



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. & 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 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

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

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: _____

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



April 13 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Luke 19.28-40
Isaiah 50.4-7
Philippians 2.6-11
Luke 23.1-49

April 20 – the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10.34a,37-43
Colossians 3.1-4
John 20.1-18

Parish Calendar

Mon, Apr 14	7:00 pm	Catholic Women's League executive meeting
Tue, Apr 15	9:00 am	Mass
	7:00 pm	Confirmation preparation
Wed, Apr 16	9:00 am	Mass
	11:00 am	Funeral Mass – Ann Ryan
	7:00 pm	Finance Council meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thu, Apr 17		Holy Thursday
	9:00 am	Children's Faith Formation
	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri, Apr 18		Good Friday – Office Closed
	3:00 pm	The Passion of the Lord
Sat, Apr 19		Easter Vigil
	8:00 pm	First Mass of Easter
Sun, Apr 20		Easter – The Resurrection of the Lord
	9:00 am	Mass
	11:00 am	Mass



*Confession available before morning Mass 8:30-8:50am

Good Friday, April 18, is the special collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land, and universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

The Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land - The Good Friday, April 18, collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. Please give generously.

Blessing of the Food for the Easter Sunday Meal: there is a European tradition of blessing the food that will be eaten on Easter Sunday with a special rite on Holy Saturday morning. We will have a short prayer service on April 19th in the church or chapel (depending on the turnout) promptly at 11 am following this custom.

Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry



Holy Week Celebrations

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 17 at 7:00 pm

Bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until 9 pm.

Please bring a donation for the Food Bank.

Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord

April 18 at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil – First Mass of Easter

April 19 at 8:00 pm

(NOTE: NO 5:00 pm MASS)

Bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord

April 20 at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Mass Intentions

Tue, Apr 15 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Aaron Gifford by Dolores & Warren Bahen

Wed, Apr 16 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Amanda & Zach by Marie

Thu, Apr 17 – 7:00 pm

Intentions of Michael & Jen by Marie

Sat, Apr 19 – 8:00 pm

Living & deceased members of Ogilvie family

Sun, Apr 20 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Allison Adam & Family by Pauline Foley

Intentions of Marion Di Gaspari by Margaret Mulvihill

Intentions of Patricia Di Gaspari by Margaret Mulvihill

Deceased members of Buljan & Stanic Family

Sun, Apr 20 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick:

Please pray for those who have died: †Barbara Arsenault, mother of Father Robert Arsenault; †Lina Eveillard, mother of Father Joseph Eveillard

†Indicates Deceased.

PLEASE NOTE – in April 2025, the Tuesday Masses will be at 9:00 AM.

Coffee Sunday Volunteers Needed: every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the 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. We will have a sign-up sheet in the atrium for volunteers. Please help us to continue the chance to gather together, get to know each other better and support one another in our parish family! We need help to keep this tradition going! Fr. Geoff

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



Gospel Reflection:

We have two Gospels today – the triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the crowds waving their palm branches for Jesus following a short time later by the agonizing last hours of his life. There is a paradox that confronts the world in what we celebrate today – what looks like Christ's defeat in his crucifixion is actually his crowning moment of glory. The Cross for Christians is not a scandal but the positive proof of both Christ's love for you, me and the world. It is the means through which he breaks sin and death's hold over humanity. Today's Mass is the recounting of God's plan for our redemption nearing its climax – and how the cosmos is saved through God's love for us demonstrated in the most stark, real way possible in the Passion of his Son.

Fr. Geoff

Pope Francis: "When we stand before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which exalts and sustains us, but at the same time, unless we are blind, we begin to realize that Jesus's gaze, burning with love, expands to embrace all his people." (Evangelii gaudium, 268).

Archbishop's Reception 2025 On May 15, 2025, our Archdiocese will gather to hear what God has done, what he is doing, and where he is leading us. Will you be there? Mingle with others from Ottawa-Cornwall, hear live testimonies from people who encountered God, and be present for the official launch of our new Archdiocesan vision, presented by Archbishop Marcel Damphousse. Whether you are new to the Catholic Church or have been here your whole life, we want you with us. Come be empowered with the mission. Hosted at the Infinity Convention Centre, doors open at 6 pm for a cocktail hour, followed by the main programming from 7 pm – 9 pm. Appetizers will be served. Tickets are \$65 available at ottawacornwall.ca/events/archbishops-reception/

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$1 164.00. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

On Good Friday we invite you to follow the Cross with us. **Way of the Cross - April 18, 2025, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm** with prayers, songs, and reflections led by Msgr. Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. Starting from St. Patrick's Basilica (220 Kent St.) through the streets of downtown Ottawa ending at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex Dr.).

Quo Vadis? Where Are You Going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration on April 24 at 7:00 pm at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. For more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

Pro Life Sunday 2025 is Sunday, May 4th.

The **National March of Life** in Ottawa, the largest annual rally on Parliament Hill, has been set for Thursday, May 8, 2025. Pro-Life people will gather in front of our Parliament Buildings, and march through downtown Ottawa demanding that our political representatives fight for the right to life of every human being. The theme this year is, "Protection at Conception." The rally begins on Parliament Hill at 12:30pm, followed by the march at 1:30 pm. For more information visit www.marchforlife.ca Bus registration is open online at www.lifemattersnetwork.ca/ for park and ride bus option from Stittsville.

Annual Rose Dinner Gala will be held Thu, May 8 at the Ottawa Conference & Event Centre, 200 Coventry Rd. Reception begins at 5pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$150/person, youth 18 and younger - \$75. This year's speaker is Emily Stimpson Chapman. Emily is a wife, mother, and best-selling author. She will be addressing what it means to offer human beings protection at conception, including rejecting IVF and abortion, even in the midst of challenging personal struggles like infertility. Tickets available at www.marchforlife.ca

Easter Joke of the Week:

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg a joke?
It might crack up!



EASTER DÉCOR & RESOURCES

A special way to remember loved ones or to celebrate a loved one's birthday or anniversary, is to donate Altar flowers in their honour. Please complete this form and put it, along with your cheque made payable to Holy Spirit Parish, in an envelope marked *Easter Décor & Resources* and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. All intentions will be printed in a bulletin during the Easter Season.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name of person(s) or intentions: _____

Name of person making the donation: _____

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by helping to decorate for this beautiful season.*

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