

# 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.:140 ; 11 a.m.: 230; Total: 473

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

### Monday

December 2

#### Ferial

8:00 a.m.

#### St. Silverius, Pope

+Gerard O'Malley by Jerome Kuiack

4:30 p.m.

For the Intentions of Seat of Wisdom College

### Tuesday

December 3

#### St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

8:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered by Tessie Spence

### Wednesday

December 4

#### St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor (Optional Memorial)

8:00 a.m.

For the Intentions of Edmund & Dorothy, and Family, by the Family

12:00 Noon

+John Patrick McLaughlin by Josie & Phil Zylstra

### First Thursday

December 5

#### Ferial

8:00 a.m.

(*Roman Martyrology*: St. Sabas, Abbot)

For the Intentions of Jerome & Colleen Lorbetski by Louis & Maxine

### First Friday

December 6

#### St. Nicholas, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

6:30 a.m.

**Rorate Mass** Special Intention

8:00 a.m.

+Marcella Chippior by the Family

12:00 noon

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration**

3:00 p.m.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

6:00 p.m.

**Confessions (No 7:00 p.m. Mass)**

### First Saturday

December 7

#### St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor (Memorial)

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

**Confessions**

10:30 a.m.

Special Intentions

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**Confessions**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Saturday

5:00 p.m.

+Tony & Monica Shalla by Karen Shalla

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings for Terry & Laurie Vanderheyden by Herm & Connie

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of the People

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 8, 2024)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Eleanor Trader	Jacob Afelskie	Peter Shaw
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Br. 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: \$3,448.10; Building Maintenance: \$850.00; Carpet: \$60.00; Christmas: \$10.00; Flowers \$1629.00

*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*

*We also pray for Oliver Stanley Thom, son of Mitchell Thom and Brianna Shalla who was welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**Journey Through Advent:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announces the online weekly video series for this year's Advent season. Designed to help the faithful prepare for the memorial of the birth of Our Lord celebrated at Christmas, these videos provide valuable resources and opportunities for faith formation. As we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord, it is hoped that this year's Journey through Advent videos will be a source of spiritual comfort, peace, and meaningful preparation for all who watch them. The videos will be uploaded weekly during Advent. You may find additional resources at: <https://www.cccb.ca/>, and the videos at: [CCCB / CECC - YouTube](#)

**First Friday Visits:** Father Michal will be visiting the sick and home bound on First Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Please call the office if you want to be added to the list.

**Advent Confessions:** Confessions will be heard at St. Hedwigs on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Additional priests will be available. St. Lawrence O'Toole will have priests available for confession Sunday December 22 from 1-2 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus:** The Knights will be selling Christmas cards after the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The cards are designed and printed by Madonna House artists.

**Spiritual Enrollment Cards:** We have a limited number of Christmas Spiritual Enrolment Cards from the

Missions of the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate available at the office. Each card is \$25 for 12 Masses said per year. Please return the completed enrolment cards to the office along with payment no later than Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> for delivery to the Queen of Apostles Centre in Toronto. (Due to Postal Strike)

**Weekday Mass Announcement:** The Monday 4:30 p.m. & Wednesday Noon Masses will pause after the Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass (4:30 p.m.) and resume on Jan 6, 2025 with the regular Monday and Wednesdays Mass schedule.

**Weekday Adoration Announcement:** There will be no Adoration from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Adoration resumes on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. To sign up for weekday adoration times please contact Virginia at 613-650-7674.

**The Sacred Heart League:** The SHL would like to say "Thank You" to all the parishioners who so generously donated raffle prizes and baking to our Bake Sale. Also thank you to all who came out and supported us. It was a huge success. Bog Zaplac.

**Euchre:** The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$5:00

**Men's Rosary:** Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

**Rorate Masses:** During Advent, there will be a Rorate Mass at 6:30 a.m. Friday mornings, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>. These are liturgies dedicated to the Virgin Mary, which help us to prepare for the coming of Christ. They will be in English & Latin. Please bring your own candles.

**Domestic Church:** The Domestic Church Families will be hosting a social after 11 am Mass on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for coffee, tea and treats. Donations are always welcomed if anyone wishes to bring something to share.

**Christmas and New Year's Schedule:** Both of these solemnities are holy days of obligation. Masses will be said with the following schedule: **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Mass of the Vigil of Christmas: 7:00 p.m. **Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Mass of Christmas Night: 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Mass of Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. **Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Mass of the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: 5:00 p.m. **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>:** Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**2025 Mass Offerings:** We are almost fully booked for 2025 Mass requests. We are currently not accepting any further Masses to be said at St. Hedwig's. The last available dates will be reserved for funerals and emergencies. Masses for Mass transfers are welcome, no restrictions to the numbers of these you can request.

**Poor Box:** Please consider donating to the poor box in this season of Advent. Proceeds will go to support individuals and families in need in our area. Thank you!

**St. Andrew's Killaloe:** The Knights of Columbus at St. Andrew's will be holding a Bacon on a Bun Breakfast on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Freewill donation. St. Andrew's Auxiliary will also be having their Raffle Ticket draw following the breakfast. Everyone is welcome!

**Queen of the Angels Co-op Advent Fair:** Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church. Free entry. Handmade gifts, crafts, baked goods & drinks; games and raffles. Advent performance featuring music and a Nativity performance based on a Canadian Christmas hymn. Vendor registration is now open - \$10.00/table. Please contact Maja at queenofangelscoop@proton.me to book a table or for more information. St. Nicholas will be visiting with special treats!

**The Petawawa CWL Christmas Tea & Market:** will be held on Saturday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 11-1:30. Tea will be \$10 for adults and \$5 children under 10, under 3 free. Come out for shopping and lunch.

**Pastoral Care of the Dying:** The Church desires that Her faithful know consolation, comfort, and forgiveness through the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick, also when a Catholic is preparing for death. Be sure to let your family know to honour your desires when it is time to call a priest. Being reconciled to God through Confession, anointed with Holy Oils, and receiving Viaticum, are all important aspects of preparing for death that is not "sudden and unprovided".

**Mass Transfers to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau October, 2024:** Deceased Members of the Coulas Family by the Estate of Mary C. Coulas, Michael Coulas by the Estate of Mary C. Coulas, Souls of John & Agatha Ritza & Theodor & Annie Coulas by the Estate of Mary C. Coulas, Vincent & Emily Peplinskie by Tessie & Family (x3), Thomas, John & Michael Yandernoll by Raymond Yandernoll (x5), Living & Deceased George, Orme, Martin & Olver Families by Constance Martin (x2), Larry Trader by Rose & Rance Ritchie & Family (x2), Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski (x3), Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Dennis & Sylvia Stampleskoskie, Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Ursula Golka, Monica LaDrew & Boyde by Peter & Clementine Brotton and family, Anne Brotton & Melissa Stoppa by Peter & Clementine Brotton and family, Bronas J. Stoppa & Victor Jr. by Peter & Clementine Brotton and family, Intentions of Family by Peter & Clementine Brotton and family, David & Andrew Brotton by Peter & Clementine Brotton and family.

**Excerpt from the Encyclical letter ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA of his holiness St. Pope John Paul II.**  
THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

13. By virtue of its close relationship to the sacrifice of Golgotha, the Eucharist is a sacrifice in the strict sense, and not only in a general way, as if it were simply a matter of Christ's offering himself to the faithful as their spiritual food. The gift of his love and obedience to the point of giving his life (cf. Jn 10:17-18) is in the first place a gift to his Father. Certainly it is a gift given for our sake, and indeed that of all humanity (cf. Mt 26:28; Mk 14:24; Lk 22:20; Jn 10:15), yet it is first and foremost a gift to the Father: "as a sacrifice that the Father accepted, giving, in return for this total self-giving by his Son, who 'became obedient unto death' (Phil2:8), his own paternal gift, that is to say the grant of new immortal life in the resurrection".<sup>18</sup>

In giving his sacrifice to the Church, Christ has also made his own the spiritual sacrifice of the Church, which is called to offer herself in union with the sacrifice of Christ. This is the teaching of the Second Vatican Council concerning all the faithful: "Taking part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is the source and summit of the whole Christian life, they offer the divine victim to God, and offer themselves along with it".<sup>19</sup>

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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.*