

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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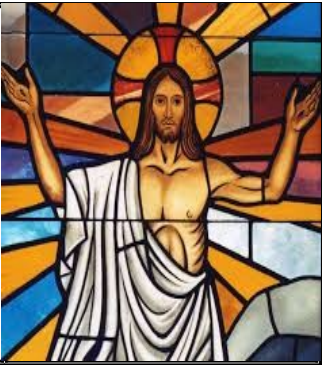
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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass and other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. • Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 5 p.m.: 100; 8 a.m.:163; 11 a.m.: 270: Total: 533

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2025

Monday May 5	Ferial 8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Trader, Coulas, & Visneskie Families by Eddy & Eleanor Trader
Tuesday May 6	St. Francois de Laval, Bishop (Memorial) 8:00 a.m.	+Eleanor & Desmond Coulas by Valerie Petrik
Wednesday May 7	Ferial 8:00 a.m.	+Intentions of Patrick Parks on his 50 th Birthday by the Family
Thursday May 8	Ferial 8:00 a.m.	+Stoppa & Peplinskie Deceased Family Members by Audrey & Isadore
Friday May 9	Ferial 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	+Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Andrew Maika & Family Confessions
Saturday May 10	St. John of Avila, Priest, Doctor (Optional Memorial) 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Confessions + Henry Luckovitch by Karen Yakabuski

4th Sunday of Easter

[World Day of Prayer for Vocations]

May 11th, 2025

Saturday	4:00 – 4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Confessions +Mary, Anthony, & Alphonse Stoppa by Adeline
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Michael & Julia Coulas and Frank & Mary Palubeski Intentions of the People

4th Sunday of Easter (May 11th, 2025) Mother's Day	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Mary Yantha	Marek Milan	Peter Baklinski
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Bro. Grzegorz Loska,OMI
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,682.75; Building Maintenance: \$1,631.00; Good Friday: \$160.00; Easter \$240.00; Heat & Fuel:\$50.00; Various Funds: \$180.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Andy Weatherbed, Theresa Chapeskie, Esther T. Stoppa, Suzanne Bissonnette, Anne Chabot, Albert Cybulski, Karen Barber, Callam Oliver, Raymond Biernaski, Dennis Yeretch, Deacon Bob McDonald

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please note we have a new **EMAIL & WEBSITE** address. Please ensure you are using the correct email when sending correspondence to the parish office.
Web: sainthedwigparish.ca **Email:** office@sainthedwigparish.ca

NEW E-TRANSFER ADDRESS: office@sainthedwigparish.ca

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, May 4th and 18th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00

Men's Rosary Group: Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday May 5th at 7:00 p.m., in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

Domestic Church: The Domestic Church families will be hosting a social after 11:00 a.m. Mass on Mother's Day, Sunday May 11th. Come and join us for coffee, tea and treats. Donations are always welcomed if anyone wishes to bring something to share.

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: May 20th.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 21st. Rosary at 7:00 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.

Religious Store: If you are interested in purchasing items from the Sacred Heart League Religious Store, please call or text Josée Peppler at 519-215-0707.

March for Life Ottawa: - 2025 theme: "Protection at Conception". Join us May 8th on Parliament Hill. May our prayers and witness convert the hearts of our Nation. See you there!! GO TO: marchforlife.ca Please also consider supporting our local young people to attend the Friday May 9th Youth Event in Ottawa. Transportation option: The Renfrew County Right to Life group has arranged a coach with pickup locations in Pembroke, Cobden & Renfrew - please see their poster on the bulletin board for reservation details. Or make your own carpool travel arrangements.

Starflowers Prayer Group: Members of the Starflowers prayer initiative will be meeting at St Lawrence O'Toole Thursday May 8th in the afternoon from 2-3:30 p.m. for an hour of prayer, including a short talk about Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, followed by a time of refreshments and snacks. Since this is the same day as the March for Life in Ottawa, and we will be taking time during our hour of prayer to intercede for those involved in the March and for Pro Life intentions.

Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites for the Marian Month of May: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Renfrew, is the designated church for the Jubilee Indulgence on Tuesday 13 May 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions and adoration will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The Rosary will be recited at 6:15 p.m. and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 6:45 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit <https://pembrokediocese.com/article/jubilee-2025-indulgence-en/>

Our Lady of Combermere (Madonna House), Combermere is the designated place of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Indulgence on Saturday 31 May 2025, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 2:50 p.m. Confessions will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will end with the praying of the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady of Combermere at 3:00 p.m., followed by tea. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit <https://pembrokediocese.com/fr/article/jubile-2025-indulgence-fr/>

Life in the Spirit Seminar: A Life in the Spirit Seminar is being offered by the Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group at St Lawrence O'Toole Parish. This is a 7-week commitment (Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., May 15-June 26) to more fully understand how the Holy Spirit works in our lives in order for us to grow closer to God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and to bring God's mercy and love to others. To register or for information, call John or Elaine Boskill at 613-756-1389.

Masses Transferred to Fr. Shalla:

+Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski (x4), +Larry Trader by Rose Stoppa, +Larry Trader by Craig & Lorraine Coulter, +Thomas, John & Michael Yandernoll by Raymond Yandernoll (x3), For a special intention by a Parishioner, +Marlene Matcheskie by Tessie Biernaskie & family, +Annie Pecarskie, Wayne Hudder & Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Yantha by Carl Zilney, +Anita by John Longo, +Mark Durant by John Longo, +Bradley Parisien by John Longo, +Steven Brian Malone by Terry Whelan, +Debbie Anne Yantha by Sacred Heart League, +Mervin Olsheski by Sacred Heart League, +Rita Shulist by Sacred Heart League, +Doreen Shushack by Sacred Heart League, +Russell Pecarskie by Carl Zilney, +Bridget Gutoskie by Debbie Coulas, & +Bridget Gutoskie by Maxine & Louis

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

From Fr. Michal:

- 1) Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
- 2) Revelation 5:11-14
- 3) John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

In times of uncertainty, friends get together and regroup; they meet in places that offer familiarity and comfort. So it was that the disciples gathered at the sea, to go fishing, following the Resurrection.

They were probably still reeling from all that happened: Jesus' suffering and death, his empty tomb, his appearances to them as they hid in fear. The risen Lord has given them his peace and breathed his Spirit upon them. Although perhaps they still do not understand the full significance of these events, they believe Jesus lives and they have come out of hiding. What to do now? They ponder; they talk; they work together to catch fish; they wait.

It is to this eager but still hesitant and mission-less group of disciples that Jesus appears, once more. This encounter will empower and encourage them, and clarify further their calling, their roles, and their mission. Once again Jesus feeds them, and once again he teaches them. Once again, Peter is the focus of Jesus' lesson.

More than anyone perhaps, Peter needs to be reminded how Jesus cared for him, loved him, and led him, and will continue to do so. When Jesus appears at the sea and helps them catch a net full of fish, it is just like the first time Peter met Jesus. The memories of that powerful experience must have come flooding back. He would remember Jesus telling him: *Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men* (Lk 5:10).

Jesus asks Peter three times: "Do you love me?" Unlike the three times Peter denied Jesus, Peter is now able to affirm him in his answers. Jesus instructs him to care for his lambs and to follow him, even to places *where you do not want to go*. Peter needed this time of remembrance in order to move forward and be ready for what would come. He needed the reminder of Jesus' love and care, in order to continue to follow him.

As we come together for the Eucharist, we, like the disciples, are reminded of Jesus' love for us. He offered himself for us on the cross, and now he nourishes us with the spiritual strength to follow him. We must remember that we are loved if we are going to go out and love God and others. Then we can go forth in love to serve him, as he calls all of his disciples to do.