



# 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13.14,43-52  
Revelation 7.9,14b-17  
John 10.27-30

### May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14.21b-27  
Revelation 21.1-5a  
John 13.1,31-33a,34-35

#### Parish Calendar

##### Mon, May 12

6:30 pm RCIA  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

##### Tue, May 13

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Funeral Mass – Roelie Dillio  
7:00 pm Confirmation preparation  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus planning meeting

##### Wed, May 14

St. Matthias  
9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

##### Thu, May 15

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 16

Parish Office Closed  
9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

##### Sat, May 17

4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass

##### Sun, May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass

\*coffee Sunday hosted by the Catholic Women's League after the 9 & 11 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

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

**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)

You are invited to a **Spring Social** sponsored by the Holy Spirit Parish Catholic Women's League on May 24, from 12:30-3:00 in the Church Hall. Join us for an afternoon of good food, delicious treats, and good conversation. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available for purchase on the weekends of May 10-11 and May 17-18. For more info and tickets please contact Claire at 613-612-1659 or email [cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com](mailto:cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

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).

#### Mass Intentions

##### Tue, May 13 – 9:00 am

†Ray Mulvihill by Ted O'Lear

##### Wed, May 14 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Liam O'Hara by Suzanne O'Hara

##### Thu, May 15 – 9:00 am

†John & †Bill Hurley by Joan Moroz

##### Fri, May 16 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Father Geoff by Grateful & Family

##### Sat, May 17 – 5:00 pm

†Jean & †Joe Kennedy by Kennedy Family

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

Wolf by Veronica Wolf & Daniel Chavolla

Intentions of Frederic Fournier by James Riordan

##### Sun, May 18 – 9:00 am

†Antonio Girardi & †Giovanni Gabriele by Donella &

Joseph Gabriele

†Alex Morris by Carol Carroll

For vocations by Catholic Women's League

##### Sun, May 18 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

**Please pray for those who are sick:** David Perri, uncle of Maria Juneau; Mary Ellen

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

†Indicates Deceased.

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 6-8. This week's theme: Mary and the Rosary. 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)

**Looking for Ushers:** Can you give us some time on a Saturday evening at Mass or a Sunday morning Mass to help seat people, take up the collection and be available to direct people to the washroom? We need more volunteers so we can create a schedule. If you come to Mass regularly, please consider lending a hand. We need you! Please contact Tamara in the Office to leave your contact information. Thank you! Fr. Geoff

CWL Mother's Day Basket Draw – Congratulations to Jan Haubrich who was the lucky winner. The CWL would like to thank everyone who supported our fund raiser. We raised \$520.00. God Bless you for your generosity.

Donate to our Parish  
or Youth Ministry



**Sunday Reflection:** This Sunday of Easter is called “Good Shepherd Sunday”. It is the Sunday on which our archdiocese takes up a special collection in support of men studying to the priesthood, our seminarians. Jesus is unique because he is both the Lamb of God and the Good Shepherd. We too are lambs or sheep – we are the flock of Jesus, who follow the Good Shepherd. In the Collect at the beginning of Mass we prayed: “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.” To be a disciple of Christ is to be a follower of Jesus, not someone blazing a new trail. In our personal lives, we follow and live on into the reality of where Christ went first – a life of obedience to God, a life of service to our brothers and sisters, a life that encounters and embraces the Cross, a life that then looks forward to the Resurrection from the Dead and the life of the world to come. We follow where Christ first walked.

Fr. Geoff

**Parish Report Session May 25:** All parishioners are invited to an upcoming session where we will share updates on both the Pastoral and Financial Reports. This is a valuable opportunity to come together as a community, reflect on the blessings and challenges of the past year, and look ahead with hope and purpose. Stay tuned for more details.

**Cleaning up the Capital Campaign:** Holy Spirit Parish Youth Group Grade 6-8 participated last week and worked for 1.5 hours collecting garbage from around the church property. Thank you and Well Done!

**Thank You to All Who Helped at First Communion:** a big thank you to the volunteers who helped prepare the children for First Communion and who helped at last Sunday’s special Mass: Melodie (music), liturgical ministers (altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors), Ushers and a big thank you to Alex for all the effort he devoted to help the children and their families have a beautiful and meaningful celebration of Holy Communion! It was amazing to see 62 children and their families fill the church for this special Mass! Fr. Geoff

**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

**Looking to Pray a Bit More Each Day?** Check *our sacred space.com* for a daily short guided prayer session. There’s also an app - sacred space.

**Our Parish Feast Day:** You are invited to our first-ever Multicultural Potluck on Pentecost, June 8, after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses. Bring your favorite dessert that shares something special about your cultural background. Please register on the SIGN UP BOARD by June 1<sup>st</sup> to let us know how many are coming with you and the nationality you would like to highlight. We will provide coffee, tea and juice. Looking forward to celebrating together while learning more about each of our rich cultural backgrounds.



**Calling all Euchre players** The March Euchre Tournament was so much fun we decided to hold another! The next tournament will be held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1-4pm. Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased through Michelle on the weekend of May 24/25 or by email [cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com](mailto:cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com). Non-competitive tables will be made available upon request. Everyone is welcome.

The next **Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations** will focus on the Sacrament of Marriage. We will gather at **Notre Dame Cathedral, at 7pm on Thursday, May 22**. There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration followed by a social in the Café des Tours. A bilingual homily will be delivered by Fr. Kevin Burgess, Vice-Rector of the Basilica. Everyone is welcome.

We would like to invite you to a **mini evening retreat** with our auxiliary bishop Msgr. Yvan Mathieu who will help us deepen our understanding of the Jubilee Year of Hope and its relationship with Laudato Si’s call to stewardship of our Common Home at St. Basil’s Church, (940 Rex Ave just off the Queensway at Maitland exit) on Wed, May 21, from 7 to 9 pm. The evening will include opportunities for dialogue and refreshments.

You are warmly invited to Holy Redeemer parish on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for our monthly **Heart of Worship** adoration event. The evening will include a talk by Matthew Bisson called “What Does a Servant’s Heart Look Like?”, praise and worship music, silent prayer time, confessions, and fellowship afterwards.

**Night of Prayer, Worship and Healing** Theme: “I believe in the Holy Spirit” on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Isidore Parish, 1135 March Rd at 7:00 pm. Guest speaker: Sister Melinda Schenher, S.C. Life in the Holy Spirit began for Sr. Melinda as a child. In University she joined Catholic Christian Outreach and her ministry work began for the Lord. She joined the Servants of the Cross in 2008 and is a member of the Executive Council. She is also the Encounter School of Ministries (ESM) Ottawa Campus Associate Director. For more information, contact GERALYN at (416) 500-5341.



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