



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

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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: _____

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.7-9,16-18,25; 3.1-7
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1-4
2 Timothy 1.8b-10
Matthew 17.1-9

Parish Calendar March 6 - March 12

- Mon. 6** 6:15-6:45 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Rosary
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Decision Point
7:00 pm **MASS**
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
- Tues. 7** 8:15-8:45 am Reconciliation
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am **MASS**
9:45 am Women's Fellowship
1:00 pm Office Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
7:00 pm L'Arche Community Presentation
- Wed. 8** 6:30 pm Called to the Table
7:00 pm Unbound Session (Registration required)
- Thurs. 9** 10:00 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
6:15-6:45 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm **MASS**
- Fri. 10** 8:15-8:45 am Reconciliation
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am **MASS**
9:30 am Flame of Love
6:00 pm Way of the Cross and Poverty Meal
- Sat. 11** 4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm **MASS**
- Sun. 12** **Second Sunday of Lent**
9:00 am **MASS**
10:00 am Rosary
10:30 am **MASS**

March 4th and 5th there will be a second collection for Diocesan and Missionary Works.

Mass Intentions

Sat., March 4 – 5:00 pm

†Phil and †Josh by Joan Turner
In Thanksgiving by the Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests
In Thanksgiving for answered prayer for Patricia Sibbald by Dolores and Warren Bahen

Sun., March 5 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Patricia Stotts by Pauline Foley
†Ron MacDonald by Vanita MacDonald and Family
†Edward and Cecile Besserer by the children

Sun., March 5 – 10:30 am

All Parishioners

Tues., March 7 – 9:00 am

†Joseph Adamo by Sandra Cybulski

Thurs., March 9 – 7:00 pm

For children and grandchildren by Praying Mothers

Sun., March 12 – 9:00 am

†Maria Girardi by Joe and Donella Gabriele

Sun., March 12 – 10:30 am

All Parishioners

Please pray for all those who are ill.

Joyce Reading
Tom Pegg
Hazel Burke



Please pray for those who have died:

†John McCarthy, Grandfather of M.J. Mancini
†Ruth Stolle
†Irene Yarymowich
†Monsignor Ambrose Pick (Pembroke Diocese)

† Indicates Deceased

PRAYERS AND CONGRATULATIONS to the following engaged couples who participated in the marriage preparation session here last weekend:

Eve Warkentin and Greg Helman
Hannah Lunan and David Oeggerli
Jenna Guy and Liam Hodgins
Krysta Paluch and Jason Mesec
Lindsay Service and Christopher Lesaux
Virginie Bernard and Raymond Murray
Natalie St-Cyr and Jonathan Haines
Dong Meng and William Coleman
Maria Ruddick and Patrick Henderson
Skyler Veazey and Patrick Ambrosio
Marnie Rickman and Carl Fuentes
Stephanie Morrison and Aaron King
Louisa-Joan Everitt and Anthony Mascioli
Tania Muniz and Marco Madrigal
Angela Hawley and Joseph Arcand



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS – March 18 & 19

If you are celebrating an anniversary in March and would like your marriage blessed at one of the Masses on the weekend of March 18 & 19, please call the office and leave your name, the number of years married and the Mass you plan to attend.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS- Second Sunday of Lent - March 12. For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

We welcomed the following to our Christian community through the sacrament of baptism on February 26, 2017:

Landon Noah Burchat, child of Ryan and Brittany
Emily Mae Jarzyna, child of Kevin and Ewa
Hailey Kate Villeneuve, child of Joshua and Kelly-Ann

POPE FRANCIS COMES DOWN HARD ON CATHOLICS WHO LIVE A DOUBLE LIFE

FEBRUARY 24, 2017 BY ANTHONY D'ARCO

In his homily at the Thursday morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis denounced Catholics who go to Mass and participate in Church associations, yet don't pay fair wages to employees or are involved in money laundering. He labeled it living a "double life." "It is a double life, a double life. A totally double life: 'I am very Catholic, I always go to Mass, I belong to this association and that one; but my life is not Christian, I don't pay my workers a just wage, I exploit people, I am dirty in my business, I launder money...' A double life. And so many Christians are like this, and these people scandalize others," the Pope said. He also talked about scandal and tied it to leading a double life. According to the pope, Jesus says in the Gospel that those who are the cause of scandal- "without using the word 'scandal,' but it's understood"- will knock on the doors of heaven and introduce themselves to God, saying, "Don't you remember me? I went to Church, I was close to you ... Don't you remember all the offerings I gave?" To these, Francis argued, on judgment day God will say: "Yes, I remember those: All dirty. All stolen from the poor. I don't know you." This, the pontiff insisted, will be the response Jesus will give to Catholics who lead a double life.

Word from the Pastor

Jesus said, "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Reflection: Is God's Word enough; is it reliable? Can we invest our lives in it? Can we also trust that God will give us the bread we need for the many struggles and needs we face? Or, to put it more basically: does God love us enough to feed us in our desert places all through our lives? Jesus certainly thought so. We hope receiving him in the Eucharist today will also help us to trust in God with his faith, the faith of the righteous Son of God. So we ask ourselves: What desert experience, difficult temptations, are we currently having? What bread is God feeding us to help us in this struggle?

Welcome to our new lectors who participated in the training workshop and will be installed soon to serve the Parish:

Nicole Castonguay, Kiera Gocan, Ida Iuliano.

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE

The Government of Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide on June 17, 2016. Between June and December 2016, more than 740 Canadians have died by lethal injection. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the body that regulates physicians in our province, insists that doctors provide what is called an "effective referral", in essence, arranging for a doctor who will end the life of a patient. If they don't provide a referral, they face discipline which could include losing their licence to practice medicine. In December 2016, the province of Ontario introduced legislation that deals with a number of legal issues related to medical assistance in dying. The bill will be reviewed in just a few weeks. We are asking all those who share our deep concerns to help us by contacting your elected Member of Provincial Parliament and asking them to provide conscience protection in Bill 84. In the atrium you will find info and sample letter.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

Discover what the diaconate is about. Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at Good Shepherd. Contact Deacon Michael Seath 613-324-0007 mseath@archottawa.ca.

L'ARCHE PRESENTATION ON BELONGING

March 7, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. L'Arche is an international federation of faith based communities founded by Jean Vanier, creating homes and day programs with people who have developmental disabilities. All are welcome.

ST ELIZABETH PARISH

"Comfort for God's People". Bible study on the Prophet Isaiah with Father Daryold Winkler. Tuesdays during Lent starting on Tues., March 7, 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

"Up from the Waters", a presentation by Rev. Normand Bonneau, OMI, Biblical Scholar, University of Saint Paul, on the Lenten Sunday Readings. Wed., March 8, 7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Church, 1303 Leaside Avenue. All are welcome to attend. Info: (613-725-2242).

STITTSVILLE FOOD BANK

Please donate non-perishable food items. Food collection bins provided in the atrium.

Archbishop's Lenten Letter 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

This Lent, I invite you to join me in renewing our journey as Catholic Christians on the path to holiness.

Holiness means being perfect (mature or complete) like the heavenly Father, who gives generously to bad and good alike (Matthew 5.45-48). Holiness means being lovingly obedient like Jesus; it means to live, guided by the Holy Spirit.

St. Francis de Sales said the path to holiness is different according to one's state in life. It is exercised differently by the investment broker, scientist, farmer, by the minimum wage worker; by the politician and teacher; by those widowed, by young people, parents of young children and the clergy. The quest for holiness needs to be adapted to the strength, activities, and duties of each person.

The season of Lent traditionally offers three ways to draw near to God: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The best prayer is the Eucharist. We should strive to make Sunday Mass the centre of our life of faith. Weekday Mass or meditation on the daily Scripture readings helps this faith life to deepen. Devotions such as Eucharistic adoration where available, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross help us grow closer to the Lord and one another.

Fast and abstinence are an important aspect of a Catholic's devotional life. Catholics are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent and to fast (eat only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This expresses our desire for personal renewal at the start of Lent (Ash Wednesday) and gratitude for the Lord Jesus' gift of his life for us (Fridays, especially Good Friday).

Other traditional acts of "giving up" sweets, alcohol, tobacco or other pleasures during Lent help individuals personalize their spirit of sacrifice—a desire to "turn from sin and believe the Good News".

Almsgiving flows from saving money by these sacrifices. We should care especially for the needy near and far, participating in our parish's social outreach and in the Lenten campaign for the poor of the world conducted by Development and Peace, founded fifty years ago by the Bishops of Canada to promote social justice in the Global South.

Finally, I commend to all the place of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our quest for holiness. Wise interpreters of the spiritual life know that this practice of confession is a help to all who wish to grow spiritually.

May the Lord bless all of you in the Archdiocese as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mystery "with the joy of minds made pure" (1st Lenten Preface).

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa

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