



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

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: _____

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



September 20 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

September 27 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18.25-28
Philippians 2.1-11
Matthew 21.28-32

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tue, Sep 22 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Maureen & Shane Gifford by Dolores & Warren

Wed, Sep 23 – 9:00 am St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Intentions of Anita

Thu, Sep 24 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Marion Di Gaspari by Patricia & Isabella

Fri, Sep 25 – 9:00 am

†Willietta & †Ernest Morris by Mary Jeffrey

Sat, Sep 26 – 5:00 pm St. Jean de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues

†Ann Ryan by Bob & Family

†Donald Allen MacDonald by Suzanne

†Ronald Swanwhite by James Riordan

Intentions of Peter & Nancy Kerslake by Gerry & Cathy

Intentions of Laplante & Lebrun Families

Intentions of Suzanne Mooney

Sun, Sep 26 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, Sep 26 – 11:00 am

†Bob McLoone by Glenn & Sarah Bleskie

†Byron Bernstein by Liam O'Hara

†Helen Blair by Betty & Larry Romard

†Eileen O'Hagan by Eileen

†Michael Glussich by Jessica & Mark LeSavage

†Kay Hughson by Family

Please pray for those who are sick: Kathryn

Please pray for those who have died: †Father Joseph Vayalil;

†Father Kelvin Maloney; †Charles Hunter

†Indicates Deceased.



This Week at Holy Spirit Church

Monday, September 21 to Sunday, September 27

Mon	6:30 pm	RCIA
	6:30 pm	Catholic Women's League Executive Meeting
Tue	10:00 am	NET Youth Retreat-Guardian Angels Sch
Wed	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Adult Scripture Study
	6:30 pm	Catholic Women's League bazaar meeting
	7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting
Thu	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	10:00 am	NET Youth Retreat-St. Stephen's Sch
	7:00 pm	Catholic Women's League presentation
	7:00 pm	Youth Night Grades 6-12
Fri	9:30 am	Flame of Love Prayer Group
	5:00 PM	NET Youth Night
Sat	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Sun	11:00am	Children's Liturgy
	2:00 pm	Annual General Meeting

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

**There will be a special collection for the Needs of the Church
in Canada the weekend of Sep 26 & 27, 2026.**

Thanksgiving 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 for Thanksgiving. The Food Bank is serving more clients than in previous years. Please bring your donation to the Parish Hall by Sunday, October 4th. Thank you for giving generously!



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

Coffee Sunday Volunteers Needed-October is Breads & Loaves Month Oct 4 is the conclusion of the Season of Care for Creation and we invite parishioners to be creative in the snacks we share at Coffee Sunday – breads and loaves. How does creation speak to you in your baking creations? Do you add seeds, berries or decorate them with Fall flare? Bring your creative goodies on Oct 4 to share and celebrate the Season of Care for Creation!

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: will take place next weekend, September 26 & 27. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend.

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

Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry



Reflection: “Are you envious because I am generous?” When we bump up against a parable that makes us uncomfortable, that makes us think ‘surely God doesn’t mean that, does He?’ It is a chance for us to discover something important. To better appreciate this parable we need to remember that Matthew was Jewish: the Jews are those workers who have been ‘working’ with God since the first Covenant over a thousand years before Christ. We Christians are the 11th hour late-comers who arrive at the last minute and receive God’s mercy and compassion.

Fr. Geoff

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 Sep 20, Oct 11 & 25
- **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, *Magnifica Humanitas*. 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 sausage, to fire up! Bring a friend, a neighbour, a coworker.

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.

40 Days for Life Kickoff: I encourage you to take part in this year’s “40 Days for Life” campaign to witness in whatever capacity you can to the gift of human life. There is a kickoff rally September 20th from 6 to 7pm on the southwest corner of Bank St at Queen St, near Sparks St. The campaign has spread across North America in witness to the dignity and sanctity of human life. The abortion clinic is located a few doors down from McDonald’s in a nondescript office building. To obey provincial bubble zone laws, we need to meet a block away. The campaign is a peaceful, prayerful witness to God’s love for women and children in difficult circumstances contemplating a choice with tragic consequences. Each year there are 100k abortions in Canada. A growing number of women and men are coming forward years after an abortion to express their sorrow and pain for making a choice that they cannot take back. There is a ministry in the church for those seeking healing in the aftermath of abortion – Rachel’s Vineyard – that brings peace to suffering women and men. Please consider coming out and if you can’t please add this intention to your personal prayers. Human life is precious; a child is a gift. We need to continue to help mothers in distress, such as with the Miriam Centre located here in Ottawa and also by advocating for the protection of human life. In Canada there are no laws whatsoever restricting abortions: it’s legal from conception to birth. Together let us be a witness to the world that human life is not just another disposable commodity in a throw away culture.

Fr. Geoff

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!



Mini-pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi

Celebrating 800th year Jubilee of St. Francis at the close of the Season of Creation in Ottawa (Hintonburg neighbourhood) on Sat, Oct 3 from 12 - 4:30 pm. Join us for a mini pilgrimage which will take us to 4 different churches with a reflection, music and reconciliation. Between friends, a pause and moment to recalibrate, to feel nourished, refreshed, to learn and to discern, allowing for change and transformation.

Celebrating the Season of Creation: You are invited to an Outdoor Mass at the Naatagama (Healing Waters) Camp, hosted by the Kateri Native Ministry and St. Basil’s Parish on Sat, Sep 26th at 11:00am. 5642 Ferry Rd, Fitzroy Harbour. Eco-lunch provided; bring your own chair and feast bundle. RSVP and info: Ellen Azcarraga (ellenazcarraga@yahoo.com)

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