



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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

### May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15.1-2,22-29  
Revelation 21.10-14,22-23  
John 14.23-29

#### Parish Calendar

**Mon, May 19** Parish Office closed for Victoria Day  
**Tue, May 20**  
9:00 am Mass  
6:30 pm RCIA  
7:00 pm Catholic Women's League Executive meeting  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council meeting  
**Wed, May 21**  
9:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Finance Council meeting  
**Thu, May 22**  
9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests  
6:30 pm Youth Night Grades 3-5  
**Fri, May 23**  
9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group  
**Sat, May 24**  
12:30 pm CWL Spring Social  
4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass  
**Sun, May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass  
2:00 pm Parish Report Presentation  
\*Confession available before morning Mass 8:30-8:50am

#### Parish Report Session May 25:

On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, we will be having a Parish Meeting to share information about the pastoral and temporal life of our parish. It will be an opportunity to review the activities of the parish and our financial situation as well as an opportunity to ask questions. We have not had an Annual General Meeting for some time, so please consider attending to learn more about our parish, its strengths and the challenges we face. Fr. Geoff

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 pm 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 weekend 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.

#### Mass Intentions

**Tue, May 20 – 9:00 am**  
Intentions of Claire Moore by Barb Denis  
**Wed, May 21 – 9:00 am**  
For poor souls in purgatory  
**Thu, May 22 – 9:00 am**  
†Jacek Marszalek by Kinga & Family  
**Fri, May 23 – 9:00 am**  
Intentions of Jeremy by Rita & Julian  
**Sat, May 24 – 5:00 pm**  
†Ann Ryan by Lois Desjardine  
†Wayne Peckham by Randy Peckham & Family  
†John McCarthy by McCarthy Family  
Intentions of Garvey Family  
**Sun, May 25 – 9:00 am**  
For the intentions of all parishioners  
**Sun, May 25 – 11:00 am**  
†Phil & †Josh by Joan & Family  
†Mike Valente by Sandra Cybulski  
†Reverend Francis Jay by McCarville Family  
†Dr. Irene Leader by Suma Abraham  
†Caleb Boudreau by Michelle & Family  
**Please pray for those who are sick:** Muriel  
**Please pray for those who have died:** †Dolly Dunlop;  
†Anita



†Indicates Deceased.

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 3-5. 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)

**Collection Counters Needed:** we need some more volunteers to join our collection counting teams for the weekend collections. There are 4 teams that meet on a rotating basis for approximately 2 hours. If you can spare some time periodically to help with this activity, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to volunteer. Thank you! Fr. Geoff

Donate to our Parish  
or Youth Ministry



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).

**Sunday Reflection:** The Prayer after Communion today expresses the transformation that can be effected by our participation in the mystery of our faith, the Eucharist: “graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.” The Eucharist, the heavenly mystery, is proof that God loves us, entering into the human condition to meet us where we are to join himself to us in order to transform us to resemble him more closely. Our hope in the Eucharist is to become more like whom we encounter in this sacred meal.

Fr. Geoff

“The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.” Pope Leo XIII

**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

**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.

### **Indigenous & Parishioners Celebration of the Land**

On June 21, from 1-4pm, everyone is invited to a celebration of the land at Holy Spirit Church, Activities include: viewing artifacts from parish site, Archeological presentation, the blessing of a plaque to honor all human ancestors, family activities, stories, and Indigenous refreshments and hospitality.



**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 31st, 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 27th 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.

### **Dying to meet you: Preventing euthanasia, encouraging hope – May 21, 2025 at 6:45 pm at St. George Parish**

More than 70,000 Canadians have died by euthanasia since it was legalized. The euthanasia rate is three times the suicide rate. Why has euthanasia become such a temptation for so many Canadians? How can we create and put forward a more attractive alternative vision? Come hear Amanda Achtman share stories of travelling across the country engaging Canadians on the big questions of suffering, death, meaning, and hope. This evening will equip and inspire you for the conversations and experiences you are having in your own life because this concerns all of us.

**Pope's Pastoral Works – May 25** This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church.



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