

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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This week: Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 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 (see different schedule below for Holy Week) • **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 5 p.m.: 133; 8 a.m.: 145; 11 a.m.: 236; Total: 514

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mar. 24th 2024

Monday of Holy Week	March 25	Lent Ferial	(<i>Roman Martyrology:</i> St. Hermenland, Religious)
		8:00 a.m.	Mary & Paul, Stanley & Jackie, Joseph & Lorraine Luckasavitch by Bibby Family
		4:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College by the College
		5:30 p.m.	Parish Lenten Confessions with multiple visiting priests
Tuesday of Holy Week	March 26	Lent Ferial	(<i>Roman Martyrology:</i> Bl. Magdalena Caterina Morano, Religious)
		8:00 a.m.	Repose of the Soul of Dan Hudder by his Sisters & Brother
		10:30 a.m.	Chrism Mass (St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke)
Wednesday of Holy Week	March 27	Lent Ferial	(<i>Roman Martyrology:</i> St. Rupert, Bishop & Missionary)
		8:00 a.m.	For Sister & Niece, Brothers & Nephews by Marie
		12:00 noon	Special Intentions of Robert Martin

THE SACRED TRIDUUM: THE THREE GREAT DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY – March 28 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY – March 29 th		<i>Universal Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>
	12:00 noon	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	3:00 p.m.	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	4:30 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
HOLY SATURDAY – March 30 th		
	2:30 p.m.	Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in church
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
	8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil
SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – EASTER SUNDAY – March 31 st		
	8:00 a.m.	Mass of the Resurrection
	11:00 a.m.	Mass of the Resurrection
	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with solemn Benediction and Divine Mercy Novena

The list of Triduum ministries (readers, ushers) is available at the back of the church

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,506.80; Building Maintenance: \$898.00; Carpet Fund: \$65.00; Various Funds: \$15.00; Flowers: \$245.00; Good Friday: \$40.00; Easter \$70.00

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.

We pray for Levi Joseph Hamon, son of Elizabeth (Jordan) and Anthony Hamon, who was welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, March 17th.

We pray for the soul of Mary Davis, long time member of Madonna House.

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.** There will be **no confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.**

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

Holy Week Choir Practice: The choir practice for Holy Week will be Tuesday, March 26th from 6 - 8 p.m. in the choir loft. All who wish to sing are welcome.

Chrism Mass: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated during Holy Week on Tuesday, March 26th 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.

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

Thank You: To the Domestic Church group for a successful coffee social last Sunday (St. Patrick's Day) after the 11 a.m. Mass. Bóg zapłać – May God reward you.

Holy Week Eucharistic Adoration Schedule: To allow for maintenance and church decoration for the Triduum, Adoration will conclude at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27th. Adoration will resume on Easter Tuesday, April 2nd, at 12:00 noon.

Hospital Mass: The next Mass at St. Francis Hospital will be said on Friday, April 12th at 10:30 a.m. This Mass is restricted to staff and patients only. The intention of this Mass is: Repose of the Soul of Gerard O'Malley by Eddy & Eleanor Trader.

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, and view the application procedures/deadlines, please navigate to sainthedwigchurch.com and then click on "News" at the top of the page.

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

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*: Jesus highlights a new relationship between Mother and Son, the whole truth and reality of which he solemnly confirms. One can say that if Mary's motherhood of the human race had already been outlined, now it is clearly stated and established. It emerges from the definitive accomplishment of the Redeemer's Paschal Mystery. The Mother of Christ, who stands at the very center of this mystery—a mystery which embraces each individual and all humanity—is given as mother to every single individual and all mankind. The man at the foot of the Cross is John, "the disciple whom he loved."⁴⁷ But it is not he alone. Following tradition, the Council does not hesitate to call Mary "the Mother of Christ and mother of mankind": since she "belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all human beings.... Indeed she is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ...since she cooperated out of love so that there might be born in the Church the faithful'" (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*, 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.*

EASTER TRIDUUM MINISTRIES 2024

HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 28th, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Deacons	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot & Deacon Robert Probert	
Reader (1)	Pete Baklinski	
12 Men	Stanley Rumleskie	Andy Maika
	Irvin Glofcheskie	Lukas Jakelic
	Paul Recoskie	Zigmund Norlock
	David Afelskie	Mervin Merkowsky
	Michael Schintgen	Pete Baklinski
	John Boskill	Mickey Herron
Ushers	Isadore Stoppa other ushers	
Music Ministry	Karen Hanlon, John-Paul Meenan	

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29th, 2024 12:00 p.m.

Reader (1)	Mary Yantha	
Reading of the Passion – Narrator	Deacon Probert	
– Crowd	Congregation	
Ushers (4)	1)	Duncan Barber
	2)	Daniel Shalla & Crew
Music Ministry	Bridget Olver	

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29th, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Reader (1)	John-Henry Westen	
Reading of the Passion – Narrator	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	
– Crowd	Congregation	
Ushers (4)	1)	Stanley Rumleskie & Crew
Music Ministry	John Paul Meenan & Karen Hanlon	

HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 30th, 2024 8:30 p.m.

Deacon	Deacon Robert Probert and Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	
1st & 5th Readings (1) Reader	John-Henry Westen	
2nd & 6th Readings (1) Reader	Karen Yakabuski	
3rd & 7th Readings (1) Reader	Jacob Afelskie	
4th & Epistle (1) Reader	John Boskill	
Ushers (4)	Mark Westen & Crew	
Music Ministry	John Paul Meenan, Karen Hanlon, Bridget Olver	

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31st, 2024 8:00 a.m.

Deacon	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	
Reader (1)	Theresa Chapeskie	
Ushers (4)	1)	Brian Sernoskie & Crew
Music Ministry	Karen Hanlon	

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31st, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Deacon	Deacon Robert Probert	
Reader (1)	Richard Shaw	
Ushers (4)	1)	Daniel Shalla & Crew
Music Ministry	Bridget Olver	