



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 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

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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: _____

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



September 13 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27.30-28.7
Romans 14.7-9
Matthew 18.21-35

September 20 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55.6-9
Philippians 1.20-24,27
Matthew 20.1-16

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tue, Sep 15 – 9:00 am Our Lady of Sorrows
Intentions of Jeremy by Family
Wed, Sep 16 – 9:00 am St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian
†Paulette Campeau by Family
Thu, Sep 17 – 9:00 am
In thanksgiving by Suzanne O'Hara
Fri, Sep 18 – 9:00 am
†Maria by Deacon Nuno & Family
Sat, Sep 19 – 5:00 pm
†Gabriel LeSavage by Jessica & Mark LeSavage
Intentions of Eamon O'Hara
†Don Sheldrick by Mary Garvey
Intentions of Lisa Smith by Marion & Patricia
Special intentions of Patricia & Philip
†Mary White by Dan White
Sun, Sep 20 – 9:00 am
For living & deceased members of the Catholic Women's League
Deceased members of Gabriele & Girardi Families
In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
†Ding-Sun Yee by Divina & Daniel Hogan
†Hugh Carroll
Intentions of Suzanne Mooney
Sun, Sep 20 – 11:00 am
For the intentions of all parishioners
Please pray for those who are sick: Kathryn; Patrick Kavanagh, father of Lisa MacLean
Please pray for those who have died: †Guy Côté, father of Deacon Guy Côté



†Indicates Deceased.

2026-2027 SACRAMENT PREPARATION PARENTS

ONLY MEETING (no children required):

FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST

COMMUNION at Holy Spirit Parish Hall on:

Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00pm; or Saturday, September 19th at 4:00pm. If you have children in Grade 2 or older and wish the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion 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.



Children's Liturgy Leader & Assistants Needed: to have weekly Children's Liturgy we need to recruit another Leader. The commitment is one Sunday a month at the 11 am Mass. Resources are provided to lead the session. We also need assistant leaders to help on Sundays. Please contact the Office for more information. It is a wonderful opportunity to help parish children encounter the Sunday Gospel in an age-accessible way.

This Week at Holy Spirit Church

Monday, September 14 to Sunday, September 20

Mon	6:30 pm	RCIA
Tue	7:00 pm	1 st Communion Parents Meeting
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Council Meeting
Wed	7:00 pm	Paint Night
Thu	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	7:00 pm	Youth Night Grade 6-12
Fri	9:30 am	Flame of Love Prayer Group
	9:30 am	Adoration
Sat	4:00 pm	1 st Communion Parents Meeting
Sun	10:00 am	Adult Faith Formation
	11:00am	Children's Liturgy

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

Wedding Anniversary Blessing: We invite all couples who celebrated a wedding anniversary in June, July, August or September to take part in a special Anniversary Blessing during Mass on the weekend of September 26 & 27. 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!



Parish AGM: Sunday September 27 at 2 PM, we will be having a Parish General Meeting to share information about the pastoral and temporal life of our parish. We have a new Parish Constitution and will be forming an interim Parish Council this Fall. This meeting will be an opportunity to review the activities of the parish, our financial situation and as well as an opportunity to ask questions. This will be a relaunch of the Parish Annual General Meeting, so please consider attending to learn more about our parish, its strengths and the opportunities we have to grow. Fr. Geoff

Rosary Pilgrimage Oct 5, 2026 Come pray with us!

Pilgrimage together from the church steps of St. Patrick's Fallowfield to the hall of St. Mary's Parish, Ottawa. The 24 km walk will take approximately 7 hours, leaving at 9am and concluding with a potluck reception at St. Mary's Parish. Check out the Pilgrimage details and signup: as a walker, check the route and optional start/finish points, express your need for a shuttle need or volunteer to shuttle or clean-up, bring a potluck ready to serve dish here:



Reflection: The First Reading comes from the Book of Sirach (aka the Book of Ecclesiasticus). It collects the inspired wisdom of the writer Joshua Ben Sira of Jerusalem who lived about two hundred years before Christ. It is the largest, oldest book of Wisdom that we have from antiquity. This book foretells Jesus's birth, foreshadows his teachings and prophesies his ministry. It also proves that in the Old Testament God indeed showed mercy and forgiveness. In popular culture the Old Testament often gets a bad rap for being about hellfire, smiting and judgment. But that is inaccurate. We see in this book God's loving concern, his long suffering patience and his merciful compassion for his people. It chronicles God's relationship with his often wayward, hard-hearted people and his constant, ongoing efforts to win their love.

Fr. Geoff

Adult Faith Formation

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God, explore your faith, and connect with fellow parishioners? Join one of our upcoming Adult Faith Formation groups starting this September! 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 on Sep 13 and every other week until Dec 20 in the Conference Room
- **Wednesday Group:** *Jesus and the Ten Commandments*
Sign up required – please contact the parish office.
Meets at 6:30 PM on Sep 23 and every other week until Jan 27 at St. Joseph's House

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.

Men's Breakfast Saturday September 26th

Artificial intelligence is changing everything. How do we protect and reclaim our humanity?

Join us for a morning of great food and an even better conversation. Our special guest, Fr. Mark Slatter, Associate Professor of Theological Ethics, will unpack Pope Leo's landmark encyclical, *Humanus Magnifica*. Exploring its historic significance and what it means to protect and reclaim our humanity in the age of AI.

Doors open at 8:30 am. Breakfast is served at 9:00 am. A free-will donation is requested. Please sign up at koc@holyspiritparish.ca, to help us plan how many pancakes and sausages to fire up! Bring a friend, a neighbour, a coworker.



PAINT NIGHT It is time for our very popular Annual Catholic Women's League Paint Night! 🎨 The Paint Party Sisters will lead us, no experience necessary. Join us for a fun evening on Sep 16 at 7pm in the parish hall. Tickets for sale the weekends of Sep 6 & 13 after all Masses. You can also reserve your ticket by contacting Louise louisebeggs@icloud.com, 613-852-4469.

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) and gently used jewelry (always popular). 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!



Baking for the Bazaar on Nov 21!

Parishioners are asked to consider donating Christmas baking to the CWL bazaar. We *prefer* homemade items. Especially popular are pies, Rice Krispie squares, butter tarts, and banana breads or other loaves. Your baking donations make our annual Bazaar a success!

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, 613-852-4469, louisebeggs@icloud.com.

Heart of Worship: You are warmly invited to Holy Redeemer parish on Tue, Sep 29 at 7pm for our monthly Heart of Worship adoration event. The evening will include a talk entitled "Transformation Through the Cross", praise and worship music, silent prayer time, confessions, and fellowship afterwards. All are welcome!

Pilgrimage to Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg with Fr. Francis Ching, CC. April 22-May 4, 2027. 13 days/11 nights with a 2-day optional extension in Ghent to May 6. Price includes all costs except for 10 lunches. \$7335 per person (double occ.) Information Meeting Sun, Nov 15, 2026 at 2:00pm at St. Mary's Parish. For Information contact Tour Leader Laurie Courchesne-Dooley (613) 732-5739 mobile (613)602-3535 email lafrcondo@outlook.com

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