



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Tuesday 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: _____

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6.1-7
1 Peter 2.4-9
John 14.1-12

May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3.15-18
John 14.15-21

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tue, May 5 – 9:00 am

†Reg & †Michel Marsolais by Jacques & Jeannie

Wed, May 6 – 9:00 am St. François de Laval

Intentions of Marion Di Gaspari by Patricia & Isabelle

Thu, May 7 – 9:00 am

†Louis Robert Lemieux by Francesco Di Iorio

Fri, May 8 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Jeremy by Rita

Sat, May 9 – 5:00 pm

In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

†Bernard & †Marguerite McGrath & deceased family members by Family

†Sharon Kelly by Kelly Family

†Reg Hamill by Kelly Family

Sun, May 10 – 9:00 am

In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

†John O'Hare by Anna Young

†Antonio Girardi & †Giovanni Gabriele by Joe & Donella Gabriele

†Teresa Pignataro by Rosa Pignataro

Sun, May 10 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick: Archbishop Prendergast; Kristine

Please pray for those who have died: †Francis Barrett; †Christopher Beregszaszy; †Claudette Winchester

†Indicates Deceased.

**This Week at Holy Spirit Church
Monday, May 4 to Sunday, May 10**

Mon	6:30 pm	RCIA
Tue	9:30 am	Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Preparation
Thu	9:00 am	Children's Faith Formation
	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	6:30 pm	Youth Night Grades 6-8
Fri	9:30 am	Flame of Love Prayer Group

*Confession available before weekday Masses 8:30-8:50am and Saturdays 4:15-4:45pm

Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry



MARCH FOR LIFE 2026 – JOIN US!

On May 14, 2026, thousands of people will gather on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to stand for the dignity of every human life.

Be part of this powerful witness of faith, truth, and courage. A Bus to and from the Hill will make stops in Stittsville and Kanata. \$20/adult. For more details and to Register for the bus go to www.lifemattersnetwork.ca/bus

Convenient pickup locations: Carp Park and ride (Stittsville); and Holy Redeemer Parish (Kanata)

Seats are limited—reserve yours today! A group from our parish, including Fr. Geoff and some children, will be on the bus. For more information contact the parish office or Ludmila - ludmila_maria@hotmail.com Stand up. Speak out. Follow Him. Bring your family and friends—be a voice for life.



Wedding Anniversary Blessing: We invite all couples who celebrated a wedding anniversary in February, March, April or May to take part in a special Anniversary Blessing during Mass on the weekend of May 30 & 31.

If you would like to participate, please register with the parish office by providing your names, the number of years you are celebrating, anniversary date, and the Mass you will attend. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with you!



Thank You to the Knights of Columbus Yard Men: a big thank you to the Knights who worked on the Spring cleaning of the yard at the rectory at 81 Forest Creek. It looks great! Now the neighbours will want to know who my 'yard crew' were... Thank you for making the rectory grounds look fresh and ready for Spring! Fr. Geoff



Hike for Life Thank You: last Saturday was the Hike for Life fundraiser to support Action Life: thanks to your generosity, we raised \$440 from our parish in sponsorships for me to do the Hike. It was a chilly morning, but bright and sunny – thank you for your support! Fr. Geoff

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

Sunday Reflection: The First Reading recounts the call of the first deacons to serve the church by going to the fringes of society to care for those who are neglected or abandoned. The Church has a special concern, called the preferential option, for the poor. Widows in the early Church had to rely on the charity of others: there was no social safety net. The early Christians understood that to be authentic followers of Jesus Christ, they needed to practice what they preached with regard to loving God and concretely demonstrating their love for their neighbour. The early Church ordained deacons to serve in a special ministry to the widows. Today, deacons serve not only in their parishes doing ministry in many areas (and often assisted by their wives), but they also are called to go to the margins of society to find a ministry helping those who are on the periphery. Increasingly there is a concern for authenticity in institutions. A lot of the distrust of authority comes from a disconnect between what is said and done. We need to practice what we preach - to put our faith into action. The early Church did this and commissioned the first deacons to make this a priority.

Fr. Geoff



May - A Month for Mary: Why do we honour Mary especially in the month of May? St. Mother Teresa told this story: “A gentleman of the Protestant faith, the son-in-law of Malcolm Muggeridge, told me: “I love you, your work, everything I see, but there is one thing I do not understand: Our Lady. You are full of Mary.” I replied to him: “No Mary, no Jesus—no mother, no son.” A few months later he sent me a card with these words printed in big letters: “I believe, no Mary, no Jesus! This has changed my life.” Fr. Geoff

Trivia Night May 21, 2026: Please join us for Parish Trivia Night at The Glen Restaurant! Our Catholic Women’s League is hosting this fun night as a fundraiser. Make your own team of 4, 6, or 8, or join an existing team. Come early and enjoy supper beforehand at 6 pm (reservation required). The game will be led by Quizmaster, Gordon, starting at 7:30 pm. Prizes and fun for all! Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase in the Atrium on the weekends of May 9 & 10 and May 16 & 17. Please contact Claire Moore at 613-612-1659 or cmamoore1016@gmail.com for information or to register. Everyone is welcome!



Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. This year’s Catholic Education theme is, “Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness.” Let us pray for Catholic Education.



Monsignor Muldoon – 50th Anniversary: You are cordially invited to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Priesthood for Monsignor Joseph Muldoon, celebrated at Holy Cross Parish (685 Walkley Rd. Ottawa). The Most Rev. Marcel Dampousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, will be celebrating our Mass on Sunday, June 7 at 10 am and a reception will follow in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there.



Gardening Angels Volunteers We are looking for volunteers to form a Gardening Group for the church property to help with weeding, flowers and improving the appearance of our grounds around the church. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office.

Young Catholics Ottawa (YCO) is the place young Catholics (ages 18-35) come together as one community. We host monthly events including Young Adult masses followed by socials, parties, and board game nights. Come celebrate and be encouraged by other young adults to grow in faith and shine Christ’s light into the world. To learn more and stay updated on monthly upcoming events, please visit: www.linktr.ee/youngcatholicsottawa or follow @YoungCatholicsOttawa on social media.

Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. May 13th, 7 pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave. The faithful are invited to participate in a special time of prayer on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, during which a communal consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place. The program will include the screening of *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*, the Rosary, the communal consecration, and the May 13 hymn with candles. All are welcome.

Let the music begin!

Benefit concert for the Jean-Claude Bergeron Foundation and the Saint-François-d’Assise Parish

to support talented students at the Ontario Centre of Artistic Excellence and the preservation of the church as a historic building

Featuring: Trumpeter André Massicotte, pianist Jean Desmarais, organist Gilles Leclerc, and saxophonist Victor Herbiet, along with the De La Salle Vocal Ensemble.

Come celebrate Ottawa’s 200th anniversary and the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis

May 11, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church

20 Fairmont Avenue, Ottawa



Tickets: [Billets Zeffy.com](https://www.zeffy.com/fr-CA/ticketing/en-avant-la-musique) : <https://www.zeffy.com/fr-CA/ticketing/en-avant-la-musique>
Adults : 30\$ or VIP : 60\$ (reserved seating with access to post-concert reception)
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