

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.:91; 8 a.m.:101 ; 11 a.m.: 231; Total: 423

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 15th 2024

Monday December 16	(Roman Martyrology: St. Haggai, Prophet) 8:00 a.m. +David & Andrew Brotton & Holy Souls in Purgatory by P. & C. Brotton & Family
Tuesday December 17	Ferial (Roman Martyrology: St. Modestus of Jerusalem, Bishop) 8:00 a.m. +Leonard Hudder by Susan Coulas
Wednesday December 18	St. Malachy, Prophet (Ferial) 8:00 a.m. For Deceased Herron & Shalla Family by the Family
Thursday December 19	Ferial (Roman Martyrology: St. Anastasius I, Pope) 8:00 a.m. +Edward Beanish & Living & Deceased Family Members by Louis & Maxine
Friday December 20	Ferial (Roman Martyrology: St. Philogonius, Bishop) 6:30 a.m. Rorate Mass Special Intention 8:00 a.m. +Dominic Babinski by a Friend
Saturday December 21	St. Peter Canisius (Optional Memorial) 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Confessions 10:30 a.m. Special Intentions 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 22nd 2024

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of all Christmas Flower Donations
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Maria Pepler by Richard & Josee Pepler
	11:00 a.m.	Intentions of the People

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 22, 2024)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Karen Yakabuski	Nicholas Rumleskie	Mark 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: \$3,486.10; Building Maintenance: \$763.00;
Carpet: \$140.00; Christmas: \$150.00; Flowers \$20.00; Heat/Fuel: \$190.00

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 Leonard Hudder and Frances Biernaski

Special Thank You! A heartfelt thank you goes out to the ladies who took the time to clean our Church last week. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone in the parish community.

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](https://www.cccb.ca/)

The 2025 Jubilee: The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024 at 7:00 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 22nd from 1-2 p.m.

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.

Domestic Church: The Domestic Church Families will be hosting a social after 11:00 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.

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

Altar-Servers Table Tennis: The altar-servers are invited to play table tennis with Fr. Michal in the hall on Monday December 16th at 6 p.m.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers: (and all women with motherly hearts) meets Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement, Fr. Zachary Romanowski is the guest speaker. His talk is titled 'Letting Our Lady Nurture the HOPE that Does Not Disappoint'. Snacks and social to follow.

Knights of Columbus: Next meeting is on Wednesday December 18th. Rosary at 7p.m. Followed by the meeting at St. Jerome's room in the basement of the rectory.

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

Pizza Party for the Altar-Servers: On Saturday December 21st, Father Michal is hosting a Pizza Party in the Hall after 10:30 Mass. All Altar-Servers are welcome.

Adoration December 23rd: Please note that Adoration on Monday December 23rd will begin at 2:00 p.m. In order to set up the Nativity scene.

Christmas Choir Practice: There will be a choir practice on Monday Dec 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for everyone wishing to sing at the Christmas Masses. All are welcome.

Donations for 2024 Tax Year: 2024 donations must be received no later than December 30th in order to be included on your 2024 tax receipt. Any donation received after this date regardless of the date on the envelope or cheque will be credited to 2025.

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.**

Weekday Masses between Christmas Day & New Years Day will be scheduled for 9:00 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.**

From the Property & Finance Committee:

1. The Property & Finance Committee has a couple of vacancies it is looking to fill. These positions are a 1-year term with the option to renew. Ideal candidates will have the skills needed to help the committee fulfill its building, pastoral and financial visions. The committee meets about 6 times per year. Interested candidates can send an email to office@sainthedwigchurch.com with a brief paragraph on skills and knowledge that may be an asset to the committee.

2. The Committee would also like to announce the establishment of an Evangelical Fund the new year. Its purpose is to support parish groups in the act of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith with others. Parish groups that might benefit from funding can reach out to the Committee through the office for funding requests. The fund may also be available for sponsoring our young adults at youth conferences. Parishioners may support this fund in the new year.

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!

Bible Study on the Gospel According to St. John: This study group will use the book The Gospel of John : A Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin, on Wednesdays, starting January 22nd from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. A typical evening begins with opening prayer, a hymn, and a conversation about the current chapter we're reading with regular attention to the Old Testament and Catechism. We close each week with intercessory prayer. These evenings are led by John Morris. Books for this study have been ordered and are \$30 each. Please contact St. Lawrence O'Toole office to reserve yours, 613-756-2037.

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

16. The saving efficacy of the sacrifice is fully realized when the Lord's body and blood are received in communion. The Eucharistic Sacrifice is intrinsically directed to the inward union of the faithful with Christ through communion; we receive the very One who offered himself for us, we receive his body which he gave up for us on the Cross and his blood which he "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28). We are reminded of his words: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me" (Jn 6:57). Jesus himself reassures us that this union, which he compares to that of the life of the Trinity, is truly realized. The Eucharist is a true banquet, in which Christ offers himself as our nourishment. When for the first time Jesus spoke of this food, his listeners were astonished and bewildered, which forced the Master to emphasize the objective truth of his words: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life within you" (Jn 6:53). This is no metaphorical food: "My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed" (Jn 6:55).

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.*