

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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Thanksgiving

Be joyful always
Pray continually
Give thanks for everything.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 11 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25.6-10a
Philippians 4.12-14,19-20
Matthew 22.1-14

October 18 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45.1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab
Matthew 22.15-21

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tue, Oct 13 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Jeremy by Family

Wed, Oct 14 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Carol Carroll

Thu, Oct 15 – 9:00 am St. Teresa of Jesus

For poor souls in purgatory by MacDonald-Keyworth Family

Fri, Oct 16 – 9:00 am St. Marie-Marguerite d'Youville

†Pierre Wan by Jessica & Mark LeSavage

Sat, Oct 17 – 5:00 pm St. Ignatius of Antioch

†Betty Ann Fitzsimmons by Suzanne

†Chellama James by Suma Abraham

†Hugh Carroll

Intentions of Suzanne Mooney

†Maria Aparecida & †Octavio Nakano by Sabrina

Sun, Oct 18 – 9:00 am

In thanksgiving by Suzanne

†Pauline Wingle Land by Mary Jeffrey

†Lesslie Ross by Pauline Foley

†Wally Moroz by Joan

Intentions of Justin Gifford by Dolores & Warren

†Patrick O'Donnell by O'Donnell & Devenny Families

Sun, Oct 18 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick:

Please pray for those who have died: †

†Indicates Deceased.



This Week at Holy Spirit Church

Monday, October 12 to Sunday, October 18

Mon	Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day	
Tue	5:30 pm	1 st Reconciliation Preparation
Thu	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	7:00 pm	Youth Night Grades 6-12
Fri	9:30 am	Adoration Hour
	9:30 am	Flame of Love Prayer Group
	7:00 pm	Youth Night Grades 3-5
Sat	9:30am	Children's Faith Formation
	5:00 pm	Volunteer Fair
Sun	9&11am	Coffee Sunday
	9&11am	Volunteer Fair
	11:00am	Children's Liturgy

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

There will be a special collection for World Mission Sunday the weekend of Oct 17 & 18, 2026.

OCTOBER 18 – World Mission Sunday is celebrated in all the churches of the world. The funds raised are sent to churches in need. World Mission Sunday is a call to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28.19). We are invited to pray fervently for the realization of this great mission of Christ. Please give generously.

Coffee Sunday Volunteers Needed-October is Breads & Loaves 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 – this month Breads & Loaves! Sign up and bring your favorite treats to share with your fellow parishioners.



2026-2027 SACRAMENT PREPARATION PARENTS ONLY MEETING (no children required):

CONFIRMATION at Holy Spirit Parish Hall on: Wed, Oct 21, 2026 at 7:00pm; or Sat, Oct 24, 2026 at 4:00pm. If you have children in Grade 6 or older and wish the Sacrament of Confirmation for them, please plan to attend one of these meetings. If your child was not baptized at Holy Spirit Church, we will need a copy of their baptism certificate.



Thanksgiving Prayer: Holy Father, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the everyday blessings that surround us. Thank You for the gift of life, the love of family and friends, and the beauty of creation. Help us to recognize and cherish these simple joys, and may our lives reflect our thankfulness in all we do. Amen.



VOLUNTEER FAIR October 17 & 18

Come and explore the many opportunities you can share your time and talents within our parish community! Join us after all Masses on the weekend of October 17 & 18 for our Volunteer Fair. Representatives from various ministries and groups will be available to share information and answer your questions. Whether you can give a little or a lot, there is a place for you! Take this opportunity to see where your gifts can make a difference.



Knight of Columbus Parish Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the parish hall on **Sunday, November 1st** from 10:00am to 1:00pm. All are invited! Please join us for pancakes, sausages and baked beans. A Free-Will donation is requested to support our programs. We look forward to seeing you there.

For e-Transfer please send it to admin@holyspiritparish.ca and add a description in the memo.

Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry



Adult Scripture Study

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God, explore your faith, and connect with fellow parishioners? Join one of our Adult Scripture Study groups. We are offering two flexible options to fit your schedule:

- **Sunday Group:** *"Ephesians: Discover your Inheritance"* (Ascension press) No sign up-Come as you are able!
Meets at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. Next sessions will be held on Oct 25, Nov 8 & 22
- **Wednesday Group:** *Jesus and the Ten Commandments* Sign up required – please contact the parish office.
Meets at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's House. Next sessions will be held on Oct 21, Nov 4 & 18

Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for years, all adults are welcome to join. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Pastoral Care Training for Laity - Parish volunteers are invited to take part in a distinctly Catholic pastoral care training program designed for those serving, or preparing to serve, in pastoral care, homebound visitation, Eucharistic ministry outside of Mass, or related outreach. The archdiocese's next edition will take place Nov. 13, 14 & 21, 2026, at Holy Redeemer Parish in Kanata. The format includes a two-hour Friday evening session, 7-9 pm, followed by two Saturdays, 9am - 4pm. Registration is available at www.ottawacornwall.ca/events/pastoral-care-training, where further details can be found.

Rosary in October: According to tradition, October and May are two months where we pay special attention to our Blessed Mother Mary and her unique role in salvation history. Her great desire is to lead us closer to her Son, Jesus. Pope Leo XIV has asked all of us to unite in praying a rosary for peace. After the Sunday 9 am Mass, you are invited to join in praying the rosary for the month of October.

You are warmly invited to Holy Redeemer parish on Tue, Oct 27 at 7pm for our monthly Heart of Worship adoration event. The evening will include a talk by Archbishop Marcel Dampousse entitled "Transformation in Christ as we Go Out, Go Deep, Go Together", praise and worship music, silent prayer time, confessions, and fellowship afterwards.

Things to Celebrate

Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable. Phil 4.8

Let's celebrate the good things happening in our parish and share joy with one another.

Parishioners are invited to share their good news stories – acts of kindness, good deeds, moments of spiritual blessing, a ministry that made a difference – share those moments of joy, kindness and blessings that make our community special. If you have a good news story to share, send it to the parish office admin@holyspiritparish.ca and we will include stories in our bulletin once a month. Your story may inspire, encourage and brighten someone's day.

Knights of Columbus "Roses for Life" Campaign

We would like to thank everyone who took part in last weekend's "Roses for Life" campaign. Together, we raised a record \$902 for Birthright of Ottawa. Thank you for your generosity! Please continue to wear your lapel roses with pride to show your support for the most vulnerable.

Synodality in the Parish – Interactive Webinar with Dr.

Avril Baigent on Sat Oct 31 from 1-4PM on zoom Taking a uniquely Canadian angle in this workshop, we will explore how to apply the principles of synodality to transform our communities, our relationships and our decision-making. It will include an introduction to synodality together with practical tools. This webinar is for anyone interested in the renewal of parish life. To register visit www.concernedlaycatholics.ca

Donations of "like new" items! Our Annual Catholic Women's League Bazaar is Nov 21! We will be accepting "like new" donations of: belts, purses, pottery, Christmas & Easter items, puzzles, games, kids things, frames & prints (no clothing, books or electrical appliances). We would especially appreciate Nativity creches and rosaries. We give free rosaries to children who are interested. Your "like new" donations make our annual Bazaar a success!

We need Jewelry for our Bazaar: We gave away all our jewelry last year after the Bazaar, so we need more "like new" jewelry this year! If you have "like new" jewelry to donate, there will be a **box marked "Jewelry for the Bazaar"** under the CWL bulletin board in the Church atrium. Donations will also be gratefully accepted on Fri Nov 20, 9-3pm. Thank you!



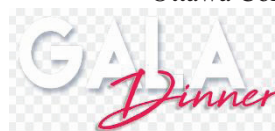
Please consider baking for the CWL Bazaar on Nov 21! The Bake Table, coordinated by Teresa Cardeal, is a huge part of our Bazaar success, but we need baking from our CWL ladies and our Parish! We would appreciate all types of baking, including Christmas goodies and pies. Baking can be dropped off on Fri, Nov 20 from 9 - 3 pm or Sat Nov 21 after 8 am. For further information contact Teresa (614-831-3608) or Louise (613-852-4469). Thank you!

All donations and baking are to be dropped off on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20. We are not able to store items at the Church and cannot accept new donations the day of the Bazaar. Thank you! Contact Louise for more info, 613-852-4469, louisebeggs@icloud.com.

Answer the Call Benefit Gala

God called. They answered. Now the call comes to us.

Thursday, October 29, 2026 from 5 - 9pm at
Ottawa Conference and Event Centre



You are invited to attend the Answer the Call Benefit Gala, an evening of faith, fellowship, and joyful support for the men preparing to serve as priests in our Archdiocese. Holy Spirit Parish has reserved a table at this event. If you would like to join us, tickets are available for \$150 per person at the parish office. Tax receipts will be provided.

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