



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Tuesday 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. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

As indicated in the weekly calendar.

RECONCILIATION

Available before weekday and Saturday Masses as indicated in the weekly calendar and 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.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Kim Baudouin holyspiritcff@gmail.com

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

Louise Beggs, President cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

James MacLean, Grand Knight 613-831-8617

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Jan Haubrich, Chair 613-850-3283

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary 613-907-4122

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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: _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2.42-47
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-31

April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14,22b-28
1 Peter 1.17-21
Luke 24.13-35

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tue, Apr 14 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Mother Mary Bernadette

Wed, Apr 15 – 9:00 am

†Jeannette Stoppa by Anastasia Stoppa

Thu, Apr 16 – 9:00 am with Sacred Heart Gr 11

†Percy Coulas by Sandra Cybulski

Fri, Apr 17 – 9:00 am St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Intentions of Lebrun & Laplante Families

Sat, Apr 18 – 5:00 pm

Intentions of Colin Bahen by Dolores & Warren

†Helen Whalen by Maria & Tony Mendolia

†Emelia Bagi by Seregelyi Family

Sun, Apr 19 – 9:00 am

For poor souls in purgatory

†Marcelle Coulas by Pauline Foley

†Lucille Denis by Barbara & Robert Denis

In thanksgiving by Suzanne O'Hara

Sun, Apr 19 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick:

Please pray for those who have died: Sharon Kelly

†Indicates Deceased.

**This Week at Holy Spirit Church
Monday, April 13 to Sunday, April 19**

Mon	6:00 pm	First Communion Preparation
	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tue	5:30 pm	First Communion Preparation
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Preparation
Wed	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting
Thu	9:00 am	Children's Faith Formation
	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	6:30 pm	Youth Night Grades 3-5
Fri	9:30 am	Adoration Hour
	9:30 am	Flame of Love Prayer Group
Sat	3:30 pm	End of Life Care Talk with Dr. Bastien
Sun	9 & 11am	Coffee Sunday
	11:00am	Children's Liturgy

*Confession available before weekday Masses 8:30-8:50am

For e-Transfer please send it to admin@holyspiritparish.ca and use the password: Holyspirit (all one word with a capital H).

Children's Liturgy will be offered on the First and Third Sundays of each month at our 11:00 am Mass. This program is for children ages 5-9 and offers a child-friendly reflection on the Gospel. We are also looking for volunteers to help support this ministry. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the parish office. We look forward to welcoming our young parishioners! Join us on April 19 for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass.

End of life care - A Catholic Perspective: *Do you have questions about MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying), the use of palliative care and the Catholic perspective on end-of-life care? Is it ever acceptable to choose MAiD? Are there other options?* Holy Spirit Parish invites you to a presentation and group discussion on: **End of life care - A Catholic Perspective with Dr. Pascal Bastien** on April 18 at 3:30 pm. No registration needed and this event is free. For more details contact Raquel farrarraquelb@gmail.com; or for more subject info contact: Deacon Guy Dacquay, Diocesan Coordinator, Pro-life Projects guy.dacquay@ottawacornwall.ca

Cupcakes & Muffins - Coffee Sunday April 19: Twice a month, we are blessed to have a chance to gather over coffee, juice and treats to share some time together as parishioners and disciples. We are looking for volunteers who can help set up, clean up afterwards and also for contributions for the snacks - this month Cupcakes & Muffins! Sign-up and bring your favorite cupcakes & muffins to share with your fellow parishioners!



Care for Creation at Holy Spirit Parish: Join us on **April 29 at 7pm** as Our Catholic Women's League hosts this 45-minute presentation on *how the care of our world is part of living our Catholic faith*. Guest speaker is Mireille Church of the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese. All are welcome.



**Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry**



Archbishop's Easter Message:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Resurrection of Lazarus in the Gospel of John offers us a vision full of hope and sheds light on the path we are called to take together. Before the tomb, Jesus calls out: "Lazarus, come out!" This call still echoes today for each one of us. We too are invited to come out of our tombs, our fears, our discouragements, our tendencies to withdraw, to move toward the life that Christ opens before us.

This invitation resonates deeply with the Vision of our archdiocese: go out, go deep, go together. To come out like Lazarus is first to go toward others, to meet those who need a presence, a listening ear, a sign of hope. It also means moving forward together, recognizing that we do not walk alone. As a community, we support and encourage one another in our faith journey.

But we are also called to move forward in depth. Christ does not invite us merely to change outwardly, but to allow his love to transform our hearts. The more we root ourselves in this living relationship with him, the more we become capable of being credible witnesses of his light.

All of us are witnesses of the Risen Christ. Through our simple gestures, our words filled with kindness, and our attention to the most vulnerable, we become agents of life and light for the world. Let us not be afraid: God walks with us; he goes before us and accompanies us.

So let us go forth with confidence. Let us go toward others. Let us move forward together. And, by our lives, let us make sure that the world knows that Christ is truly risen.

Happy Easter!

✠**Marcel Damphousse**

WYD 2027: Diocesan Trip Interest Meeting From July 28 to Aug 9, 2027, young Catholics from every continent will gather in Seoul, South Korea. Is God calling you to be there? The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall is preparing a group of young people to attend the 41st World Youth Day (WYD). The trip begins long before you step into the airport. Over the next year, you'll authentically deepen your relationship with God through formation and prayer, all while meeting other local Catholics and getting involved in community projects. Interested? Come learn more! Our upcoming info session is for anyone curious about the trip, including eligible participants, youth leaders, and parish priests. Thu, Apr 23, 2026 at 7:30 pm at Saint-Sébastien, 1000 Frances Street, Ottawa.
Eligibility: The actual WYD trip is open to anyone who will be between the ages of 18-35 by July 25, 2027.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2026: For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2026!

At Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, May 3, 2:30 pm.** The registration form is now available at www.forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg. Please register before April 16 to ensure your place! For questions, please contact Annmarie at annmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca.

Trivia Night May 21, 2026: Please join us for Parish Trivia Night at The Glen Restaurant! Our Catholic Women's League is hosting this fun night as a fundraiser. Make your own team of 4, 6, or 8, or join an existing team. Come early and enjoy supper beforehand at 6 pm (reservation required). The game will be led by Quizmaster, Gordon, starting at 7:30 pm. Prizes and fun for all! Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase in the Atrium on the weekends of May 9 & 10 and May 16 & 17. Please contact Claire Moore at 613-612-1659 or cmamoore1016@gmail.com for information or to register. Everyone is welcome!



Parish Pilgrimage to Saint François d'Assise in Ottawa June 20 hosted by the Catholic Women's League: Pope Leo has proclaimed a Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. Catholics are encouraged to visit a church dedicated to Francis this year. Travelling by bus at 9:00 am, (a total of 45 passengers) we will have a reflection, tour the historic Church, and celebrate Mass with Fr. Geoff Kerslake, returning to Holy Spirit Church by 3pm. Tickets are \$20 for the bus and a small donation to the hosting Church. Please contact Paula Lamothe (rlamothe331@rogers.com, 613-836-5140) by **June 6** to register.

Vocations Appeal – Special Collection (April 25-26)
God has answered our prayers for vocations in a remarkable way. After a short time with no seminarians, **our archdiocese now has six men in formation, and we expect up to twelve next year.** Through the Vocations Appeal, we seek to raise funds to support their formation, which costs approximately **\$65,000 per seminarian per year.** Each of these men has answered the call of the Good Shepherd with courage and faith. Now, the call comes to us to walk with them and support them as they are formed to serve God's people well. Please give generously and pray for our future priests.

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