

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



Confessions: 20 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
Last Week's Attendance: Easter Vigil: 300; 9:00 a.m.:221; 11 a.m.:213; Total: 734

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

April 12th, 2026

Monday

April 13

St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr

8:00 a.m.

+Pamela George and all Deceased Relatives by Constance Martin

4:30 p.m.

Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

Tuesday

April 14

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+Eugene & Garry Pecarskie & Sisters & Brothers by Sally

Wednesday

April 15

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+Luckavitch Family Living & Deceased by Stoppa Family

12:00 p.m.

+Antonio Sharetta by Matthew Pettigrew

Thursday

April 16

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+John, Margaret, Syl, & Joyce Bleskie by Tony & Lorraine Bleskie

Friday

April 17

St. Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

8:00 a.m.

+Martha & Harvey Linton by Russ & RoseAnne

5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday

April 18

Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin, Virgin

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

9:00 a.m.

+Peter Brotton by Clementine & Family

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19th, 2026

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m.

+Teresa & Lornie Chapeskie, and Bridget by Esther Kluge

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

+The Stoppa Family by Karen & Danny Shalla & Family

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Adoration & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3rd Sunday of Easter (April 19th, 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	June Szaflik	Marek Milan	Gregory Shaw
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Last Sunday: \$5,020.75; Building Maintenance: \$855.00;
Heat & Fuel: \$2280.00; Easter: \$4,333.00; Good Friday: \$5639.35; Various Funds: \$435.00

Please Note: The priest must leave the confessional at least 10 minutes before Mass.

Parish Financial Statement: The Parish Financial Report can be found at the back of the Church.

Thank You: For your Easter greetings, wishes, and Mass novenas; to those who helped decorate the church for

Passion Sunday and the Triduum; to Br. Grzegorz Loska O.M.I., for his work in keeping the church and sacristy clean and organized; to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau, C.C., for his precious sacramental assistance; to our Triduum readers, cantors, and music ministers; to our Deacons, Jean-Nil Chabot and Robert Probert; to the ladies who washed down the pews in Holy Week; to our cantors and organists, who led us in Gorzkie Żale on Sundays of Lent; to our ushers.

Euchre: The next Euchre game will be held on Sunday April 19th and May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation Bible Study: St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay will offer The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation beginning Wednesday, April 15th from 7:00-8:45pm for 10 weeks (until June 24, 2026). Participants will view an engaging high production quality video, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, contact Julie Culshaw at 613 756-1136, julieculshaw5@gmail.com.

Domestic Church Sunday Coffee: Coffee and snacks will be served in the church basement by the Domestic Church group immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday April 19th. Come enjoy a hot drink and something to eat while getting to know your fellow parishioners a little better! Coffee and snacks for this event are being prepared by members of the Domestic Church, donations are welcome. All parishioners are invited.

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. Date of the next meeting: April 21st.

The Knights of Columbus: The next meeting is on Wednesday April 22nd. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 at St. Jerome's meeting room.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2026

For priests in crisis – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

From Fr. Michal:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1) Acts 2:42-47

2) 1 Peter 1:3-9

3) John 20:19-31

Today's Gospel sets the scene for us: It was the evening of that first day of the week, that is, the evening of the Resurrection. Here, we find the disciples fearful in a locked room. And into this scene Jesus comes, stands among them, and says, Peace be with you. As Jesus shows them his pierced hands and side, John says the disciples rejoiced.

The situation outside those walls had not changed; the disciples could still be arrested when they left the confines of that room. But the situation inside had certainly changed. Peace and joy prevailed within – not fear. And it was an encounter with the risen Lord that had changed things.

In our own lives, so many things can leave us feeling anxious or fearful – finances, career, family tension, health problems. At any time, but especially when we might be feeling anxious or filled with stress, an encounter with the risen Lord can bring us the same peace it brought to the disciples and stir a joyful response in our hearts. Even if the doors to our hearts are locked in some way (as were the doors in that room), the Lord can still come and bring us peace. Indeed, every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the Lord comes in our midst and brings peace to our hearts.

But there are also deeply personal reasons we might experience turmoil and anxiety. When we act in ways contrary to God's law – when we sin – our conscience begins to trouble us and takes away our peace. We all have ways of trying to quiet our consciences, but none of them really work.

Thankfully, the Lord has given us the sacrament of reconciliation as a way to deal with our sin that brings lasting peace. In this beautiful sacrament, we are given an encounter with the Lord's infinite mercy. As we hear the words of absolution, we know that our sins have been truly forgiven. And the peace that floods our souls at that moment is a gift of the Lord that brings immense joy.

Peace and joy. Who among us doesn't want peace and joy in their heart? As we celebrate this Sunday of Divine Mercy, let us give thanks to the Lord for the gift of his redemption, especially through this sacrament he left us on the night of his resurrection. How blessed are we that the Lord, in his infinite mercy, continues to come to us and fill our hearts with the peace only he can give. That's something worth rejoicing about!