



# 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 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)

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James MacLean, Grand Knight 613-831-8617

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Oct 5 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4  
2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17.5-10

### Oct 12 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5.14-17  
2 Timothy 2.8-13  
Luke 17.11-19

#### Parish Calendar

#### Mon, Oct 6

6:30 pm RCIA

#### Tue, Oct 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the  
Returning King

#### Wed, Oct 8

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Children's Faith Formation

7:00 pm Choir Practice

7:00 pm Paint Night

#### Thu, Oct 9

9:00 am Mass with Sacred Heart Grade 7

9:00 am Children's Faith Formation

9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests

6:30 pm Youth Night Grades 3-5

#### Fri, Oct 10

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

#### Sat, Oct 11

4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

#### Sun, Oct 12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

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

**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. After the Sunday 9 am Mass, you are invited to join in praying the rosary for the month of October. Bring your rosary, yourself, your family, and a friend. Come and join us in praying this beautiful devotional prayer that our Blessed Mother gave to us and pray for peace. All are welcome.

**Life Chain Announcement:** This Sunday we have the Life Chain at intersections across the city. People will stand in silence holding a sign testifying to the dignity of human life from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death. It is not about judgment or rash condemnations – it is about testifying in silence, to the truth that human life is precious from its very first moments. God is the author of all life, and human life, regardless of its circumstances, reflects God's image, likeness and goodness, even when that image is not perfect. I encourage you to take an hour this afternoon to witness to the value of human life. I will be at the corner of Hazeldean and Eagleson from 2-3pm and you are most welcome to join me and others for this witness. Fr. Geoff

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

#### Mass Intentions

**Tue, Oct 7 – 9:00 am**

†Eva Lazzazera by Francesco Di Iorio

**Wed, Oct 8 – 9:00 am**

†Gioanni Lazzazera by Francesco Di Iorio

**Thu, Oct 9 – 9:00 am**

†Joseph (Bud) Maika by Margaret & Graham Pappin

**Fri, Oct 10 – 9:00 am**

Intentions of Francispillai Family

**Sat, Oct 11 – 5:00 pm**

Deceased members of Foley & Sauve Families by Doreen & Jim

Intentions of Cameron & Susana Bahen by Dolores & Warren Bahen

**Sun, Oct 12 – 9:00 am**

For the intentions of all parishioners

**Sun, Oct 12 – 11:00 am**

†Stephen Geurts by Mom & Family

For the closure of the main Ottawa abortion facility & all affected by abortion

Living & deceased members of Emmett & Comeau Families

**Please pray for those who are sick:**

**Please pray for those who have died:** †John Ragogna, brother-in-law of Donella & Joe Gariele; †Hugh Philpott

†Indicates Deceased.

**Back to School Snack Food Drive** Parishioners are invited to share with those less fortunate in our community by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to the Stittsville Food Bank in this season of Thanksgiving. The Food Bank is serving more clients than in previous years. We need school snacks, cookies, juice boxes, granola bars but all donations are appreciated. Please bring donations during office hours or when you come to Sunday Mass before October 19. Thank you for giving generously!



**Catholic Pilgrimage:** Catholic Shrines of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland accompanied by Msgr. Muldoon, Holy Cross Parish, Apr 8-23, 2026. Limited number! Info: [dennis@jbctravel.ca](mailto:dennis@jbctravel.ca), 613 569-3888. A meeting is scheduled with Dennis Kam, JBC Travel, on Nov 16 at 2 pm in Holy Cross (685 Walkley Rd) Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**Donate to our Parish  
or Youth Ministry**



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### Gospel Reflection:

In the Gospel we hear Jesus talk about faith. Sometimes we talk about faith as if it's a matter of having it or not having it. But Jesus talks about faith from many different perspectives. He shows us that faith is more complex than the idea of just having it or not; that is good news for us. It's good news because we learn that if faith has different aspects we aren't lost if we are struggling with one aspect of it or another. Faith is many things. It is a theological virtue, it's a gift from God and it's also a way of acting and a choice to believe.

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**.

### Men's Breakfast October 18th with Special

**Guest Bishop Yvan Mathieu:** please join us for a special Men's Breakfast with our auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu who will speak to us on the theme of Fatherhood in the scriptures. Doors open at 8:30 am with breakfast at 9:00 am. Cost is a free will donation to support the works of the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council. Please RSVP to [kofc@holyspiritparish.ca](mailto:kofc@holyspiritparish.ca) by Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> so we can have enough scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, etc. Men, please join us and bring a friend! Fr. Geoff



Our Catholic Women's League Annual Bazaar is coming up on **November 15!** We are getting ready and would love your donations of some items for our Elephant Table: gently used belts, jewelry (Very Popular! Drop off is at the CWL bulletin board), purses, pottery, Christmas and Easter items, puzzles, games, kids things, frames and prints. For our Religious items table, we would love donations of Nativity cribs and rosaries. (Please no clothing, books or electrical appliances). We also love Christmas Baking. All donation drop offs are Fri, Nov 14. Contact Louise Beggs for more information, 613-852-4469, [louisebeggs@icloud.com](mailto:louisebeggs@icloud.com)

### ATTENTION WOMEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

The parish's Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites all women over 16 to join us, anytime! Be part of a wonderful group of ladies devoted to God and country! The last Wednesday of each month, we meet and focus on our Catholic faith and commit to help our parish and community through service and social justice. We always have social time and fun. Be as active as you wish. Come see what we do, Oct 29 at 7pm in the church hall. Louise 613-852-4469.

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

The Children's Faith Formation (CFF), level 1 program (3-5 year olds) for the 2025-26 year will be starting up the first week of October at Holy Spirit Parish. **This year we are in need of assistants in the atrium.** We are seeking volunteers willing to assist in one CFF session each week. Time allotment for each session is about 2.5 hours per week. This includes set-up and clean-up time. Please consider accompanying young children in their beautiful journey to the Lord. Training will be provided. For more info about assisting in the CFF program, email Kim at [holyspiritcff@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritcff@gmail.com).

### Coffee Sunday Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers who can help set up, clean up afterwards and also for contributions for the snacks. 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 will have a sign-up sheet in the atrium for volunteers. We need help to keep this tradition going! Fr. Geoff

### Pilgrims of Hope, Come walk with us! October 23

Celebrate the 9am Mass at St. Patrick's Fallowfield and walk the Ottawa Camino to Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa. The 30 km walk will take approximately 8 hours, leaving 9:45am and concluding with a reception at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Check out Pilgrimage details and sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/Rosary-Pilgrimage-2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/Rosary-Pilgrimage-2025)

**Woven** is an initiative within the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall to support mothers and families grieving miscarriage and infancy loss. Our God has a great tenderness for the grieving and the broken-hearted. The shortest verse in scripture records his own moment of grief at the death of a loved one: "Jesus wept." (John 11:35). If you've lost a child, know God is with you in your heartbreak. Your child has always been known and loved by him. Masses of Remembrance will be held across our archdiocese to honour children lost through miscarriage or in infancy. These Masses are an opportunity to entrust to the Lord our children who have gone home to his arms. Names of children, submitted to us through our online form, [www.ottawacornwall.ca/woven-miscarriage-and-infant-loss/](http://www.ottawacornwall.ca/woven-miscarriage-and-infant-loss/), will be honoured at the beginning of each Mass: **Holy Spirit Parish Mass on October 25 at 10am;** *Annunciation Parish Mass on October 14 at 7pm;* *St. Maurice Parish Mass on October 18 at 9am.*

### 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.



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