



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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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 holyspiritcfff@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

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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: _____

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Oct 26 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35.15-17,20-22

2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18

Luke 18.9-14

Nov 2 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Wisdom 3.1-9

Revelation 21.1-5a,6b-7

Luke 7.11-17

Parish Calendar

Mon, Oct 27

5:30 pm First Reconciliation Preparation Session

6:30 pm RCIA

Tue, Oct 28

St. Simon & St. Jude

5:30 pm First Reconciliation Preparation Session

Wed, Oct 29

11:00 am Children's Faith Formation

2:00 pm Youth Alpha

7:00 pm Catholic Women's League General meeting

Thu, Oct 30

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, Oct 31

9:00 am **Mass**

9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

Sat, Nov 1

All Saints

9:00 am **First Saturday Mass**

9:30 am Men's Discussion Group

4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm **Mass**

Sun, Nov 2 All Soul's Day

9:00 am **Mass**

11:00 am **Mass**

*Pancake breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus after the 9 & 11 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

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

All Saints and All Souls Days: The Feast of All Saints is celebrated on November 1st to honour all the Saints who have gone before us - those we know and the 'unknown' ones too who make up the great communion of believers. Halloween gets its name from the celebration of the evening Mass before All Saints (All Hallows [Holy] Eve). The following day after All Hallows' Eve is the celebration of All Souls where we pray for all the faithful departed, remembering all those who have gone before us. Fr. Geoff

Prayer for Grieving Hearts: Dear Lord, In this time of sorrow, we seek Your comforting embrace for grieving hearts. Grant them strength to endure their pain and the courage to face each day. Surround them with Your love and peace, and let them feel Your presence in their darkest moments. May they find solace in cherished memories and hope in Your eternal promise. Amen.

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SAVE THE DATE – November 15, 2025, is our Catholic Women's League BAZAAR – you don't want to miss it!

Mass Intentions

Fri, Oct 31 – 9:00 am

Parents, grandparents, relatives & friends by Family Ho Truong

Sat, Nov 1 – 9:00 am

Intentions of John & Susan Bahen by Dolores & Warren

Sat, Nov 1 – 5:00 pm

†Maria Teresa & †Jose Chavolla and †Marina & †Carlos Wolf
by Veronica Wolf & Daniel Chavolla

†Emma Clader by Family

For all souls in purgatory by Abraham Family

†Eileen Foote by Marilyn & Family

Intentions of Bob Ryan by Cheryl, Larry, Todd, & Jodi

Sun, Nov 2 – 9:00 am

†Wanda & †Peter Srutwa by Alice

†Florence Bailey by Randy Peckham & Family

†Lucille Gauthier by Claire Moore

Deceased members of Irwin Family by Dolores & Warren

Sun, Nov 2 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick: Gabriel, Nilda

Please pray for those who have died: †Ida Spadafora

†Indicates Deceased.

This week, the priests of our diocese are away on their annual retreat. Let us keep them in our prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to renew and strengthen them in their ministry. May this time of prayer and reflection bring them peace, guidance, and a deepened love for the Lord and His people.

ATTENTION MEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Are you looking for deeper connection, honest conversation, and spiritual growth? Join our Monthly Men's Discussion Group—a welcoming space where men come together to explore faith, share life experiences, support one another in their spiritual journeys and encourage each other to live out our beliefs with purpose and integrity. What to expect:

- Open and respectful dialogue
- Thought-provoking topics rooted in Christian faith
- Brotherhood and accountability
- Prayer, reflection, and practical takeaways

We meet on the first Saturday of each month after the 9am Mass. Meetings last about an hour. Drop in when you can. Each session is welcoming and self-contained. Come as you are. Leave encouraged.

Knight of Columbus Parish Breakfast The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday, November 2nd after both Masses. All are invited! Please join us for pancakes, sausages and baked beans. The cost is Free-Will donation to support our programs. We look forward to seeing you there!



Gospel Reflection: In the Gospel parable today, both the Pharisee and the tax collector reference themselves in their prayer to God. The first uses his prayer not only to congratulate himself on his righteous behaviour, but also to compare himself to his neighbour at his neighbour's expense. The tax collector, on the other hand, focuses only on his own sinfulness and begs God's mercy. The tax collector's prayer was ruthlessly honest with himself and God. His humility and self-awareness are models for us and our relationship with the Lord.

Fr. Geoff

Pray for Persecuted Christians Across the World: I was asked recently if we could pray for the persecuted Christians in Nigeria. We regularly pray during the week for persecuted Christians across the globe. The media rarely report widespread persecution of Christians. It is a good reminder to specifically address the fact that Christianity is the most persecuted faith right now in the world. I have mentioned this a number of times in the weekend homilies, but for the latest statistics, go to the website www.opendoors.org to see the most recent numbers: 380 million Christians faced persecution last year; 1 in 5 Christians in Africa and 2 in 5 in Asia are persecuted. Last year, 4,476 Christians were killed for reasons related to our faith. Fifty countries are on a watch list for their active harassment and persecution of our sisters and brothers in Christ. The media in the West are largely silent. It is good to remember that we need to pray for our sisters and brothers wherever they are facing discrimination, persecution, oppression, violence, theft and even death for our faith. Fr. Geoff

Respect Life Ministry invitation: Join us for **40 Days for Life**, a peaceful campaign of silent prayer, fasting, and public vigil for an end to abortion running from Sep 24 to Nov 2. Our parish will cover vigil hour **Sun, Oct 26 (2-3 pm) at the southwest corner of Queen Street just off Bank Street**. Former abortion industry workers say it was the prayer presence outside their facilities that turned them away from abortion, and drop-off rates at clinics can reach as high as 75% when there's a prayer vigil nearby. Come stand with us in prayer; **contact the parish office or simply meet us at the vigil location**.

Horizons of Hope: A Faith-Based Approach to Palliative Care Join us for *Horizons of Hope*, a two-day program designed to help Catholics explore palliative care, illness, dying, and end-of-life decisions through the lens of faith. This national initiative from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers guidance, prayer, and discussion to support those accompanying loved ones through serious illness. Join us Sat, Nov 22 & Sat, Nov 29 from 9am-4pm at Holy Spirit Parish Hall. **To register, email farrarraquelb@gmail.com or admin@holyspiritparish.ca or register online at www.forms.gle/wgCJ2PpH15c3YurF7** All are welcome. Come discover how our faith calls us to compassion, hope, and dignity in life's final stages.

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 6-8. This week's theme: Trick or Treat for Cans. Bring a friend and dress appropriately for the weather! 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

Welcoming Our New Neighbours to Ottawa

Every day, newcomers and refugees arrive in Ottawa with hope for a fresh start, seeking safety, stability, and community. The Catholic Centre for Immigrants (CCI) walks beside them as they begin to rebuild their lives, offering practical support and a sense of belonging from the moment they arrive. For more than 70 years, CCI has helped make Ottawa a place where everyone has the chance to belong and contribute. Your support helps a refugee family find stability after years of displacement, helps a newcomer youth discover their potential, and helps our city grow stronger through diversity. To connect with us and learn more about our work or to make a donation, contact Dora (dora@cciottawa.ca) or visit cciottawa.ca

Please consider baking for the CWL Bazaar on November 15!! The Bake Table, coordinated by Teresa Cardeal, is a huge part of our Bazaar success, but we need baking! We would appreciate all types of baking, including Christmas goodies and pies. Baking can be dropped off on Friday, November 14 from 9am - 3pm, or Saturday, November 15 after 8am. For further information contact Teresa (614-831-3608) or Louise (613-852-4469). Thank you!



Don't forget to turn back your clocks before bed on Saturday, November 1st. We fall Back to Standard Time on November 2, 2025.



Faithful Stewardship

Your Life, Your Legacy

A presentation on Estate Planning

What legacy will you leave?

Join Archbishop Damphousse for a presentation on how to create a prayerful, high-impact Estate Plan that maximizes your spiritual and social impact.



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