

# 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.:103; 8 a.m.:134 ; 11 a.m.: 209; Total: 446

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Monday

**Ferial**

March 10

**8:00 a.m.**

+Ambrose, Lucy, & Basil Dombroskie by Louis & Maxine

**4:30 p.m.**

Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

### Tuesday

**Ferial**

March 11

**8:00 a.m.**

+Marie Patenaude by Helen & Pat Fritz

### Wednesday

**Ferial**

March 12

**8:00 a.m.**

+David & Andrew Brotton by Peter & Clementine Brotton & Family

**12:00 Noon**

+Harold & Evelyn Golka, & Susan Coulas by Patsy, Basil, & Nigel Golka

### Thursday

**Ferial**

March 13

**8:00 a.m.**

+Russell Pecarskie by Jackie Stoppa & Family

### Friday

**Ferial**

March 14

**8:00 a.m.**

+Bernard & Mayme Gutoskie & Family by Tony Chapeskie

**5:00 p.m.**

**Confessions**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross**

### Saturday

**Our Lady's Saturday**

March 15

**8:00 - 8:45 a.m.**

**Confessions**

**9:00 a.m.**

+Gerard O'Malley & Charles Packer

**4:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

**Confessions**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Saturday

**5:00 p.m.**

+Anthony, Mary, & Alphonse Stoppa by Frances & Raymond Biernaski

### Sunday

**8:00 a.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Jan Zasowski by Mark & Alexandra Zasowski

**11:00 a.m.**

Mass for all the Parishioners

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Karen Yakabuski	Jacob Afelskie	John Henry Westen
<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: \$3,743.00; Building Maintenance: \$2,025.00; Carpet: \$240.00; Heat/Fuel: \$100.00; Various Funds: \$10.00; Flowers: \$80.00

*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, Mary Anne Kluge, Raymond Biernaski, Dennis Yeretch*

*Let us also pray for the Repose of the Soul of Henry Luckovitch whose funeral took place on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**Lenten Devotions:** There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6.30 pm during Lent, as well as "Lenten Lamentation" "Gorzkie Żale" in Polish on Sundays after Divine Mercy Chaplet around 3.10 pm. This is very popular Lenten Devotion in Poland.

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

**Time Change for Saturday Morning Mass:** Starting March 8<sup>th</sup>, the First Saturday in Lent, the morning Mass time will be changing from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. This will affect confession time as well.

**Weekly Adoration Schedule:** We are still in need of Adorers on Mondays & Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays & Fridays from Noon-1 p.m., and Friday 4-5 p.m. Please call Virginia Korneluk at (613) 650-7674.

**Euchre:** The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, March 9 and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5:00

**Domestic Church Sunday Coffee:** Coffee and snacks will be served in the church basement by our local Domestic Church group immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy a hot drink and something to eat while getting to know your fellow parishioners a little better! Donations of treats welcomed if anyone wishes to bring something for sharing. **All parishioners are welcome.**

**Christian Mothers:** The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (and all women with motherly hearts) is meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. New members welcome. Coffee, tea and social afterwards. Date of the next meeting: March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Rosary at 7 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's Meeting Room in the basement of St. Hedwig's rectory.

**Sacred Heart League:** The next meeting takes place on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

**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.

**Women's Retreats Combermere:** We warmly invite all women to a weekend women's retreat... "The Eucharist: Christ our Hope" – two retreats offered: **March 14-16** at the Elim Lodge 696 Elim Lodge Road, Lakehurst, ON, led by Christina Milan and Fr. Brian Christie, Madonna House. **April 4-6** at the Graphite Bible Camp, 702 Graphite Road, Maynooth, ON, led by Christina Milan and Fr. David Linder, Madonna House. For questions or more information please call Astrid (Elim Retreat) at 905 377-0688 or Kristan (Graphite Retreat) at 613 585-0579.

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally:** The annual Toronto Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Information and registration: <https://www.ljhr.ca/>.

**Two Upcoming Events:** A Lenten Retreat with Bishop Brehl on April 5, 2025 and Divine Mercy Sunday with Bishop Brehl on April 27, 2025. More information to follow as we approach these dates.

#### Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity en-kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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

- 1) Deuteronomy 26:4-10
- 2) Romans 10:8-13
- 3) Luke 4:1-13

On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear Luke's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. After his baptism and before beginning his ministry, Jesus went to the desert *to be tempted by the devil*. After a 40-day period of fasting, Jesus experienced a series of temptations through which the devil tried to entice him to infidelity. But Jesus resisted and emerged victorious, anticipating his ultimate victory on the cross.

There are many lessons we can draw from this encounter. The first is that we do, in fact, have a spiritual enemy who seeks to entice us away from God. And although he is clever – even using words of Scripture to deceive – we must always remember that the devil is only a creature and our Lord has defeated him. Any time we recognize or suspect the enemy is at work, we have only to raise our hearts in prayer to the Lord, asking for his help.

The context within which these temptations occur also has something to teach us. The desert, with its extreme climate, was not a comfortable place to spend 40 days. Furthermore, by going out into the desert, Jesus chose a place of solitude, a place with few distractions. It was in this barren place of discomfort and silence that he focused on preparing for his mission.

During Lent, we might not go out into a literal desert, but by exhorting us to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Church invites us to experience a degree of discomfort, away from distractions. In this context, we can focus on confronting the temptations that can lead us away from fulfilling God's plan in our lives. The absence of normal consolations and amusements enables us to rely on God's help, as Jesus did. Thus, when faced with the burdens of our own crosses, we will not be lured away by temptation but will be able to embrace and carry them as Jesus embraced his.

Fortunately for us, we don't embark on this journey alone. Jesus has gone before us precisely so that he could be with us and help us. In addition, we have the grace of the sacraments through which the Lord grants us his strength. When we are united to him, his strength is made manifest in us and there is no temptation we can't resist. So let us avail ourselves of that help and embark on our Lenten journey with confidence in the Lord.