



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

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: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,36b-41
1 Peter 2.20b-25
John 10.1-10

May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6.1-7
1 Peter 2.4-9
John 14.1-12

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tue, Apr 28 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Marion DiGaspari by Dolores

Wed, Apr 29 – 9:00 am St. Catherine of Siena

In thanksgiving to St. Jude

Thu, Apr 30 – 9:00 am St. Marie de L’Incarnation

†Maria Aparecida Nakano & †Anthony Mariados by Sabrina

Fri, May 1 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Lebrun & Laplante Families

Sat, May 2 – 9:00 am

†Cherian John & †Annamma Abraham by Abraham Family

Sat, May 2 – 5:00 pm St. Athanasius

†Maria by Deacon Nuno & Family

†Giuseppe Raffa by Mendolia Family

†Bertha Ptacek by Denise & Family

Sun, May 3 – 9:00 am

Private intentions of Suzanne O’Hara

†Peter Brotton by Anastasia Stoppa

For abandoned souls in purgatory by Keyworth Family

†Teresa & †Michele Pignataro; †Deacon Antonio,

†Alfredo & †Giorgio; †Laura by Rosa Pignataro

Sun, May 3 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick: Vanita

Please pray for those who have died: †

†Indicates Deceased.

ATTENTION MEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Are you looking for deeper connection, honest conversation, and spiritual growth? Join our Monthly Men’s Discussion Group—a welcoming space where men come together to explore faith, share life experiences, support one another in their spiritual journeys and encourage each other to live out our beliefs with purpose and integrity. What to expect:

- Open and respectful dialogue
- Thought-provoking topics rooted in Christian faith
- Brotherhood and accountability
- Prayer, reflection, and practical takeaways

We meet on the first Saturday of each month after the 9am Mass. Meetings last about an hour. Drop in when you can. Each session is welcoming and self-contained. Come as you are. Leave encouraged.

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



**Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry**

This Week at Holy Spirit Church

Monday, April 27 to Sunday, May 3

Mon	6:30 pm	RCIA
Tue	7:00 pm	Confirmation Preparation
Wed	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Catholic Women’s League General 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	First Friday Adoration & Benediction
	9:30 am	Flame of Love Prayer Group
Sat	9:30 am	Men’s Discussion Group
Sun	9&11am	Coffee Sunday
	11:00 am	Children’s Liturgy
	2:00 pm	Sacrament of First Communion

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, May 1st after the 9AM Eucharist. The Monstrance with the consecrated host (the Body of Christ) will be placed on the altar for Adoration with Benediction at 10:30AM.

Earth Day (April 22nd): Over a decade ago, Pope Francis reminded us that the earth is not a resource to be exploited but a responsibility for which we are stewards: “We received this world as inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!” (*Remarks in Quito, Ecuador, July 7, 2015*). Let us be mindful of our patterns of consumption and work to make Canada part of the solution for reducing emissions.


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.

Sunday Reflection: The Opening Prayer for this Mass on Good Shepherd Sunday is: “Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.” Jesus is the brave, selfless shepherd who puts the safety of the flock above his own. For many of us, the closest we get to sheep is a lamb chop or a pair of wool mittens. A flock of sheep just looks like an awful lot of the same woolly beasts. But the shepherd can tell them apart. The shepherd recognizes them as distinct individuals. Jesus cares about each of us as one of his sheep. Many people, especially today, are lonely or isolated. They wonder if anyone really knows them, cares about them at all? Jesus knows us as individuals. We are not just anonymous members of a large group. Jesus knows us and loves each one of us as his unique, precious, beloved disciple and friend.
Fr. Geoff


Monsignor Muldoon – 50th Anniversary: You are cordially invited to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Priesthood for Monsignor Joseph Muldoon, celebrated at Holy Cross Parish (685 Walkley Rd. Ottawa). The Most Rev. Marcel Dampousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, will be celebrating our Mass on Sunday, June 7 at 10 am and a reception will follow in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there.


Squares & Tarts - Coffee Sunday May 3: 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 Squares & Tarts! Sign-up and bring your favorite squares to share with your fellow parishioners!

Children’s Liturgy will be offered on the First and Third Sunday 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 May 3rd for Children’s Liturgy at the 11am Mass.


Gardening Angels Volunteers We are looking for volunteers to form a Gardening Group for the church property to help with weeding, flowers and improving the appearance of our grounds around the church. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office.

Care for Creation at Holy Spirit Parish: Join us on **April 29 at 7:00 pm** 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.

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 St. 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.

English Afternoon Tea Sunday May 3 at Our Lady of the Visitation Join us for a delightful English style tea with an assortment of sandwiches, scones, mascarpone cream, jams, sweet and savoury treats and a variety of teas. Limited seating. \$30 pp, children under 10: \$15. Reserve an entire table of 10 for \$270. Doors open at 1 pm. Wear your favourite fascinator and bid on gift baskets and other items. Homemade jams for sale as well. Order your tickets at 613-822-2007; or call the office at 613-822-2197. OLV Banquet Hall 5338 Bank St

Young Catholics Ottawa (YCO) is the place young Catholics (ages 18-35) come together as one community. We host monthly events including Young Adult masses followed by socials, parties, and board game nights. Come celebrate, and be encouraged by other young adults to grow in faith and shine Christ’s light into the world. To learn more and stay updated on monthly upcoming events, please visit: www.linktr.ee/youngcatholicsottawa or follow @YoungCatholicsOttawa on social media.

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