

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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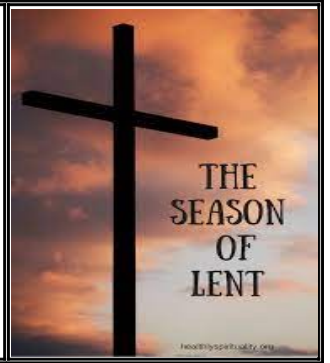
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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass and at other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon • Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 5 p.m.:114; 8 a.m.:72 ; 11 a.m.: 211; Total: 397

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6th, 2025

Monday April 7	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest (Optional Memorial) 8:00 a.m. +Anita McGrath by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom
Tuesday April 8	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Bridget Gutoskie by Theresa
Wednesday April 9	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Marcella & Isadore Utronkie by Valerie Petrik 12:00 Noon +Clifford Chapeskie by Teresa & Family
Thursday April 10	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Marlene Matcheskie by Jackie Stoppa & Family
Friday April 11	St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr (Optional Memorial) 8:00 a.m. +Agnes & Phil Surnoskie by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Yeretch 5:00 p.m. Confessions Followed by: The Way of the Cross
Saturday April 12	8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. +Theresa Yaskolskie by Theresa Trader 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 13th, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m. +Leonard Hudder by Rose Marie & Ralph Recoskie
Sunday	8:00 a.m. +Sylvester Yantha by Ed & Pat Yantha 11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the Parishioner)

Palm Sunday (April 13th, 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Denise Lobo-Pryce	Nicholas Rumleskie	John Paul Shaw
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Bro. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$2,989.60; Building Maintenance: \$730.00; Carpet: \$115.00; Flowers: \$1,106.25; Good Friday: \$20.00; Easter \$40.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Andy Weatherbed, Theresa Chapeskie, Esther T. Stoppa, Suzanne Bissonnette, Anne Chabot, Albert Cybulski, Karen Barber, Callam Olver, Raymond Biernaski, Dennis Yeretch, Deacon Bob McDonald

Let us also pray for the Repose of the Soul of Tessie Spence, who passed away this week.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please note we have a new **EMAIL & WEBSITE** address. Please ensure you are using the correct email when sending correspondence to the parish office.

Web: sainthedwigparish.ca **Email:** office@sainthedwigparish.ca

NEW E-TRANSFER ADDRESS: office@sainthedwigparish.ca

Lenten Devotions: There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6.30 pm during Lent.

Gorzkie Żale: (Bitter Lamentations) During Lent, every Sunday after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3.00 p.m. , we will sing GORZKIE ŻALE. It's a beautiful Polish devotion. Those who don't understand Polish are cordially invited to be with us during this blessed time.

Confessions During Lent: Will take place on Monday April 14th at 6:00 p.m. Visiting priests will be present. Confessions at St. Lawrence O'Toole on Sunday April 6 at 1:00 p.m., and at St. Mary's in Wilno Thursday April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Servers Meeting: A meeting for the altar-servers will be held on Saturday April 12th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It will be a very important meeting about Holy Week.

2024 Financial Statement: Copies of the 2024 Financial Statement are available at the entrance of the Church.

Special Notice Regarding the Adoration Schedule: There will be no Adoration on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. (April 17, 18, & 21).

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. There will be no euchre on the 20th (Easter Sunday), and the next scheduled game is May 4th. Cost is \$5.00

Men's Rosary: Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m., in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

Ethical Issues: Euthanasia and Organ Donation: A presentation will be given by Garry Engles, Spiritual Care Coordinator at the Pembroke General Hospital, on current issues related to this disturbing topic as it pertains to you and your loved ones. Resources such as: a "Life Saving Power of Attorney for Health" and the Delta Hospice "Do Not Euthanize Defence Kit" will be available. Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, St Hedwig's Catholic Church basement, Karol Wojtyla Sq. Barry's Bay. For more info call Rae Stanley 613-633-8124 -sponsored by St. Hedwig's Pro-life Group.

Knights of Columbus: The monthly meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 9th** in the rectory basement. Rosary starts at 7 p.m.

Christian Mothers: The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (and all women with motherly hearts) is meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. New members welcome. **This meeting will be a Holy Hour only from 7-8 p.m. in the Church.** Date of the next meeting: April 15th.

Religious Store: The store has a new selection of veils, including purple ones for the Lenten season. If you are interested in purchasing items from the Sacred Heart League Religious Store, please call or text Josée Pepler at 519-215-0707.

Mass of Chrism: A Mass of Chrism will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. on the **Tuesday of Holy Week, 15 April, 2025** at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome.

Video Series "Journey through Lent": As we journey through Lent 2025, the Fifth Sunday of Lent video of the series titled "Journey through Lent" is now available on the CCCB website: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

March for Life Ottawa: - 2025 theme: "Protection at Conception". Join us May 8 on Parliament Hill. May our prayers and witness convert the hearts of our Nation. See you there!! GO TO: marchforlife.ca Please also consider supporting our local young people to attend the Friday May 9th Youth Event in Ottawa. Transportation option: The Renfrew County Right to Life group has arranged a coach with pickup locations in Pembroke, Cobden & Renfrew - please see their poster on the bulletin board for reservation details. Or make your own carpool travel arrangements.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2025: For the use of the new technologies – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

From Fr. Michal: Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 1) Isaiah 43:16-21
- 2) Philippians 3:8-14
- 3) John 8:1-11

During the season of Lent, we intensify our efforts to set aside time for God. We are invited to grow in knowledge of God, who is an infinite and inexhaustible mystery in our lives. As our relationship with God grows, so, too, does our understanding of who God is. We know what common attributes we think of when we think of God: almighty, all-knowing, loving, merciful. Reflecting on today's readings, we learn something else: In moments of darkness, in situations that seem beyond help, God can and does bring renewal.

In the first reading from Isaiah, the Lord recounts many of his incredible acts for his people. He has used his power to defeat their enemies and lead them to safety. But the Lord says to not dwell on past events, but rather to look ahead: *Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?* God is alive and still creating in the world around us. We simply must be attentive to it.

In Jesus Christ is the ultimate and perfect example of God *doing something new*. Through him and the new covenant he established, the land and people of God are restored and redeemed. In today's Gospel the scribes and the Pharisees, in a feeble attempt to test Jesus, bring to him a woman caught in the act of adultery. They remind Jesus what the Mosaic law would have them do and ask what he would recommend.

Jesus, calmly writing on the ground, tells them that those who have never sinned should throw the first stone at her. They all leave, knowing the truth of their own sin. In this encounter, Jesus does not change the law, but shows its inadequacy. He sends the woman on to sin no more, forgiving her. Jesus shows something new by showing the true impact of God's embodied mercy in concert with our repentance.

We have been in the season of Lent for several weeks. In our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us open our hearts to something new that God might be revealing to us. It could be finding new life after participating in the sacrament of reconciliation. It could be gaining a new understanding of the world through an act of service. It could be discovering a new sense of peace in our hearts after time in prayer. It could be deepening our sense of gratitude for God's presence in our lives after a time of fasting. There are abundant ways in which we can find newness in the world around us.

In a few moments, we will celebrate the Eucharist. May the grace we receive from Jesus in this sacrament help us to open our hearts to the new ways God is revealed to us each day.