

# SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.:93; 8 a.m.:143 ; 11 a.m.: 205; Total: 541

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
March 31	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Basil Gutoskie by Helen Gutoskie & Family
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
April 1	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Helen Norlock by the Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
April 2	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Gail Chapeskie & Glen Schutt by Ester Stoppa
	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	+Agnes Chippior by Eleanor & Eddy Trader
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
April 3	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Mary C. Coulas by Michael & Debbie Palubeski
<b>First Friday</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	
April 4	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Larry Trader by the Sacred Heart League
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration</b>
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	+Alfred G. Villeneuve by the Sacred Heart League
		<b>Followed by: The Way of the Cross</b>
<b>First Saturday</b>		
April 5	<b>8:00 - 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	+Barbara Kuiack by Peter & Clementine Brotton and Family
	<b>4:00 - 4:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b>

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	+Syl & Esther Shalla & Alfred & Helen O'Malley by Jim & Maureen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+ Msgr. Ambrose Pick & Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Tessie Stoppa
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Missa Pro Populo (For the Parishioners)

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (April 6th, 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Eleanor Trader	Jacob Afelskie	Joseph Afelskie
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Bro. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
<b>Ushers</b>	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

**Offerings:** Sunday: \$3,204.75; Building Maintenance: \$695.00; Carpet: \$20.00; Heat/Fuel: \$110.00; Flowers: \$275.00; Various Funds: \$5.00

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

**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.

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**NEW E-TRANSFER ADDRESS:** [office@sainthedwigparish.ca](mailto:office@sainthedwigparish.ca)

**A Notice from the Bishops Office:** A message from Bishop Brehl is available for pick up at the back of the church.

**Visiting of the Sick:** Fr. Michal will visit the sick and housebound on Thursday and Friday this week.

**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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions before Easter will be heard on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with visiting priests.

**Altar Servers Meeting:** A meeting for the altar-servers will be held on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It will be a very important meeting about Holy Week.

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

**Men's Rosary:** Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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

### **From Fr. Michal: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1. Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2. 2 Corinthians 5:17-2

3. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

We live in an unforgiving world. Miss a key field goal in a football game? Get booed in the stadium and have hate mail sent to you. Trip over a chair and fall into a fountain because you were looking at your cell phone? Live forever with the embarrassing internet memes that arise from it. Hit reply all instead of reply only to sender? Never live down that you ruined the birthday surprise party for your coworker.

We get criticized, immortalized, and canceled for being in unfortunate circumstances; it can be much worse when it involves something of great importance, or a celebrity, or money.

Imagine today's Gospel parable played out in today's world. The younger son says to his father (who is still alive, clearly), *Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.* First, that's rude and demanding. "Dismissed!" Second, in asking his father to give him his share before the father passes away he is usurping Mosaic Law and his father's authority. "Blocked!" Finally, in taking what he receives and spending it all on a *life of dissipation* is a rejection of his upbringing. Even more egregious is that he does it in a *distant country*, meaning he left his family to spend his fortune on himself only and not for the benefit of the family. "You're dead to me!"

That's not what happens, though, partly because this is perhaps the most benevolent father in Scripture, and partly because this parable is not just about our human failings, but God's divine justice and mercy. Every day we do things that a great novelist would use to build our character arc and eventually deliver our comeuppance, but God our Father simply rejoices when we recognize the error of our ways and return to him.

Or maybe we're the older brother, angry and grumbling about how selfish and thoughtless our [in our case, metaphorical] worthless younger brother has been to leave the way he did, squandering our good name along with our family fortune. We're angry, too, at God, for not doing what we want, and not meting out *our* standard of justice.

Can we just say a "thanks be to God" and an "amen" for that last sentence? *Thank God* he doesn't do what we want according to our vision of justice and mercy. *Thank God*, that he imparts upon us not what we deserve but what he desires to give. Instead of erasing us, he restores us. This is good to know, because we will miss that field goal, we will get distracted and fall into the pool of trouble, and we will fail to communicate properly and carefully.

And should any of those happen because of sin, we can ask for the grace to come to our senses as the younger son did, and with contrition and repentance approach our Father with these words: *I have sinned against heaven and against you.* We are assured he will welcome us with joy and thanksgiving.

### **Fr. Michal gives reflection on Thursday about the Holy Mass.**

*Where Mass is rooted in the Bible and Sacred tradition. Last time the theme was: The Words of Consecration, elevation the Host and the Mystery of Faith. This is one of the quotes that explain the meaning of the Elevation of the Holy Host right after the Words of Consecration.*

### **The Mystery of the Consecration and Elevation (13th Century)**

William Durand: These words, "Who the day before he suffered," are the sixth part of the Canon, and Pope Alexander I, it is said, added them... *What happens in this place represents what Christ did in the Lord's Supper... It is with good reason that after uttering these words, "This is my body," the priest raises the body of Christ... according to these words, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32)... The host is also lifted so that the people... knowing, by the elevation, that it is accomplished and that Christ descended on the altar. So they prostrate themselves on the ground with respect, according to the words of the Apostle to the Philippians, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow," (Phil 2:10), and let it be adored with heart and mouth... Now at the elevation of the host and of the chalice the bell is rung, for in the Old Testament the Levites sounded silver trumpets at the time of the sacrifice so that this sound might warn that they were preparing to worship the Lord.*