



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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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 Boudouin 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



### April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5.12-16

Revelation 1.9-11a,12-13,17-19

John 20.19-31

### May 4 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5.28-32,40b-41

Revelation 5.11-14

John 21.1-19

#### Parish Calendar

##### Tue, Apr 29

**9:00 am** Mass with Sacred Heart Grade 8

7:00 pm Confirmation preparation

##### Wed, Apr 30

**9:00 am** Mass

7:00 pm Catholic Women's League general meeting

##### Thu, May 1

**9:00 am** Mass

9:00 am Children's Faith Formation

9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests

7:00 pm Youth Night Grades 6-8

##### Fri, May 2

**9:00 am** Mass

9:30-10:30 am First Friday Adoration & Benediction

9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

##### Sat, May 3

**9:00 am** First Saturday Mass

9:30 am Cor: Into the Breach

**5:00 pm**

##### Sun, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter

**9:00 am** Mass

**11:00 am** Mass

2:00 pm Sacrament of First Communion

\*coffee Sunday hosted by the Knights of Columbus after the 9 & 11 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, May 2 after the 9AM Eucharist. The Monstrance with the consecrated host (the Body of Christ) will be placed on the altar for Benediction until 10:30AM.

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 6-8. This week's theme: Photo Scavenger Hunt. Bring a friend. Check Parish Calendar above. Our ministry is still looking for volunteers, if you feel called to help in any way, please contact Alex for next steps! [youth@holyspiritparish.ca](mailto:youth@holyspiritparish.ca)

Donate to our Parish  
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#### Mass Intentions

##### Tue, Apr 29 – 9:00 am

†Johnny MacDonald by Suzanne O'Hara

##### Wed, Apr 30 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Colin Bahen by Dolores & Warren Bahen

##### Thu, May 1 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Marion Di Gaspari by Margaret Mulvihill

##### Fri, May 2 – 9:00 am

†Reg & †Michel Marsolais by Jacques & Jeannie

##### Sat, May 3 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Kathy & Gerry

##### Sat, May 3 – 5:00 pm

†Anthony Mariados & Maria Tratch by Sabrina & Eduardo

Deceased members of the Riordan Family

For all souls in purgatory by Abraham Family

##### Sun, May 4 – 9:00 am

†Jean Pegg by Donella & Joe

†Alex Morris by Mary Jeffrey

†Roderick MacLean by Kevin & Suzanne O'Hara

†Marie Armstrong by Anne & Gordon MacIsaac

†Fraser Barrie by Jeannie & Jacques

##### Sun, May 4 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

##### Sun, May 4 – 2:00 pm

Intentions of all children receiving First Communion

**Please pray for those who are sick:**

**Please pray for those who have died: †**

†Indicates Deceased.

#### ATTENTION MEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Men's Discussion Group **Cor** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus: Join us after the First Saturday Mass on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:45 am until 10:45 am for a discussion based on the Knights of Columbus series for men "Into the Breach." There is coffee, a short video and a facilitated discussion on the topic. The next session is: Prayer. All men are welcome!

Holy Spirit parishioners collected 386 food items and \$285.00 from the food drive for Easter. This is fantastic and much appreciated since the food bank operates solely on donations from the community. Thank you and Happy Easter!

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



### Gospel reflection:

The Sunday after Easter Sunday is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Gospel recounts an appearance of Christ to his followers after his resurrection. He miraculously appears to the Apostles (minus Thomas in his first appearance) later the same day after his resurrection. After his resurrection, Jesus is changed. He is no longer bound by normal laws of nature and can appear wherever he wants to be despite any obstacles he might encounter like locked doors or fearful followers. Nothing can prevent Christ drawing near to us except our refusal to welcome him. There is no sin, no flaw, no personal struggle that can prevent the mercy of God, made manifest in Jesus his Son, reaching us except our choice to turn from him.

Fr. Geoff

**Explanation of the Image of the Divine Mercy:** “The Heart of Christ! His ‘Sacred Heart’ has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. St. Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. ‘The two rays,’ according to what Jesus himself told her, ‘represent the blood and the water’ (Diary, p. 132). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 3: 5; 4: 14). Through the mystery of this wounded heart, the restorative tide of God’s merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret.” (St John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday Homily, 2001)

**Message on the Death of Pope Francis:** we pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis as he journeys home to our Father in heaven in this blessed season of Easter. May he rest in peace after his years of humble service as the Vicar of Christ and Servant of the Servants of God. See the bulletin insert for a message from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**Coffee Sunday Volunteers Needed:** every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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/](http://ottawacornwall.ca/events/archbishops-reception/)

**CWL Pilgrims of Hope Trip:** The Holy Spirit Parish Catholic Women’s League invites you to join us for our Pilgrims of Hope journey to Alexandria on June 14, 2025, to visit St. Finnan’s Basilica and St. Raphael’s Ruins. We will travel by bus and the cost will be \$25 per person. CWL members please reserve by May 15; Parishioners are invited to reserve any remaining seats. For information or to reserve a seat, contact Louise 613-852-4469 or Paula 613-836-5140, or email: [cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com](mailto:cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com)

**Mother's Day Basket:** The Catholic Women's League will be selling tickets after Masses on the weekends of April 26 & 27 and May 3 & 4. Tickets are \$5 each, or 3 for \$10. Thank you for helping us support the many needs of our Parish and community. God Bless you.

**The Jubilee Year 2025:** Jubilee Year resources can be found on the CCCB website at [www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/](http://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/)

**Thank You to All our Volunteers:** A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard over Lent and through the Triduum to make our Easter celebrations so meaningful and beautiful: decorators, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, altar servers (of every age!), money counters, fount maintenance people, ushers, Divina and the Choirs (who spent many hours practicing) and the Office Staff (Tamara and Alex) and our custodian Michael. Thank you for all the parishioners and visitors who came to celebrate with us and who contributed to the parish in different ways: the great participation was encouraging to see and we had a wonderful Easter Triduum! Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! May God bless you all. Fr. Geoff

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