

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.:100; 8 a.m.:194 ; 11 a.m.: 208; Total: 502

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feb 16th, 2025

Monday February 17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (Optional Memorial) 9:00 a.m. +David Coulas by Diane Weatherbed [Note: No 4:00 p.m. Mass]
Tuesday February 18	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Charlotte Lehovitch by Irene & Family
Wednesday February 19	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Tony & Larry Trader & Living & Deceased Family Members by Vernon & Rosanne Piecarskie [Note: No 12:00 Noon Mass]
Thursday February 20	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +John & Margaret Bleskie by Tony & Lorraine
Friday February 21	St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor (Optional Memorial) 8:00 a.m. +Anna Marie Kelly by Mary Margaret Kelly
Saturday February 22	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle (Feast) 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Confessions 10:30 a.m. Special Intentions 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feb 23rd, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m. +Martin, Josephine & Benny Norlock by Zigmund & Jennifer Norlock
Sunday	8:00 a.m. +Nicholas Stoppa by Jackie
	11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of all Parishioners

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Feb 23 rd , 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Eleanor Trader	Denise Lobo-Pryce	John Boskill
Holy Communion	Bro. Grzegorz Loska, OMI	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 ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,161.55; Building Maintenance: \$770.00; Carpet: \$205.00; Heat/Fuel: \$140.00; Initial Offering: \$15.00; New Year's: \$10.00

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, Mary Anne Kluge, Dennis Yeretch

Let us also pray for Joseph Robert Lepine, son of Robert & Ela who was welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Please Note:

- Fr. Michal is away from February 13th to the 22nd. Fr. Jerry will be filling in for him.
- Mass on February 17th (Family Day) is scheduled for 9:00 a.m.

Thank You: The efforts of the ladies who cleaned the pews recently are greatly appreciated by everyone!

Time Change for Saturday Morning Mass: Starting March 8th, the first Saturday in Lent, the morning Mass time will be changing from 10:30 am to 9:00 a.m. This will affect confession times as well.

Domestic Church: The Domestic Church families will be hosting a social after 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday February 16th. Come and join us for coffee, tea and treats. Donations are always welcomed or feel free to bring something to share.

K of C Sledding: The Council is hosting a sledding event on the hill beside the rectory following the 11 AM Mass Sunday, February 16th. Coffee and snacks provided by Domestic Church in the basement during the event. Dress warmly and bring your sleds!

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 18th.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The next meeting is on Wednesday February 19. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 at St. Jerome's meeting room.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, February 23rd and March 9th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5:00

Sacred Heart League: The next meeting takes place on February 25th at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Introductory Training on Pro-Life Issues: Some of our OLSWC students have received training on how to most effectively engage the public to change their hearts and minds on abortion, and are willing to share their skills with us. Come and participate in a lively debate while learning how to defend Catholic Life values. Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's basement. For more info, call Julia Szumowski at (416) 839-9312.

Sacrament of Holy Communion: Parents who think their children are ready for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, classes will start on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9th at 9:45 a.m. Please register at the Parish Office as soon as possible, so course materials may be ordered. Cost is \$15.00. First Reconciliation will take place on May 31st and First Holy Communion on June 1st.

St. Hedwig's Confirmation Mass: Bishop Michael Brehl will be here on Sunday, May 18 for the Confirmation Mass. Classes will be taught by Hannah Afelskie and Katrina Hamon. The first class will take place on Thursday, February 27th from 7-8 pm in St. Hedwig's Church Basement; subsequent classes will occur weekly on Thursdays from 7-8pm. Materials used for the Confirmation program will be a combination of 'Youcat' and 'Chosen' by Ascension Press. The registration cost is \$25 and covers the cost of the Student workbook.

Evenings of Praise, Worship and Intercessory Prayer: You are invited every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall. There are always a good number in attendance from this area of the diocese. For information, call 613-756-1389

Queen of the Angels Co-op: Queen of the Angels Co-op presents a Pancake Dinner followed by a performance of The Real Princess – A Princess and the Pea Story, at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Killaloe on Saturday, March 1st starting at 6 p.m. Cost: \$20 for adults – \$5 for children/students. For more information, or to reserve your tickets, please email coopdrama@proton.me

Lift Jesus Higher Rally: The annual Toronto Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be Saturday, March 29th, 2025 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Information and registration: <https://www.ljhr.ca/>.

Two Upcoming Events: A Lenten Retreat with Bishop Brehl on April 5, 2025 and Divine Mercy Sunday with Bishop Brehl on April 27, 2025. More information to follow as we approach these dates.

Carpet Fund: Thank you for all donations toward the carpet fund. As we are now in the planning stages for the replacement project, please continue to help us build up capital for this bigger renovation project. In the meantime, all donations marked for this fund will be saved towards this purpose.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity en-kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

From Fr. Michal:

Every Sunday, we are invited to this holy celebration to observe the Lord's day, and bring to him our needs. And he knows we do not come empty-handed. When we walk through the doors, we carry with us all the emotions we face in our lives. We come with our fears, anxieties, joys, and thanksgivings, and God welcomes us.

Every week, we hear the Scriptures. Some are very familiar; some not as familiar as others. But each time we are invited to open our ears and our hearts to consider what the passage is saying to us right now. For example, today we heard Luke's passage of the Sermon on the Plain. We heard that Jesus was preaching to a crowd that had gathered around him. Today, in this place, we are that crowd. We are gathered around to listen to his Word. And Jesus is speaking directly to us. We are the poor, the hungry, the grieving, the hated. We are yearning for something more. Jesus knows this. He is here with us. And he is telling us we will be lifted up and will overcome our challenges. Jesus knows the justice we seek. He knows we will be satisfied, joyful, and filled. He knows this because he knows how much God loves us. It echoes the true wisdom that the Lord shares in Jeremiah: **'Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord; whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream'**. Our faith will sustain us no matter what circumstance we may encounter.

Trust can be extremely difficult to sustain, and our hardships are not to be taken lightly. But God is asking us to believe in his goodness and promises; he knows what we are yearning for, and we will find fullness in him. Soon, we will celebrate the Eucharist. This holy sacrifice offers us tremendous grace. It is a grace that invites us to feast in its fullness and strengthen our ability to trust in the Lord. Whatever cares we brought in with us, let us leave with the knowledge that we are not alone. Our yearning for more is not the final word, but we must maintain our confidence in the Lord. May we be open to trust, and grow in our understanding of God's tremendous love for us.