

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass and at other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon • 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.:92; 8 a.m.:119 ; 11 a.m.: 235; Total: 446

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 13th , 2025

Monday of Holy Week	April 14	Ferial	
		8:00 a.m.	+Tony & Monica Shalla by Karen Shalla
		4:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College
		6:00 p.m.	Parish Lenten Confessions with Visiting Priests
Tuesday of Holy Week	April 15	Ferial	
		8:00 a.m.	+Tessie Spence by Zigmund Smaglinski
		10:30 a.m.	Chrism Mass (St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke)
Wednesday of Holy Week	April 16	Ferial	
		8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Flower Donations
		12:00 noon	+Albert & Stella Burchat by John Burchat

THE SACRED TRIDUUM: THE THREE GREAT DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY – April 17 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration until 11:00 p.m.)
GOOD FRIDAY – April 18 th		<i>Universal Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>
	12:00 noon	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	3:00 p.m.	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	4:30 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
HOLY SATURDAY – April 19 th	2:30 p.m.	Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in Church
	8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil
SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – EASTER SUNDAY – April 20 th		
	8:00 a.m.	Mass of the Resurrection
	11:00 a.m.	Mass of the Resurrection
	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Solemn Benediction and Divine Mercy Novena

The list of Triduum ministries (readers, ushers) is available at the back of the church

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,564.80; Building Maintenance: \$1,914.00; Carpet: \$85.00; Flowers: \$420.00; Good Friday: \$320.00; Easter \$125.00; Heat & Fuel:120.00

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 Olver, 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

Confessions During Lent: Will take place on Monday April 14th at 6:00 p.m. Visiting priests will be present. Parishioners should take advantage of this as there will be NO confessions from Holy Thursday through Easter Tuesday.

Gorzkie Żale: (Bitter Lamentations) During Lent, every Sunday after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3.00 p.m., we will sing GORZKIE ŻALE. It's a beautiful Polish devotion. This is the last Sunday for the Gorzkie Żale.

Vespers on Palm Sunday: All are welcome to attend Vespers at 6:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday, planned by the College students.

Special Notice Regarding the Adoration Schedule: There will be no regular Adoration on Holy Thursday (except after Mass until 11:00 p.m.), Good Friday, and Easter Monday. (April 17, 18, & 21). Also, Adoration on Thursday April 24th, will be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. due to visiting Relics.

Traditional Latin Mass Community: choir will be singing the Tenebrae service at Our Lady of the Angels church in Brudenell on Wednesday April 16th @ 8:00 p.m., Thursday April 17th @ 8:30 p.m. and Friday April 18th @ 8:00pm. Each of these services will last an hour and a half or longer, and will be done in darkness.

Choir Practice for Holy Week & Easter: Choir practice for the Triduum will take place on Tuesday April 15th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

2024 Financial Statement: Copies of the 2024 Financial Statement are available at the entrance of the Church.

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 15th. ***This month's meeting will be a Holy Hour only from 7-8 p.m. in the Church.***

Visit of the Martyrs and St. Kateri Relics: Fr. John O'Brien will be at St Hedwig Parish, Thursday, April 24, with the relics of Canadian Martyrs including St. Kateri. Mass will be at noon, open to the public, with Fr. John celebrating Mass. Veneration will follow the Mass until 3:00 p.m., then Adoration until 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart League: The next meeting is on Tuesday April 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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

Religious Store: The store has a new selection of veils, including purple ones for the Lenten season. If you are interested in purchasing items from the Sacred Heart League Religious Store, please call or text Josée Peppler at 519-215-0707.

Mass of Chrism: A Mass of Chrism will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. on the **Tuesday of Holy Week, 15 April, 2025** at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome.

Video Series "Journey through Lent": As we journey through Lent 2025, the series titled "Journey through Lent" is now available on the CCCB website: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

March for Life Ottawa: - 2025 theme: "Protection at Conception". Join us May 8 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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2025: For the use of the new technologies – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

From Fr. Michal: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1) Luke 19:28-40 2) Isaiah 50:4-7 3) Philippians 2:6-11 4) Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

We entered this liturgy, our Palm Sunday procession, accompanied by the narration of Luke's Gospel. There is no mention of palm branches in his account. Instead, the people spread their cloaks in the road before Jesus. His disciples praise God for the mighty deeds they have seen and proclaim him *the king who comes in the name of the Lord*.

This profession of praise takes place as Jesus approaches the Mount of Olives, creating a stark contrast between this scene and Luke's account of the passion, which is our Gospel reading today. On the night before he dies, Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives once more and asks his Father to take this cup away from him, praying *so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood*. It is on the Mount of Olives that Judas, his friend, betrays him with a kiss.

Jesus knows what lies before him. His prayer shows his humble submission of his human will to the Father's will. He enters Jerusalem as a king, raised up on a colt and acclaimed by his disciples, but it is only on the cross that the true meaning of his kingship is revealed (CCC 440). On the night before he is to suffer, his Apostles argue about which of them are the greatest, and Jesus tells them he has come among them *as the one who serves*.

His coming has been foretold by the prophets. Today's first reading comes from the third of four "Servant of the Lord" oracles in the Book of Isaiah. This servant is often referred to as the Suffering Servant and seen as prefiguring Christ. In the verses we hear today, he says he has been given *a well-trained tongue* to preach the word of God, and he willingly submits to beatings and insults, in order to carry out this call from God.

We see similar language reflected in Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Christ emptied himself. He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death on a cross. A shameful death, but like the Servant in Isaiah, he knew he would not be put to shame. Rather, it is because of this obedience that God greatly exalted him, giving him a name above every other name, *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord*.

Christ was indeed hailed as king when he entered Jerusalem on the back of a colt. The people praised him for the mighty deeds he had worked in God's name. But the mightiest work of all took place on the cross. What looked like rejection and loss won the victory for us. Dying, Christ defeated death. To this day, we place crucifixes on our altars, in our homes, and around our necks, as a sign of our belief that Jesus is Lord. We commemorate his sacrifice at every Eucharist. Christ's sacrifice is made present to us in an unbloody manner on the altar. We look upon his body, broken for us, and give him praise, for it is only through Christ's death and resurrection that we can attain *peace in heaven and glory in the highest*.