

# SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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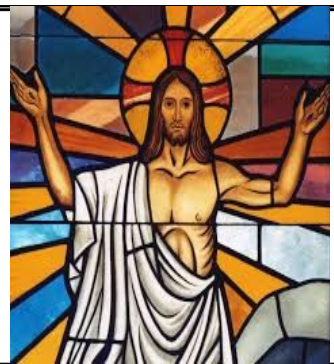
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**Confessions:** 15 minutes before Mass and other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. • Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 5 p.m.: 99; 8 a.m.:159; 11 a.m.: 250; Total: 508

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Monday

May 26

### St. Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial)

8:00 a.m. +Albert Cybulski

### Tuesday

May 27

### St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

8:00 a.m. +Theresa Yarascavitch & Connie Tiedemann by Henry & Family

### Wednesday

May 28

### Ferial

8:00 a.m. +Bob Biernaski by Frances & Raymond Biernaski

### Thursday

May 29

### St. Paul IV (Optional Memorial)

8:00 a.m. +Leonard Trader by Eddy & Eleanor Trader & Family

### Friday

May 30

### Ferial

8:00 a.m. +Silas Piecarskie by Theresa & Family  
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

### First Saturday

May 31

### Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. **Confessions**

9:00 a.m. +Mary Margaret Kelly by Teresa Chapeskie

## Sunday

## The Ascension of the Lord [Solemnity]

June 1st, 2025

### Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

### Confessions

5:00 p.m.

In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Peter & Clementine Brotton & Family

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

+Joe & Anastasia Yeretch by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Yeretch

11:00 a.m.

**First Holy Communion**-Intentions of the First Communicants

Sunday (June 1st, 2025) The Ascension of the Lord	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Eleanor Trader	Teresa Chapeskie	Carl Schingten
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Bro. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
<b>Ushers</b>	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

**Offerings:** Sunday: \$3,245.25; Building Maintenance: \$1,015.00; Carpet: \$120.00;  
Heat & Fuel: \$50.00; Various: \$40.00

*Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Andy Weatherbed, Theresa Chapeskie, Esther T. Stoppa, Suzanne Bissonnette, Anne Chabot, Karen Barber, Florence Peplinskie, Raymond Biernaski, Dennis Yeretch*

*Let us pray for the children who will be making their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, may the gift of the Holy Eucharist draw them into an unending friendship with the Lord.*

*Let us also pray for Florian Paul McLeod, son of Nicholas and Siobhan McLeod  
and Francis Pierre Ryoza, son of Liam & Sophie Zylstra, who were recently baptized, and for  
Benjamin Michael O'Brien, son of Gabriel & Emma Rose O'Brien who will be baptized this weekend at St. Hedwig's Church.  
May God bless these new members of the Church as we welcome them into our parish community.*

**URGENT NEED FOR READERS!** We are in urgent need of more readers at our Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. Masses. This is an important Ministry for spreading the gospel and nurturing the faith of others. If you regularly attend either of these Masses, please consider volunteering for this role. We rely heavily on the same people to read and are very grateful for their commitment, but it would be nice to have a few more people available to fill the schedule. Please contact the office if you are interested! 613-756-2243

**Wednesday Rosary at the Grotto:** Come pray the Rosary at the grotto of Our Lady, next to St. Hedwig's Church, every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., during the month of May. All welcome.

**Sacred Heart League:** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the church hall.

**Knights and Ladies Dinner – May 29:** In honour of Our Lady and the wonderful women who walk beside us, all Knights and their spouses are warmly invited to a Knights and Ladies Dinner at the historic Wilno Tavern on Thursday, May 29 at 5:00 PM. Join your brother Knights of Columbus for an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and celebration. Each couple is kindly asked to cover their own meal. RVSP to Brother GK Pete Baklinski by May 27: 343-369-8772

**Euchre:** The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00

**Bequest from Gerard O'Malley:** We are grateful to announce and acknowledge a generous bequest from Gerard O'Malley who passed away last year. This donation will be used to fund some future projects that are in the early planning stages for our parish, which will be announced at a future date. Let us all remember Gerard in prayer, and in thanksgiving for his generosity.

**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.

**Jubilee Pilgrimage Site for the Marian Month of May:** 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/>

**From Fr. Michal:** 1) Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

2) Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

3) John 14:23-29

Throughout their history, the Jewish people rightly saw themselves as the chosen people of God, the royal race and religion. It had been decreed as such by God, and their entire way of being in the world was in accordance with it. It is not surprising, therefore, that some of the early followers of Christ felt that Gentile believers needed to be circumcised in order to be saved. In short, they needed to become Jewish before being baptized into Christ.

The Council of Jerusalem was a meeting the Apostles and other leaders within the Church held in order to discern the workings of the Holy Spirit with regard to this matter. The decision was that Gentiles did not have to follow the Jewish ceremonial laws, for the Holy Spirit had in truth and fact come upon the Gentiles without such things taking place. Therefore, it must not be necessary. We are told in chapter 11 of the Acts of the Apostles that, *when [the Jewish leaders] heard this, they stopped objecting and glorified God, saying, "God has then granted life-giving repentance to the Gentiles"*.

This was a new and all-important elimination of barriers – something our God loves to do! It is what Jesus spent most of his ministry doing, removing things that separated us from one another and from God. In God's economy, the distinctions that dominate our personal relations are cast aside. Wealth, race, gender, prestige, skill, even religion, are subjugated to the great equalizer of God's unifying love and unlimited grace. This does not mean that every religion is the same, but rather that every *person* is equally worthy of God's love in God's eyes.

In today's second reading from the Book of Revelation, we get a glimpse of the new Jerusalem, the eternal kingdom where this unifying love reigns. The greatest symbol of Judaism, the holy temple, has been replaced by the eternal Temple, Jesus Christ. The twelve gates, which represent the twelve tribes of Israel, are open not just to Jews by blood, but to all, by grace.

In this way, God says, "Come to the table in my holy city, one and all!" Actually, God goes one step further, saying not just "Come" but "I want to come to you!" In John's Gospel, Jesus declares that he and the Father *will come to [whoever keeps his word] and make our dwelling with him*. The phrase *make our dwelling* can also be translated as "put up a tent." From this phrase we get the word "tabernacle." Indeed, God wants a tabernacle within each of us, a safe place for God to dwell. This is the gift of the Holy Spirit, which knows no bounds.

Despite our human attempts to categorize and differentiate, the Holy Spirit moves at will, coming to all who are receptive to him. As we approach the Eucharistic table, let us express our gratitude for God's boundless grace.