

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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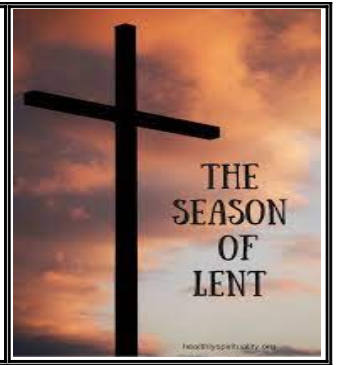
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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



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.: 114; 8 a.m.: 102; 11 a.m.: 249; Total: 465

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Mar. 17th 2024

Monday

March 18

Lent Ferial (*Roman Martyrology:* St. Cyril of Jerusalem)
8:00 a.m. Sylvester Glysinskie & Isiah Biernaskie by Jackie Stoppa
4:30 p.m. Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College by the College

Tuesday

March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada & Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Daniel Pepler by Richard & Josee Pepler

Wednesday

March 20

Lent Ferial (*Roman Martyrology:* St. John of Nepomuk, Priest & Martyr)
8:00 a.m. Denzil & Margaret Matusheskie & Silas Norlock by Doreen Gutoskie
12:00 noon Intentions of Robert Nick

Thursday

March 21

Lent Ferial (*Roman Martyrology:* Bl. Thomas Pilchard, Priest & Martyr)
8:00 a.m. Etmanski Family by Andrew & Catherine

Friday

March 22

Lent Ferial (*Roman Martyrology:* St. Lea)
8:00 a.m. Deceased Family Members of the Stoppa Family by Audrey and Isadore
[no confessions this evening]
6:30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday

March 23

Lent Ferial (*Roman Martyrology:* St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop)
9:00 a.m. **First Reconciliation**
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. **Confessions**
10:30 a.m. Special Intentions
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. **Confessions**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mar. 24th 2024

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Orville Kulas by Rose

Sunday

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of those who offered Easter Flower donations
11:00 a.m. Intentions of the People

Palm Sunday (March 24 th , 2024)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Eleanor Trader	Marek Milan	Mark Westen
Narrator	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Deacon Robert Probert
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: \$3,438.10; Building Maintenance: \$780.00; Carpet Fund: \$30.00; Heat & Fuel: \$30.00; Flowers: \$1,560.00; Good Friday: \$15.00; Easter \$50.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Marie Nicholas, Jacek Ratajczak, Gerry Yantha, Raymond Hennion, Suzanne Bissonnette, Anne Chabot, Albert Cybulski, Karen Barber, Brandon Hammer.

Let us remember in prayer Myles Vosylius and Shannon Moran, joined in the sacrament of Marriage on March 9th.

Thank You: To the ladies who washed the pews in the church; to the gentlemen who repaired the Stations of the Cross that were vandalized in the outdoor Way of the Cross; to those who not only pick up after their dogs, but also take the refuse home with them, not leaving it in and around church property. May God reward you – Bóg zapłać.

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, March 17th. 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.**

Fr. Pawel away for Provincial Council: Fr. Pawel will be attending meetings of the Oblate provincial council, and will be away from Monday March 18th to Friday, March 22nd. Please pray for the provincial council deliberations.

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: March 19th.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 20th, 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.

First Reconciliation: First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in St. Hedwig Church. Parents of First Holy Communion candidates are invited to come to confession as well.

Euchre: The next two Euchre games will be on Sunday, March 24th & April 7th at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

Parish Lenten Confessions: Monday of Holy Week, March 25th, at 5:30 p.m. **Please note that 6 priests will be available for confessions. That evening, we will also be using the confessionals in the sacristy.**

Sacred Heart League: The next meeting will be **Wednesday**, March 27th in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m.

Triduum Schedule at St. Hedwig's: On Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday, blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 2:30 p.m. Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

No Confessions In Triduum: Note that there will be **no confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday**. Please take note of parish Lenten confessions on Monday, March 25th.

Weekday Adoration: Adoration on weekdays will end on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27th, at 6:00 p.m., and resume on Easter Tuesday, April 2nd, at 12:00 noon.

First Friday Collections: Please note that the basket for collections for the Sacred Heart League is now placed at the front of the church, beside the statue of the Sacred Heart. The basket is there for First Friday Masses. Please don't place any collection baskets at the back of the church, as we have had problems with theft.

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.

First Friday Adoration: We are currently looking for committed adorers for once a month for First Friday adoration for **2-3 a.m.** Please call the parish office if you can take this hour. We are also looking for people who could be on the "fill in" list in which case the person is only contacted when there is a vacancy for a particular hour.

Parish Secretary: We are now soliciting applications for the position of parish secretary. To see the job description please navigate to sainthedwigchurch.com and then click on "News" at the top of the page.

Recollection for Women: Inspired by the writings of St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke, March 21, 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction and a talk. Bring your lunch and stay to socialize afterward. To carpool from Barry's Bay, please contact Teresa at teresamoose63@gmail.com

Save the Date: Sunday, May 5th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. the Sacred Heart League will host a Polish Day brunch.

Chrism Mass: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated during Holy Week on Tuesday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille, Pembroke. The Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien, Archbishop Emeritus of Kingston will be the principal celebrant. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome.

The Chosen - Season 1: You are invited to join the parishioners of Eganville in viewing The Chosen: Season 1, in the parish hall of St. James the Less church in Eganville (78 Wellington Street), on Wednesdays, March 27, and April 3rd at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please call the parish office at 613-628-2020.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Celebration at St. James the Less Parish in Eganville (78 Wellington Street). On Sunday, April 7th, 2024, starting at 3 p.m. On the program: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction, Confessions, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, and a talk by Father Réal Ouellette. Refreshments will be served after the celebration. All are welcome!

From the Encyclical On The Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life of the Pilgrim Church: From the text of John it is evident that it is a mediation which is maternal. As the Council proclaims: Mary became "a mother to us in the order of grace." This motherhood in the order of grace flows from her divine motherhood. Because she was, by the design of divine Providence, the mother who nourished the divine Redeemer, Mary became "an associate of unique nobility, and the Lord's humble handmaid," who "cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls." And "this maternity of Mary in the order of grace. . .will last without interruption until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect".

If John's description of the event at Cana presents Mary's caring motherhood at the beginning of Christ's messianic activity, another passage from the same Gospel confirms this motherhood in the salvific economy of grace at its crowning moment, namely when Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, his Paschal Mystery, is accomplished. John's description is concise: "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother: 'Woman, behold your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home" (Jn. 19:25-27) (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*, 22-23).

Project Rachel Retreat: The Refuge is offering a retreat April 19 - 21, for women who are suffering the effects of abortion. We have been offering Project Rachel retreats for more than fifteen years. At our retreats, we welcome women whose pain has been silenced and denied by the world. See our web site (stmarysrefuge.org/rachel), and phone or e-mail us in confidence, 289-691-6840 or projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents : The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, April 28th at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging, and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. Space is limited. To register, email lgwtoronto@proton.me.

Oblate Vocation Retreat: Is Christ calling you to bring His Gospel to the poor under the loving care of our Immaculate Mother? An Oblate vocations retreat will take place from May 17th to May 19th, 2024, at Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga. Young men between the ages of 16-30 who are interested should contact Fr. Pawel, Br. Grzegorz, or the parish office. For more info, see the posters at the back of the church.

Prayer to the Holy Face: O Jesus, whose adorable Face ravishes my heart, I implore You to fix deep within me Your divine image and to set me on fire with Your love, that I may be found worthy to come to the contemplation of Your glorious Face in Heaven (St. Therese of Lisieux).

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.*