

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 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 p.m.:96; 8 a.m.:133; 11 a.m.:185: Total: 414

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 5, 2026

Monday within the Easter Octave, Solemnity (Please Note Time Change & No Confessions Before Mass)

April 6
9:00 a.m. +John & Agnes Rumleskie by Nancy & Raymond
No College Mass

Tuesday within the Easter Octave, Solemnity

April 7
8:00 a.m. +Catherine Yakabuskie by Silas Lorbetskie

Wednesday within the Easter Octave, Solemnity

April 8
8:00 a.m. +Mary Coulas by Michael & Debbie
12:00 p.m. +Msgr. Ambrose Pick, Fr. Norbert Cybulski & Fr. Mervin Coulas

Thursday within the Easter Octave, Solemnity

April 9
8:00 a.m. +Intentions of Robert Zilney by a friend

Friday within the Easter Octave, Solemnity

April 10
8:00 a.m. +Ben, Patrick & Delmar Surnoskie by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Yeretch
6:00 p.m. **Confessions**

Saturday within the Easter Octave, Solemnity

April 11
8:00-8:45 a.m. **Confessions**
9:00 a.m. +In Thanksgiving for our Marriage by Anthony & Elizabeth Hamon

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

April 12th, 2026

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. **Confessions**
5:00 p.m. +Deceased Luckavitch relatives by Jackie Stoppa

Sunday

8:00 a.m. All Living & Deceased family members by David & Mary Yantha
11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Adoration & Divine Mercy Devotions

2nd Sunday of Easter (April 12th, 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Deacon Probert	Noah Kluge	John Henry Westen
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Br. Grzegorz Loska OMI
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Last Sunday: \$4,562.80; Building Maintenance: \$995.00;
Heat & Fuel: \$2,255.00; Flowers: \$345.00; Easter: \$840.00; Good Friday: \$675.00; Various Funds: \$135.00

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

Parish Financial Statement: The Parish Financial Report will come out soon, and will be found at the back of the Church.

Weekday Adoration: Weekly Adoration resumes on Wednesday April 8th.

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.

Men's Rosary: Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

Lector Needed: A permanent lector is needed for the 2nd Saturday of the month for the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please contact the office@sainthedwigparish.ca if you are interested.

Euchre: No Euchre on April 5th. The next Euchre game will be held on Sunday April 19th 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. Deadline to register: Tuesday, April 7th.

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.

Triduum and Easter Greetings: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the Easter Triduum is the high point of the Christian year. The Lord's Passion and Death is followed by His glorious Resurrection. So too on our earthly pilgrimage, our "little and great" passions and deaths are followed by risings, if only we humbly entrust our lives to Christ, the Risen Lord. To entrust our lives to the Risen Lord means to live and act in such a way as to model Christ to our family members, co-workers, fellow parishioners, and people with whom we come into contact. It means striving for holiness, whatever our station in life: at home, in marriage, at work, in school, or in religious life. May the Lord's Passion lead us to His Resurrection, and may His Resurrection have a tangible and concrete effect on who we are, and how we live. May Our Lady, Mother of the Risen Lord, help us to keep the memory of the Death and Rising of Christ fresh in our minds and hearts, as we go forth on mission.

Wesołych Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego – Happy Solemnity of Easter – Surrexit Dominus vere!

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From Fr. Michal:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

1) Acts 10:34a, 37-43 2) Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 3) John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

We gather on this Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. As we contemplate this event, we might ask: Does the Resurrection have any practical application for our lives today, or is it simply an event in history that no longer bears any relevance to our modern world? To put it simply: Does Easter really matter?

If we truly ponder the meaning of Easter, we discover that the answer is a resounding "yes!" First, the Resurrection is the basis of our Christian faith. As Saint Paul says, If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith (1 Cor 15:14). Without the Resurrection, Jesus' teachings would have shown themselves to be merely human words, and his promise of eternal life would have been for naught. By rising from the dead, Jesus reveals that his teachings are trustworthy; indeed, Jesus' resurrection "constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings" (CCC 651).

Second, Easter makes our own resurrection possible. Jesus assures Martha before he raises Lazarus from the dead: I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live (Jn 11:25). Christ will raise us up at the end of time. Because of Christ's resurrection, death does not tell the final story. Our lives on earth are only one small chapter of a story that goes on forever.

Finally, Easter gives us hope and encouragement as we journey through life. Easter reminds us that life is always worth living. Even when circumstances make it seem as if there is not a brighter day ahead, the Resurrection stands as a reminder that sadness and suffering do not have the final word. Although we might find ourselves in a prolonged period of darkness, eventually, Christ's light will dawn. Fittingly, the word "easter" itself is derived from an Old English word meaning "dawn" or "toward the sunrise."

Jesus' triumph over death itself reveals to us that there is no hardship in this life that he has not overcome. The Resurrection gives us hope that where there we experience ignorance, Christ can shatter the darkness to bring his divine knowledge and light. Where we have been trapped in despair, Jesus brings hope. We might ask ourselves on this Easter Sunday, Where has the light started to shine in situations that once seemed so dark? These moments give us a foreshadowing, a tiny glimpse of the power of Christ's resurrection that we are destined to share fully in the life to come.

Today we rejoice because Jesus fulfills his promise that he is the Lord and has power over sin and death. We also rejoice because Jesus' resurrection gives meaning and hope to our own lives as we face challenges on our earthly pilgrimage. The Resurrection, then, is not just a pivotal moment in the life of Christ; it is also a pivotal moment for us.

Christ is Risen,

Truly He is Risen!