

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: 20 minutes before Mass and other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesday to Friday, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. • Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass. **Attendance August 16th:** 5 p.m.: 96; 8 a.m.: 181; 11 a.m.: 253: Total 530
Attendance August 23rd: 5 p.m.: 82; 8 a.m.:147; 11 a.m.:301: Total 530

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Aug 30th, 2026

Monday August 31	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Betty & Dominic Shalla & deceased family & relatives by the family 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass for Bogumila Zyszkiewicz
Tuesday Sept 1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 8:00 a.m. +James Hanlon by the Vandergragt family
Wednesday Sept 2	Blessed Andre Grasset, Priest, Martyr 8:00 a.m. +Joe & Eileen Strack by Rick Strack & family
Thursday Sept 3	St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor 8:00 a.m. +Florence & John Gutoskie & deceased Luckavitch & Norlock families by Doreen
First Friday Sept 4	Blessed Dina Belanger, Virgin 8:00 a.m. +Peter Brotton by the S.H.L. 12:00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 5:00 p.m. Confessions 6:00 p.m. +The Stoppa family by Karen & Danny Shalla & family
First Saturday Sept 5	Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. +Teresa Chapeskie & all deceased family members by Helen Gutoskie

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sept 6, 2026

Saturday	4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions
	5:00 p.m. +Larry & Tony Trader by Theresa
Sunday	8:00 a.m. +Fr. Joseph Hattie, O.M.I. by Maxine & Louis Dombroskie
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sept 6, 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Mary Yantha	Marek Milan	Carl Schingten
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Monday Sept 7	Ferial 9:00 a.m. Canada Labour Day [Note Mass Time Change] 5:00 p.m. +Ambrose A.J. Stoppa by the Stoppa family Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College
Tuesday Sept 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Sr. Maria Immaculata by Darleen & Irvin
Wednesday Sept 9	St. Peter Claver, Priest 8:00 a.m. +Fr. Norbert Cybulskie by Tony & Lorraine Bleskie 12:00 noon +Noah McDougal by Bridget Olver
Thursday Sept 10	Ferial 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Br. Grzegorz Loska on his Anniversary
Friday Sept 11	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +John & Annie and Lucien Luckovitch by Agnes 5:00 p.m. No confessions
Saturday Sept 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. +Tommy & Diane Smaglinskie by Debbie Coulas

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sept 13th, 2026

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions
	5:00 p.m. +Nicholas & Esther Prince by Connie & David
Sunday	8:00 a.m. +Garry Pecarski & Charlotte Kuiack by Rose Marie & family
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sept 13, 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	(Altar-Server)	Noah Kluge	John Paul Shaw
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings August 16th: Sunday: \$5,665.25; Building Maintenance: \$1,140.00; Heat/Fuel: \$60.00; Special Mission: \$1,188.00; Various Funds: \$40.00

Offerings August 23rd: Sunday: \$4,353.30; Building Maintenance: \$235.00; Heat/Fuel: \$60.00; Various Funds: \$35.00; Special Mission: \$125.00

Remember in prayer those who are sick and housebound in our parish community.

Thank you: The Sacred Heart League would like to thank all the parishioners who supported the Polish Brunch. Also, thank you to the staff and servers who volunteered to help out.

Monday Adoration: will resume on Monday September 14th.

Euchre: The next euchre games will be held on on September 6th & September 20th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00.

Men's Rosary: Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, September 7th, 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

General Meeting of the Knights of Columbus: will take place on **Wednesday, September 9** with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at 16 Wilno Street in Barry's Bay, **NOT THE RECTORY BASEMENT**. SPOUSES are invited as well to enjoy a ladies' social. Any Catholic gentleman who is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus is also welcome to attend with his spouse as well. The meeting will include a vote for the yearly budget so all members are encouraged to attend. Vivat Jesus!

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: Our next meeting is on Tuesday September 15th. It is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, who is the patroness of the Confraternity. We will start out with a mass at 7:00 p.m. for the intentions of the Confraternity, followed by an enrollment of new members.

The Bible Timeline: St. Hedwig's will offer the second part of The Bible Timeline:The Story of Salvation beginning Wednesday Sept. 30th at 7:00-8:45 p.m. until Nov. 11th, 2026 (7 weeks). There will be a group discussion on assigned Scripture readings for the session, followed by an engaging high production video on the material. For those who have not taken the first session, there will be a short review of that part offered on Wed Sept 23. For more information, contact Julie Culshaw at (613) 756-1136 or at julieculshaw5@gmail.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) – Registration is now open for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The weekly program runs from mid-October to the end of May. **Level 1 (ages 3-5)** will run Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:40 am. Depending on interest, we may run a second Level 1 afternoon session from 3:00-4:45 on Tuesday or Wednesday. **Level 2 (ages 6-8)** will tentatively run Wednesday (or Tuesday) afternoon 3:00-4:45 pm. Children new to CGS are welcome into level 2. The cost for St. Hedwig's parishioners is \$150, with a discount for siblings, and \$200 for non-parishioners with a discount for siblings. Please register at the parish office during regular office hours by September 25, 2026. For questions about St. Hedwig's program, please contact Maria Reilander at st.hedwigs.cgs@gmail.com. To learn more about CGS, visit: www.cgsac.ca

From Fr. Michal: 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Jeremiah 20:7-9
- 2) Romans 12:1-2
- 3) Matthew 16:21-27

God's word in the Bible can be difficult – both for those who heard it when he spoke to them and for we who hear his Word today. In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah addresses God strongly. He complains that his calling as a preacher is too overwhelming and gets him into trouble – and yet he cannot help but speak God's word to others. As he says, when he does not speak God's message, *it becomes like fire burning in [his] heart*, so he must share it with others.

We know that Jesus speaks challenging words throughout the New Testament. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains to his disciples how he will suffer death, be buried, and then rise again on the third day. Peter is baffled by these predicted events. He cannot help but protest, *God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you*. Peter's reaction reveals his affection for our Lord and his attachment to human understanding. As Jesus explains in reply, *You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do*.

So it is for the faithful today. It is easy to be attached to finite understanding – but God has a bigger vision for the lives of those who love him. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to think as God does and live beyond human understanding.

When speaking to his disciples, Jesus explains that those who wish to come after him must live in ways that are difficult: *Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it*. In today's second reading in Romans, the Apostle Paul renews this call, urging the faithful to give of themselves fully – body, mind, and spirit – in worship of God.

Paul's Letter to the Romans and the Gospel focus on this idea of sacrifice, or self-gift. All Christians are called to give of themselves to God in love, and in a way that resembles God's love. In many ways, God's love for humankind – perfectly embodied in Christ – surpasses human understanding. This love, referred to in the Greek as *agape*, is that sacrificial and self-giving stance that Jesus and Paul speak of. *Agapic* love may be challenging – but as Christ's life shows, it is a true gift to the world.

In our lives, we may find that the path God calls us to surpasses our understanding. As we come to this Eucharist, let us ask our Lord for the grace to hear and answer his call to offer ourselves in love – even if that call challenges us in ways we are not expecting.