



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: _____

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



April 6 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.12-14

Romans 8.8-11

John 11.1-45

April 13 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Luke 19.28-40

Isaiah 50.4-7

Philippians 2.6-11

Luke 22.14 - 23.56

Parish Calendar

Mon, Apr 7

6:00 pm First Communion Preparation

6:30 pm RCIA

Tue, Apr 8

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Confirmation preparation

7:00 pm Knight of Columbus planning meeting

Wed, Apr 9

9:00 am Mass with Sacred Heart Grade 12

1:00 pm Blood Donor Clinic

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thu, Apr 10

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, Apr 11

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

6:30 pm Way of the Cross hosted by the Youth Ministry

Sat, Apr 12

4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

Sun, Apr 13 Palm Sunday

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

1:30 pm Choir Practice

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

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

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 9pm.

Please bring donation for the Food Bank.

Good Friday, the Lord's Passion

April 18 at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil – the First Mass of Easter

April 19 at 8:00 pm

Bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

Easter Sunday, the Lord's Resurrection

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

Mass Intentions

Tue, Apr 8 – 9:00 am

†Ray Mulvihill by Ted O'Lear

Wed, Apr 9 – 9:00 am

†Jean Devenny by O'Donnell & Devenny Families

Thu, Apr 10 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Jaiden by Julian & Rita

Fri, Apr 11 – 9:00 am

Parents, grandparents, relatives & friends by Family Ho Truong

Sat, Apr 12 – 5:00 pm

†Mary K. Bleskie by Agatha Bleskie

†Maria Teresa & †Jose Chavolla and †Marina & †Carlos

Wolf by Veronica Wolf & Daniel Chavolla

Intentions of Dolores Bahen by Suzanne O'Hara

Sun, Apr 13 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Claire Moore by Allison Adam

†Roddy Beatty by Suzanne O'Hara

†Jeanne Groulx by Mary Jeffrey

Sun, Apr 13 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick:

Please pray for those who have died: †Ann Ryan, wife of Bob Ryan

†Indicates Deceased.

The Way of the Cross will be held each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome!

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 6-8. This week's theme: Sacrificial Love. 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

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 see how our Lord suffers with the mourning sisters as he weeps for his friend Lazarus. The shortest line in scripture is when our Lord goes to the tomb where Lazarus has been placed: “and Jesus wept.” God knows how painful death is for us as we experience the separation from our loved ones and enter into the mystery of death. Despite all of our scientific progress, we cannot solve the ‘problem’ of death. It is beyond our influence but it’s not beyond God’s power or mercy: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” This is the core of our Christian faith: Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. To prove God’s power even over death, Jesus calls Lazarus back to life. This isn’t a resurrection like Christ’s resurrection after the crucifixion; Lazarus returns to life in the same manner he lived before his death. His life is restored. In Easter Season, we will see in Christ’s resurrection that his life has been transformed into a new way of being that foreshadows our own resurrection in the age to come. We will be like Christ: this is our faith.

Fr. Geoff

How to Pray - One Method (Leviticus Divina or holy reading): A very old way of praying is called lectio divina (“holy reading”). This is simply the slow reading of Scripture. We take a short passage, calm our minds, decide how long we’re going to spend in prayer, and read the Scripture slowly.

God will speak to us through these words. We don’t know where, when, or how. We simply read slowly until something catches us. It’s usually God speaking “live” to us. We talk to God about it for as long as it lasts. Then we read on, slowly, until something else catches us. And so on, until our time for prayer is finished.

We’re not trying to study the Scriptures. We’re simply letting God speak to us through these words. The thoughts that come may seem to have nothing to do with the words themselves. But sometimes that’s how God speaks to us. We simply open ourselves to receive whatever God has to say. (From: “The Little Black Book - Lent 2025: Meditations on the Passion According to John”, Diocese of Saginaw, www.littlebooks.org, p.47)

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 Dampousse. 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/

Upcoming Blood Donation Event at Holy Spirit Parish on Wednesday, April 9 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Book now to donate at www.blood.ca

Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry



Easter Food Drive

Parishioners are invited to share with those less fortunate in our community by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to the Stittsville Food Bank for Easter. The Food Bank is serving more clients than in previous years. There is a current need for: pasta sauce, pasta, canned pasta, tomato sauce & paste, canned chili, canned green beans, canned tomatoes, cookies, fruit cups, canned juice & juice boxes, school snacks, soap, toothpaste, shampoo. Monetary donations to purchase dairy, eggs and fresh produce can be left in the office or in the collection basket as Food Bank Donation (marked with full name and address for receipt). Please bring your non-perishable food donation to the Parish Hall by Sunday, April 13th. Your generous donations are very much appreciated!

Development and Peace – This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. **Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.** Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

Join us April 15 at 5pm at the Notre-Dame Cathedral to celebrate the **Chrism Mass**. The Chrism Mass is a special annual Mass where our Archdiocese gathers together to receive the new holy oils for the year. Priests renew their vows and the Archbishop blesses three different oils which are then distributed to parishes: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025: For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2025! At Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 4, 2:30 pm. Please register before Easter to ensure your place! For questions and to register, contact Annmarie at annmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca.

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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