

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.:112; 8 a.m.:122 ; 11 a.m.: 240; Total: 474

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 8th 2024

Monday

December 9

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. +Alex & Elizabeth Stoppa, and Dolores Arcos by the Family

4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Seat of Wisdom College

Tuesday

December 10

Our Lady of Loretto (Optional Memorial)

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Sharon Tanguay by Faye & Greg Mask

Wednesday

December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope (Optional Memorial)

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving in Honour of St. Philomena for Favor of Healing by Immaculata

Thursday

December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas

8:00 a.m. +Peter & Annie Peplinski by Rita & John Hudder

Friday

December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)

6:30 a.m. Rorate Mass Special Intention

8:00 a.m. +Tony & Larry Trader by Theresa & Family

Saturday

December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor (Memorial)

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 15th 2024

Saturday

5:00 p.m. +Stella Luckovitch by Morris

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Andrew Coulas by Ambrose Stoppa & Family

11:00 a.m. Intentions of the People

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 15, 2024)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Mary Yantha	Denise Lobo-Pryce	John Henry Westen
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Br. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,912.95; Building Maintenance: \$1,905.00;
Carpet: \$477.00; Christmas: \$167.00; Flowers \$410.00; Heat/Fuel: \$175.00

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

Let us pray for those who have died recently, including Elmer Yakabuskie; Rosamund (Roz) Ryan, Mother of Reverend Robert Ryan; Fr. Ken O'Brien

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 24th.

Bishop's Advent 2024 Message: Watch the Advent 2024 Message from Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxmEFAOUL2Y>.

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](#)

The 2025 Jubilee: The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024 at 7 p.m., with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by the Holy Father, who will then preside over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica. Official site of the Jubilee: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>.

Advent Confessions: Confessions will be heard at St. Hedwigs on Thursday December 19th 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.

Weekday Mass Announcement: The Monday 4:30 p.m. & Wednesday Noon Masses will pause after the Dec 9th 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 24th to January 1st. Adoration resumes on Jan 2nd. To sign up for weekday adoration times please contact Virginia at 613-650-7674.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, December 15th and 29th at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$5:00

Rorate Masses: During Advent, there will be a Rorate Mass at 6:30 a.m. Friday mornings, Dec. 13th, & 20th. These are liturgies dedicated to the Virgin Mary, which help us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Domestic Church: The Domestic Church Families will be hosting a social after 11 am Mass on Sunday December 15th. Come and join us for coffee, tea and treats. Donations are always welcomed if anyone wishes to bring something to share if you wish or free will donation to support future socials.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers: (and all women with motherly hearts) meets Tuesday, December 17th at 7 pm in the church basement, Fr. Zachary Romanowski is the guest speaker. Snacks and social to follow.

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 24th: Mass of the Vigil of Christmas: **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, December 25th: Midnight Mass: **12:00 a.m.** Christmas Day: **10:00 a.m.**

Tuesday, December 31st: Mass of the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: **5:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, January 1st: 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!

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".

Just a Reminder.... It's cold & flu season, so if you are feeling under the weather or are experiencing flu symptoms, please stay home until you feel better. Let's all stay healthy this season!

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

14. Christ's passover includes not only his passion and death, but also his resurrection. This is recalled by the assembly's acclamation following the consecration: "We proclaim your resurrection". The Eucharistic Sacrifice makes present not only the mystery of the Saviour's passion and death, but also the mystery of the resurrection which crowned his sacrifice. It is as the living and risen One that Christ can become in the Eucharist the "bread of life" (Jn 6:35, 48), the "living bread" (Jn 6:51). Saint Ambrose reminded the newly-initiated that the Eucharist applies the event of the resurrection to their lives: "Today Christ is yours, yet each day he rises again for you".²⁰ Saint Cyril of Alexandria also makes clear that sharing in the sacred mysteries "is a true confession and a remembrance that the Lord died and returned to life for us and on our behalf".²¹

15. The sacramental re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice, crowned by the resurrection, in the Mass involves a most special presence which – in the words of Paul VI – "is called 'real' not as a way of excluding all other types of presence as if they were 'not real', but because it is a presence in the fullest sense: a substantial presence whereby Christ, the God-Man, is wholly and entirely present".²² This sets forth once more the perennially valid teaching of the Council of Trent: "the consecration of the bread and wine effects the change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord, and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. And the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called this change transubstantiation".²³ Truly the Eucharist is a *mysterium fidei*, a mystery which surpasses our understanding and can only be received in faith, as is often brought out in the catechesis of the Church Fathers regarding this divine sacrament: "Do not see – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem exhorts – in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his body and his blood: faith assures you of this, though your senses suggest otherwise".²⁴

Adoro te devote, latens Deitas, we shall continue to sing with the Angelic Doctor. Before this mystery of love, human reason fully experiences its limitations. One understands how, down the centuries, this truth has stimulated theology to strive to understand it ever more deeply.

These are praiseworthy efforts, which are all the more helpful and insightful to the extent that they are able to join critical thinking to the "living faith" of the Church, as grasped especially by the Magisterium's "sure charism of truth" and the "intimate sense of spiritual realities"²⁵ which is attained above all by the saints. There remains the boundary indicated by Paul VI: "Every theological explanation which seeks some understanding of this mystery, in order to be in accord with Catholic faith, must firmly maintain that in objective reality, independently of our mind, the bread and wine have ceased to exist after the consecration, so that the adorable body and blood of the Lord Jesus from that moment on are really before us under the sacramental species of bread and wine".²⁶

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.*