problem. In fact, you could stand around and watch as others worked on it. But if you had a third-class ticket and something went wrong, you had to get out of the stagecoach and help fix the problem. In other words, the problem became part of your responsibility. This meant you had to help push the coach up the hill, or out of the mud, or even help repair a broken wheel.

We might ask ourselves, on the stagecoach of life, what kind of ticket am I holding? A first-class ticket? That means if there's a problem, I don't have to do anything about it. A second-class ticket? That means I can stand around and watch while others work on life's problems. Or a third-class ticket? That means when something goes wrong on the journey of life, I try to help. I sense it is partly my responsibility to do something about what's wrong.

I believe that Jesus bought his disciples (and that includes us!) third-class tickets for the stagecoach of life. He makes this very clear in his unforgettable parable called "The Good Samaritan" (Lk. 10.29-37). Most of you probably know the story by heart. A certain Jew was on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was mugged by robbers. They stole his money, beat him, stripped him, and left him half dead. A priest happened by, saw the man lying on the side of the road, and crossed to the other side and went on his way. Then a Levite also chanced by and he did the same thing. But when a third traveler happened by, he was "moved with

compassion at the sight." His compassion is all the more remarkable, because the man is a Samaritan, a traditional "enemy" of the Jews. The Samaritan stops, bends down, cleanses the man's wounds, bandages them, lifts him on his own animal, and takes him to a nearby inn. He pays the owner generously to care for the man until he returns, saying, "If you spend more than what I have given you, I will repay you on my way back."

Wow! Talk about holding a third-class ticket! That Samaritan saw a big problem—which in a way was not his responsibility. He didn't know the victim. He wasn't a doctor. And the victim was not even a Samaritan, one of his own people! Yet he put aside his own plans to stop and care for him. And he extends his care into the future. And, at the end of the story, Jesus adds, "Go and do likewise." He holds up this Samaritan as a model for discipleship. We, his followers, must have a sense of responsibility for our personal problems, yes, but also for those that lie beyond our own life, our family, our local community, our own country. It's as simple and as challenging as that!

Today we might want to reflect on our sense of responsibility. Begin by giving yourself credit for all you are already doing. (I'm guessing you are already a pretty responsible person and a person of faith. Why else would you be reading a blog subtitled: "Celebrating Everyday Spirituality"?) Take a few moments to list (even in your mind) some of the ways you show you are responsible for things and people beyond yourself. Count things like: getting out of bed in the morning... caring for your kids or grandkids... putting in an honest day's work... praying for the needs of others... taking care of things you use... paying taxes... contributing to your parish... doing a favor for a neighbor... feeding the birds... staying informed about important issues...

Then we can reflect on those times we shirk our responsibilities. Those times we come up with all kinds of excuses not to help out when we could. Remember, the priest and Levite probably had some very good reasons not to stop and help. But, then again, the Samaritan probably had some good reasons not to stop and help too—but he did! What made the difference?

The old maxim says, "There's no such thing as a free lunch." We could add, there's no such thing as a free ride either! As we journey through life, being attentive to the needs of others—even when it is inconvenient—is part of "our ticket" for following Jesus! Amen!

For reflection:

Who taught you responsibility? How did they teach you?

The pandemic has challenged our sense of responsibility for one another. In what ways have we met that challenge? In what ways have we fallen short?

Has anyone ever gone out of their way to help you—especially a stranger? How did that experience make you feel?

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