

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.:132; 8 a.m.: 147; 11 a.m.: 223; Total: 502 • **Feb. 17th is the 198th anniv. of the papal approval of the OMI Constitutions. Let us pray for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.**

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Feb. 18th 2024

Monday February 19	Lent Ferial 9:00 a.m.	(Roman Martyrology: in Italy, St. Barbatus of Benevento, Bishop) [Family Day] Orville Kulas & Raymond Mask by Marilyn & Art [note time change]
Tuesday February 20	Lent Ferial 8:00 a.m.	(Roman Martyrology: Sts. Francis & Jacinta Marto) Repose of the Soul of Keith Towns by Irvin & Darleen
Wednesday February 21	Lent Ferial 8:00 a.m.	(Roman Martyrology: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor) Charles Packer by Theresa Chapeskie
Thursday February 22	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle (Feast) 8:00 a.m.	Ambrose, Frank Brotton & Sisters by Peter & Clementine Brotton & Family
Friday February 23	Lent Ferial 8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	(Roman Martyrology: St. Polycarp, Martyr) Nicholas Stoppa by Jackie Stoppa Confessions Stations of the Cross
Saturday February 24	Lent Ferial 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	(Roman Martyrology: Bl. Thomas Maria Fusco, Priest) Confessions Special Intentions Confessions

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Feb. 25th 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Stephen A. Coulas & Darlene Thomas by Sandra Coulas & Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Edward Rumleskie by Tessie Stoppa Intentions of the People

2 nd Sunday of Lent (February 25 th , 2024)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Karen Yakabuski	Marek Milan	John-Henry Westen
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Deacon Robert Probert
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and usher

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,791.75; Building Maintenance: \$1,082.00;
Carpet Fund: \$75.00; Various Funds: \$60.00; Heat & Fuel: \$250.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Jacek Ratajczak, Raymond Hennion, Suzanne Bissonette, Christine Oskirko, Anne Chabot, Albert Cybulski, Karen Barber, Gerard O'Malley, Brandon Hammer.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Gabriel (Bernadette Prince) of the Felician Sisters.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation: Classes will be held on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the church hall (basement). The first class will be held on Feb. 18th.

Domestic Church Sunday Coffee: Free 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, February 18th. 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.**

Family Sledding: The Knights of Columbus are inviting all to family sledding, which will be held at St. Hedwig's, on Sunday, February 18th, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Families, please supply your own sleds.

No Masses: Fr. Brian Christie will be on retreat in the week of Feb. 19th-23rd. There will not be a 4:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, Feb. 19th. There will also be no 12:00 noon Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 21st.

2023 Tax Receipts: The tax receipts for the year 2023 are available at the back of the church.

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. Coffee, tea and social afterwards. Date of the next meeting: February 20th.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Our next meeting is on Wednesday, February 21st, 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.

Euchre: The next two Euchre games will be on Sunday, February 25th & March 10th at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

Hospital Mass: The next Mass at St. Francis Hospital will be said on Tuesday, February 27th at 10:30 a.m. This Mass is restricted to staff and patients only. The intention of this Mass is: Soul of Ambrose Luckovitch

Sacred Heart League: The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 27th 2024 in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m.

2024 Sacred Heart League Calendars: The remaining calendars will be placed at the back of the Church for sale for \$3.00. There are only a few left so please get them while they are still available.

The Secular Franciscan Order: Would you like to learn about becoming a Secular Franciscan? The Secular Franciscan Order holds their monthly meeting on the last Sunday of the month in St. Jerome's Room in the basement of St. Hedwig's rectory at 1:00 pm. All are welcome. For further information, please call Marek Milan 613-756-2835 or 613-281-8545.

Cold and Flu Season: If you are coughing, sneezing, running a fever, or are otherwise unwell, please do not come to church at this time. Please wait until your symptoms get better, and then return to common worship.

Parish Custodian Opportunity: St. Lawrence O'Toole is currently recruiting for a Custodian to oversee and maintain St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, parish hall & two cemeteries. 25 hours per week - \$19.00 per hour. Additional hours during winter months for snow removal and so living close by is necessary. Please provide your resume by mail to: St. Lawrence O'Toole, 19450 Opeongo Line, Box 118, Barry's Bay, ON, K0J 1B0. Resume must include: details of past employment; names and contact information for three references; photocopy of front and back of your current driver's license. Job Description is available upon request. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Journey Through Lent: This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. This year's presenters are the Most Reverend Martin Laliberté, P.M.É., Bishop of Trois-Rivières (in French), and the Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert, as well as the Most Reverend Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon (in English). In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-lent/> In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/oec/cheminer-ensemble-durant-le-temps-du-careme/>

Women's Retreat at Graphite Bible Camp: Arise, my love... and come away. (Song 2:10) April 5-7th, led by Fr. Kieran Kilcommons, Victoria Fausto and Mary McGoff of Madonna House. Registration opens on January 26th. Cost \$225. Please register early, as it filled up quickly last year. Spots will be reserved until February 2nd for women from the Pembroke Diocese, at which point those on a wait list from other dioceses will be admitted. For more info email womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com or call Kristan 613-585-0579.

Fr. Leo Ramsperger is turning 100 on Feb. 25th: If anyone would like to send him a card, his address is: Rev. Leo A. Ramsperger, 685 Finch Avenue W, Suite 302, Toronto, ON. M2R 1P2 This year also marks his 70th year as a priest. June 5, 1954 was his Ordination date.

From the Encyclical On The Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life of the Pilgrim Church: Mary is present at Cana in Galilee as the Mother of Jesus, and in a significant way she contributes to that "beginning of the signs" which reveal the messianic power of her Son. We read: "When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come'" (Jn. 2:3-4). In John's Gospel that "hour" means the time appointed by the Father when the Son accomplishes his task and is to be glorified (cf. Jn. 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 17:1; 19:27). Even though Jesus' reply to his mother sounds like a refusal (especially if we consider the blunt statement "My hour has not yet come" rather than the question), Mary nevertheless turns to the servants and says to them: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn. 2:5). Then Jesus orders the servants to fill the stone jars with water, and the water becomes wine, better than the wine which has previously been served to the wedding guests (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*, 21).

Falling Ice: A reminder to please keep your distance from church walls when walking and parking your vehicle.

Mass Transfers: The following Masses have been transferred to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau, C.C.: Repose of the Soul of Pat (2 Masses); Carmen & Gilles Dubeau (2 Masses); John Savage; Phyllis Boyd (both by Josie & Phil Zylstra); Intentions of Ronald Trottier (2 Masses); Intentions of Lucia Emmons; Intentions of Annika Nicholson; Intentions of Clara & Chelsea Corrigan; Intentions of Maggie Baklinski; Repose of the Soul of Eva Kulas (all by David & Elena Afelskie); Intentions of Elizabeth Kerr & Family by Ted & Theresa Baklinski

From plague, famine, fire, and war – Save us, o Lord. *Od powietrza, głodu, ognia i wojny–Wybaw nas Panie.*
From sudden and unprovided death – Save us, o Lord. *Od nagłej i niespodziewanej śmierci – Wybaw nas Panie.*