

# SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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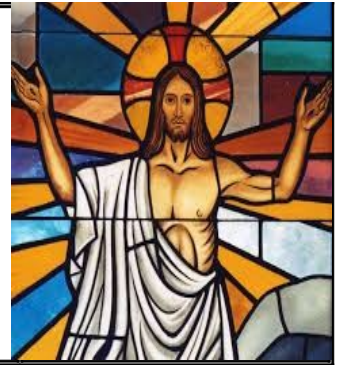
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**Confessions:** 20 minutes before Mass and other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. • Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass. **Last Week's Attendance:** 5 pm: 89; 8 am:198; 11 am:272: Total: 559

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

<b>Monday</b> May 4	<b>Ferial</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Leo & Annie, Ambrose & Benny Luckavitch by Tessie & Family
<b>Tuesday</b> May 5	<b>Ferial</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+August & Martha, Doc & Edward by the Yantha Family
<b>Wednesday</b> May 6	<b>St Francois De Laval, Bishop</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+August & Stella Kulas by Rose Kulas
<b>Thursday</b> May 7	<b>Ferial</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Gabriel Zettler by Benetta Van Nes
<b>Friday</b> May 8	<b>Ferial</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	+Fr. Mervin Coulas by Joseph & Beverly Sieber <b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday</b> May 9	<b>Ferial</b> <b>8:00-8:45 a.m.</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b> Special Intention by a Parishioner

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	+Julia & Ryan Tanguay by Faye & Greg Mask
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Irvin & Darleen Glofcheskie 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by the Family Intentions of the Parishioners

6th Sunday of Easter (May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Carl Schingten	Noah Kluge	Peter Baklinski
<b>Ushers</b>	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

**Offerings:** Last Sunday: \$3,778.45; Building Maintenance: \$885.00;  
Heat & Fuel: \$60.00; Easter: \$20.00; Renovation Fund: \$1,843.00

*Let us remember in prayer those who are sick and housebound, and those in hospital and hospice.  
May they feel God's comfort, strength, and healing in their difficult moments.*

**Euchre:** The next Euchre game will be held on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

**Men's Rosary:** Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

**First Holy Communion:** First Communion will take place at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Girls' Choir Club:** Girls ages 7+ are invited to join a parish choir and social group. Learn to sing (including Polish hymns) and have fun with friends! Practices will be on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:05 pm in the choir loft. For more information please call or text Bridget at 613-281-1610.

**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 are welcome to attend.

**Apostolic Blessings:** If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year and would like an Apostolic Blessing, please contact the parish office, well in advance of the anniversary date.

**LOST and FOUND!:** Please take a look through the lost and found items inside the main doors of the church (cry room area). There are many items from eyeglasses to books to winter mitts & hats, etc. Please collect your missing items!

**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 May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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: May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The Knights of Columbus:** The next meeting is on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 at St. Jerome's meeting room.

**29th Annual National MARCH FOR LIFE:** "Follow Me" Join thousands of Canadians on Thursday, May 14, 2026, as we gather on Parliament Hill to be a voice for the voiceless. Inspired by this year's theme, "Follow Me," we are called to witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. The day includes the Rally on the Hill, the March through downtown Ottawa, and the evening Rose Dinner Gala. Let us stand together to demand legal protection for the unborn and the vulnerable. For a full schedule of the week's events, including the Candlelight Vigil and youth summit, please visit the National March for Life website: [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca). If you are driving to the March, kindly consider car pooling with fellow parishioner(s) and friends! Alternatively - BUS transportation has been organized by Renfrew County Right to Life with pick up points in Pembroke, Cobden & Renfrew - to reserve seats: see the poster - email [rcrtl@gmail.com](mailto:rcrtl@gmail.com) or call (613) 401 6482 - for more info: [facebook.com/RCRTL](https://facebook.com/RCRTL).

### **Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2026**

That everyone might have food – Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

#### **From Fr. Michal:**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

1) Acts 6:1-7

2) 1 Peter 2:4-9

3) John 14:1-12

In today's Gospel taken from the Farewell Discourse in John's Gospel, Jesus offers words of comfort to his disciples as he prepares for his arrest and crucifixion. Jesus invites them to trust in God and to look forward to the day when they will be reunited in the Father's house. In ancient times when a group required accommodation for the night, one member would often be sent ahead to reserve a place at the nearest inn. But what Jesus offers them is not just an inn but an eternal dwelling place in his Father's house.

And yet the disciples are confused, even puzzled by his words. Thomas, speaking for the others, asks the obvious questions: Where is Jesus going? How will they know the way to follow him? To these questions Jesus responds with one of the great I AM sayings in John's Gospel: I am the way and the truth and the life. Jesus declares himself to be the only way to God and that to have known him is to have known the Father.

But this declaration too raises questions in the disciples' minds; this time, it is Philip who speaks. For him and presumably the others, it would be enough just to see the Father.

Like the disciples, we bring our own questions to the Lord. When we're not certain where the Lord is leading us, in our prayer, we often ask for clarity, sometimes even for certainty. "Show us the Father" is disciple-speak for "Lord, please reveal yourself fully so that we know where we're headed."

Jesus responds to Philip by saying, Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. God has revealed himself fully to us. Jesus is the Word of the Father who has taken on flesh and dwelt among us. In him and through his presence the very glory of God has come into the world and is now visible to all who recognize him with the eyes of faith.

When we find ourselves asking the Lord for clarity in prayer, let us remember that he has already revealed the answer: Jesus. All the answers to the questions we ask of God can be found in the One who is the way, the truth, and the life.

#### **Mass Transfers to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau: (Ammended from Last Week's Bulletin)**

+Thomas, John, & Michael Yandernoll by Ramond (x4), +Percy Coulas by Amanda & Family, +Larry Trader by Eddie & Eleanor Trader, +Anna Marie Kelly by the Family, +Leonard Trader by Vernon and Roseanne Piecarskie, +Bridget Gutoskie by Teresa, +Rev. Norbert Cybulski, by Peter, Clementine, and Family, +Leonard Trader by Sally Beanish, +Ernie Dudack by Juanita Kuiack, +Orville Kulas by Andrew & Katherine Etmanski, +Phyllis Sieben by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski, For all Past Employees by Peter & Clementine Brotton, +Dowdall & Rita Murray by Peter & Clementine Brotton, +Edward, Sylvester, August & Martha Yantha by Peter & Clementine Brotton, Intentions of Rhett Smith by Elena Afelskie, Intentions of Lucia Emmons by Elena Afelskie, Godchild Nicholson by Elena Afelskie, Intentions of Clara & Chelsea Corrigan by Elena Afelskie, +Pamela George & Deceased Family Members by Constance Martin, +Dianne Smaglinski by the Sacred heart League, +Rita Keating (Mintha) by the Sacred Heart League, +Irene Mask by the Sacred Heart League, +Stanley Shulist by the Sacred Heart League, +Percy Coulas by Eddie & Diane Etmanski, +Percy Coulas by David Yakabuskie, +Percy Coulas by Roseanne & Linda