



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 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: _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-6a,10

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

Parish Calendar

Mon, Dec 15

6:30 pm RCIA

Tue, Dec 16

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus council meeting

Wed, Dec 17

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Children's Faith Formation

2:00 pm Youth Alpha

6:00 pm Catholic Women's League potluck

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thu, Dec 18

9:00 am Mass

9:00 am Children's Faith Formation

9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests

6:30 pm Youth Night Grades 3-8

Fri, Dec 19

9:00 am Mass

9:30-10:30 am Adoration & Benediction

9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

Sat, Dec 20

4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

Sun, Dec 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Choir Practice

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, December 19 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.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES at Holy Spirit Parish

Sun, Dec 14 at 2-4pm – Drop in reconciliation

On Sun, Dec 14th between 2 and 4 pm we will have several priests available to hear your confession. This is a 'drop-in' opportunity for reconciliation anytime in the two-hour time frame. Give yourself the gift of a good confession to prepare yourself for Christmas.

Have You Moved in the past year? Call or email the Parish Office to be sure we have your new mailing address before income tax receipts are printed and distributed. Please help us stay up to date!



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

December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-14

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-24

Mass Intentions

Tue, Dec 16 – 9:00 am

†Gerry Crepin by Family

Wed, Dec 17 – 9:00 am

†Phil Bernier by Shirley

Thu, Dec 18 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Maureen & Shane Gifford

Fri, Dec 19 – 9:00 am

Parents, grandparents, relatives & friends by Family Ho Truong

Sat, Dec 20 – 5:00 pm

Intentions of Robert Bahen

†Madeleine Riordan by James Riordan

Intentions of Lebrun & Laplante Families

Intentions of living & deceased MacDonald-Keyworth Family Members

Sun, Dec 21 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, Dec 21 – 11:00 am

†Ida Spadafora, †Pasquale Iuliano & †Theresa Iuliano by Rosa In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Suzanne O'Hara
†Jacques Lalonde by Bertha Emmett

Please pray for those who are sick:

Please pray for those who have died: †Michael Robbs, husband of Karen

†Indicates Deceased.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CHRISTMAS Mass Schedule 2025

The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24 ~

4:30pm, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Thursday, December 25 ~

10:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 27 ~

5:00 pm

Sunday, December 28 ~

9:00 am & 11:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 ~

5:00 pm

Thursday, January 1 ~

10:00 am

"Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings... in Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, 'seeds of peace and hope.'" | Pope Leo XIV from Journey with the Pope

Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry



Reflection:

The Third Sunday of Advent is *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is the imperative form of the verb commanding us to “rejoice”! We are exhorted to celebrate with joy the approach of the celebration of Christmas. Christ’s coming is good news! God has seen our need to be saved from the forces of sin and death and he has put a plan in motion that begins with Mary’s “yes” and which we see unfold in the birth of Jesus in the stable.

Fr. Geoff

Pageant Humour: No Room In The Inn?

A boy wanted to be Joseph in the Nativity pageant. He was cast as the landlord and objected loudly, but to no avail. When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked him if he had a room for them. The boy smiled and said, “Yes, sure. Lots of room. Come on in!”

Venerable Fulton Sheen: “The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it.”

Thank You: A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Family Advent Party a success last Sunday! A lot of work went on behind the scenes to pull things together. Thank you to Tamara for coordinating, the Knights of Columbus, Michelle, Divina and Jacinta and the Children’s Choir, Mary, Barb and Alex for activities, everyone who contributed their time to set up and clean up, and for the baking! Fr. Geoff

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 3-8. 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



We are delighted to share the wonderful news that our mortgage on 81 Forest Creek has now been fully paid off! Thank you to everyone whose generosity and faithfulness made this milestone possible.

As a result, you will notice that in the 2026 box of offering envelopes, the blue mortgage envelope is no longer included. However, we kindly ask everyone to consider continuing your ongoing financial support as it remains essential for the ministries, maintenance and operating needs of our parish. If you currently donate to the mortgage fund through automatic debit, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience so we can help you redirect your contribution to another parish fund. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

We are in the process of preparing our system to generate CHARITABLE RECEIPTS for 2025. If you have made an address change in the past year, please contact the Parish Office so that we can update our records. We wish to remind our supporters that if you wish to receive credit for contributions in 2025, donations must be received **and deposited** on or before the end of 2025. Revenue Canada does not permit charitable organizations to backdate receipts, and we are bound by that regulation. So please have your year-end donations in by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025**, and your etransfer donations in by December 23, 2025 before 3PM, or your donations must be calculated as donations for 2026.

**ATTENTION WOMEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

December is our Catholic Women’s League Membership Drive to join or renew with the CWL. All parish women over 16 are invited to become members in this faith-filled, friendly and fun group. We grow our faith and help others in the process. Our Annual Newsletter in last week’s bulletin describes our work and fun. This weekend, December 13-14, we will give every lady at Mass a personal Invitation Letter, and the President, Louise Beggs, will speak after each Mass. Some members simply pray, some do more as they like, but together we do important work...in this parish, for charities, for God and for country. And for each other. Join us.



No Scents Makes Sense! Many of your fellow parishioners suffer from allergies to hairspray, after shave, perfume, eau de cologne, etc. Please think of those around you as you prepare for Mass so that they too, may enjoy coming to church each week.

Fraud Prevention Seminar: Samantha Adams from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) will give an overview of the centre then talk about the tools that the fraudsters use, the top reported frauds, how to protect yourself and how to report a fraud. Tuesday January 6th 2026 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Hosted by St. Paul’s United Church, 3760 Carp Rd

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR & RESOURCES

If you would like to donate toward the decorations & resources in celebration of a loved one’s birthday, anniversary, in memorial or in thanksgiving, please complete this form and put it, along with your cheque made payable to Holy Spirit Parish, in an envelope marked *Christmas Décor & Resources* and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. All names will be printed in our bulletin in the new year.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name of person(s) or intention: _____

Name of person making the donation: _____

Phone No. (613) _____ Envelope No. _____

Amount (circle one): \$25 \$50 \$100 or _____

A horizontal strip containing four business cards. From left to right: 1. Laurysen Kitchens logo with 'KITCHENS | VANITIES | CLOSETS' below it. 2. Hazeldean Family Chiropractic logo with 'HAZELDEAN FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC' text. 3. Glen Scottish Restaurant logo with 'The Best Fish & Chips in the Valley' and address '1010 Stittsville Main St.' 4. Kelly Funeral Home logo with 'Kanata Chapel by Arbor Memorial' text.

A row of three business cards. The first card on the left is for 'Liturgica inc.' featuring a stylized cross logo and the text 'Religious Supplies & Gifts'. The middle card is for 'Fernbank Dental Centre' with a graphic of a tooth and the text 'New Patients & Emergencies Welcome' and 'Evening & Saturday Appointments Available'. The third card on the right is for 'DANNY MOVING SERVICES Ltd.' featuring a graphic of a moving truck and the text 'Pickup & Delivery', 'RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL', and 'WE ARE COVERED BY INSURANCE AND WSIB'.



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