

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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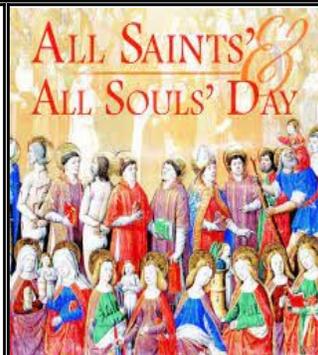
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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - noon, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Confessions: Confessions take place 15 minutes before Mass and at other scheduled times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon • On 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.:103; 8 a.m.:147; 11 a.m.: 249; Total: 499

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 29th 2023

Monday October 30	Ferial 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	<i>(Roman Martyrology: St. Serapion of Antioch, Bishop)</i> Bielawski & Kuiack Families, Living & Deceased Members by Michael Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College by SWC
Tuesday October 31	Ferial 8:00 a.m.	<i>(Roman Martyrology: St. Epimachus of Alexandria, Martyr)</i> Living & Deceased Family Members of the Arsenault Family by the Family
Wednesday November 1	Solemnity of All Saints 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	In Thanksgiving for Healing Blessings by Monica Kulas Intentions of Nicholas & Laura Korneluk by Morris & Virginia
First Thursday November 2	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) 8:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Repose of the Soul of Edward Rumleskie by Joseph & Sylvia Rumleskie & Family For the Souls in Purgatory
First Friday November 3	St. Martin de Porres, Religious (Optional Memorial) 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	[parish day of prayer and reparation "for our sins, and the sins of the whole world"] All Living & Deceased Family Members by David & Mary Yantha Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration Chaplet of Divine Mercy Confessions In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world
First Saturday November 4	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial) 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	Confessions Special Intentions Confessions

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Daylight Savings Ends] November 5th 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Repose of the Soul of Elizabeta by Vicentiu
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Repose of the Soul of Leonard Andrecheck by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Yeretch Intentions of the People

31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 5 th , 2023)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Eleanor Trader	Noah Kluge	Richard Shaw
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: Sunday: \$3,938.40; Building Maintenance: \$310.00; Carpet Fund: \$50.00; World Mission: \$997.00; Reno Fund: \$330.00; Various Funds: \$45.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Christine Oskirko, Anne Chabot, Albert Cybulski, Karen Barber, Gerard O'Malley, Brandon Hammer.

Thank You: To Grand Knight John Artymko and members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6894 for the breakfast that the Knights organized last Sunday; To the Mission Committee (Theresa Prince & team), for another donation to the missions in Peru, garnered from the funds raised at Sunday Euchre.

Cemetery Prayers This Weekend: After the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Oct.28th, we will go to pray at Our Lady of the Assumption Cemetery on Kartuzy Road. After the 8:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, Oct. 29th, we'll go to pray at the Annex Cemetery on Pioneer Road. After the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, prayers will be held at St. Hedwig's Cemetery on Siberia Road. These prayers are held in anticipation of All Souls' Day.

Cold and Flu Season: If you are coughing, sneezing, running a fever, or are otherwise unwell, please do not come to church at this time. Please wait until your symptoms get better, and then return to common worship.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be Sunday, November 5th & November 19th at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

Men's Rosary Group: Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m., at St. Hedwig's hall (church basement). Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

Halloween: Dear parishioners, please know that Halloween is not a spiritually-neutral event. Sadly, Halloween promotes elements of the occult and witchcraft, even if it markets these elements as "fun" or "happy". The decorations of witches, skeletons, ghouls, and graves that mark our country and our town, are pointing to a "celebration" of the occult, and are a mark of the culture of death that St. John Paul II warned against. What is a parent or grandparent to do? Try to at least minimize the negative effects of Halloween. If children dress up, let all elements of the occult be avoided (witches, goblins, vampires, etc.) Instead of marking Halloween, consider celebrating the first vespers of All Saints at home, or in a group setting. For example, St. Andrew's church in Killaloe will host the Annual All Saints Party on Tuesday, October 31st, starting at 6:00 p.m. (info below). St. Joseph House at Madonna House will also host an event (info below). As a parent or grandparent, if you find yourself unable to avoid celebrating Halloween, try to at least minimize the negative spiritual influences, and pray spiritual protection on your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews (Fr. Pawel).

2024 Mass Intentions: We are accepting Mass intentions for 2024 during office hours. **Please, come in person;** requested dates will be assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. Due to a continued high demand for Masses said here at St. Hedwig's, we can currently offer **5 Masses per household.** Weekend dates will also be limited as to distribute the requests as fairly as possible. **There is no limit to Masses to be transferred out** (sent to other priests).

First Friday Adoration: Please contact the parish office if you can cover one of the First Friday adoration hours once a month. We are especially in need for the night time hours, starting at midnight to Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. This could be for a committed hour each month or to be contacted as a fill-in person.

Weekday Adoration: We are currently in need of adorers for weekday adoration times. Please consider signing up for one of these grace-filled hours. For more information contact Virginia Korneluk at 613-650-7674.

Save the Date: The Sacred Heart League will be organizing a Craft and Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19th. Once again we are asking for donations of baked goods and raffle prizes.

Sacred Heart Shop: Religious items are available from the Sacred Heart Shop. Please e-mail Katherine at sthedwigreligiousgoods@gmail.com or call the parish during office hours for an appointment to see the selection of scapulars, rosaries, and other religious goods for sale through the Sacred Heart League's store.

New Diocesan Administrator: After the installation of the Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. as Archbishop of Moncton this past October 18th, the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Pembroke on October 19th, 2023 elected Rev. George Ryan Holly as Diocesan Administrator of Pembroke, as required by Canon Law (c. 421 §1).

Donations for Pregnancy Centre: On Sunday, October 29th, the Paul Sanders and Janine Lieu Pro Life Club will be accepting donations (diapers, food, funds, clothes, etc.) for the First Steps Options Pregnancy Centre in Pembroke. Drop off is at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College outside of St. Mary's building (low rise building on Dunn St. next to St. Hedwig's) from 1 p.m – 4 p.m.

All Saint's Party: Children come dressed up as your favorite saint and enjoy a night of games and prizes! Location: St. Andrew's church hall, Killaloe. When: Tuesday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. The Litany of the Saints will begin the evening. Please contact Maja Johnson andrew.maja@gmail.com for more information or see poster at the back of the church.

St. Joseph's House (Madonna House) All Saints Event: Please drop in to St. Joseph's between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on October 31st - All Saints Eve. Each of the St. Joe's staff will be dressed as a Saint or Blessed or Venerable and we invite you to introduce us to your favourite Saint, Blessed or Venerable person. You can dress up, offer a few clues and we will guess. Holy cards and religious items will be available for kids, along with some sweet treats for everyone. Feel free to invite a friend or a family. Everyone is welcome!

Mass Transfers: The following Masses have been transferred to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau, C.C.: For the Souls in Purgatory (2 Masses); Stanley, Irene & David Palubeskie, Patricia Milan (both by Zigmund & Jennifer Norlock); Bronas & Melissa Stoppa by Peter & Clementine & Family; Intentions of Lisa Kraw, Intentions of Tanya Kraw, Intentions of Keith & Elizabeth Cassidy, Repose of the Soul of Frederick D'Silva (all by Maria Wolfs); Repose of the Souls of Julia Lorbetskie & Constance Chippure, Repose of the Souls of Vincent Hesson & Margaret Peplinski (both by Sacred Heart League); For the Clergy of the Catholic Church

Celebration of Life Banquet: Come and enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Ulrich's on Thursday, October 26th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Meet & greet at 5 p.m. – Dinner at 6 p.m. Guest speaker: Justina Van Manen. Book signing by local pro-life author Sheryl Ende. Please reserve your seat by mailing your payment of \$30 per person (\$20 per student) to: RCRTL c/o Holy Name Parish, 284 Trafalgar Rd., Pembroke, ON K8A 5A8. For more information, please call Barb Austen at 613-735-6265.

Faith Formation Day: "I want More: Going Deeper in Faith" is open to all, and will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Most Holy Name of Jesus ANNEX, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guest speakers: Pierre- Alain Giffard, Father Michael Smith, and Greg and Mary Doyle. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please inform us if you have any food allergies. There is no registration fee, but registration is necessary. To register, or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com by November 2, 2023.

From the Encyclical On the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life of the Pilgrim Church: Mary's faith can also be compared to that of Abraham, whom St. Paul calls "our father in faith" (cf. Rom. 4:12). In the salvific economy of God's revelation, Abraham's faith constitutes the beginning of the Old Covenant; Mary's faith at the Annunciation inaugurates the New Covenant. Just as Abraham "in hope believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations" (cf. Rom. 4:18), so Mary, at the Annunciation, having professed her virginity ("How shall this be, since I have no husband?") believed that through the power of the Most High, by the power of the Holy Spirit, she would become the Mother of God's Son in accordance with the angel's revelation: "The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Lk. 1:35). However, Elizabeth's words "And blessed is she who believed" do not apply only to that particular moment of the Annunciation. Certainly the Annunciation is the culminating moment of Mary's faith in her awaiting of Christ, but it is also the point of departure from which her whole "journey towards God" begins, her whole pilgrimage of faith. And on this road, in an eminent and truly heroic manner- indeed with an ever greater heroism of faith-the "obedience" which she professes to the word of divine revelation will be fulfilled. Mary's "obedience of faith" during the whole of her pilgrimage will show surprising similarities to the faith of Abraham. Just like the Patriarch of the People of God, so too Mary, during the pilgrimage of her filial and maternal fiat, "in hope believed against hope." Especially during certain stages of this journey the blessing granted to her "who believed" will be revealed with particular vividness. To believe means "to abandon oneself" to the truth of the word of the living God, knowing and humbly recognizing "how unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways" (Rom. 11:33). Mary, who by the eternal will of the Most High stands, one may say, at the very center of those "inscrutable ways" and "unsearchable judgments" of God, conforms herself to them in the dim light of faith, accepting fully and with a ready heart everything that is decreed in the divine plan (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*, 14).

Catholic Retirement Home: Marian Residence in Cambridge, owned and operated by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. Rooms available. For more information go to marianresidence.ca for a virtual tour or email info@marianresidence.ca. This is a great place at which to retire.

From plague, famine, fire, and war – Save us, o Lord. *Od powietrza, głodu, ognia i wojny*–Wybaw nas Panie.
From sudden and unprovided death – Save us, o Lord. *Od nagłej i niespodziewanej śmierci* – Wybaw nas Panie.