



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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



September 6 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33.7-9
Romans 13.8-10
Matthew 18.15-20

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tue, Sep 8 – 9:00 am The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Children & grandchildren of the Praying Mothers

Wed, Sep 9 – 9:00 am

For poor souls in purgatory by Suzanne O'Hara

Thu, Sep 10 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Marion by Patricia & Isabella

Fri, Sep 11 – 9:00 am

Parents, grandparents, relatives & friends by Family Ho
Truong

Sat, Sep 12 – 5:00 pm

†John Myslicki by Christine

Private intention of Kevin O'Hara

Deceased members of the Riordan Family

†Michael Mendolia by Mendolia Family

†Hugh Carroll

Sun, Sep 13 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, Sep 13 – 11:00 am

In thanksgiving by Suzanne

Deceased family members of Sandra Cybulski

†Pat Foley by Pauline & Family

Intentions of Carol Carroll by Shirley Gillis

Please pray for those who are sick: Leo

Please pray for those who have died: †Stanley Harkof,
brother of Katherine Wilson

†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.



Season of Creation: There will be a mini-pilgrimage on Sat,
Oct 3 to close the Season of Creation followed by a Mass
presided by Archbishop Damphousse at St-François d'Assise
parish. Details at: www.ottawacornwall.ca/news/walk-in-the-footsteps-of-st-francois-dassise-a-jubilee-journey-of-faith/

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

Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry



September 13 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

This Week at Holy Spirit Church

Monday, September 7 to Sunday, September 11

Mon	Parish Office Closed for Labour Day	
Wed	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thu	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
Fri	9:30 am	Flame of Love Prayer Group
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!

Season of Care for Creation: in September, we remember our obligation to care for our common home, the earth and all of creation. Our faith teaches us that we are the stewards of God's creation, not its owners. We have an obligation to wisely use the gifts of creation, mindful of the effects our actions have now for the earth and all its inhabitants and conscious of what we leave behind a legacy for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We enjoy material prosperity in a way that much of the world lacks. Indeed, a significant percentage of people live in poverty, deprived of the basic things we take for granted: clean water out of a tap, a good roof over our heads, education for our children, food in the cupboard and an abundance of groceries in the store. Let us work to be wise stewards and to share out of our abundance with those who lack the basic necessities mindful of our duty to love our neighbour. Fr. Geoff



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Sept. 1 - Oct. 4, 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12



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Pope's Intention for September:

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have access to it.

Reflection: Jesus tells us today: “for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” God designed us for relationships - with Him and with others. We have an inborn need for relationships; not only to receive love but to give our love to others. Moreover, there is something very powerful about gathering together in Christ’s name to pray because if we are praying and acting in his name together, he is here with us at that very moment.

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.

Back to School Food Drive for the Stittsville Food Bank



canned fruit	ketchup
canned pasta	mayonnaise
canned tuna & salmon	peanut butter
canned veggies	cookies
canned tomatoes & sauces	juice boxes
pancake mix	strawberry jam
vegetable oil	small bags of rice

Please bring donations during office hours or when you come to Sunday Mass. Thank you for giving generously!

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.

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.

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 to support the good works of the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 22nd to koc@holyspiritparish.ca, so that we know how many pancakes, and sausage, to fire up! Bring a friend, a neighbour, a coworker.

Back to School Prayer for Students

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.
Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.
Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day’s end.
Amen.

(from the Diocese of St. Petersburg)

Answer the Call Benefit Gala

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

Thu, Oct 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.

Coffee Sunday Volunteers Needed-September is Cookies Month every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the 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 Cookies! Sign up and bring your favorite cookies to share with your fellow parishioners.

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