

# CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST *the* KING

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## WELCOME!

The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King is the principal church of the Diocese of Hamilton and home to the Bishop of Hamilton. The word "cathedral" comes from "cathedra" or Bishop's chair located in the church. On February 25th, 2013, in recognition of the significance of its design, and its importance in the Diocese, the Cathedral was given the status of a *Minor Basilica* by Pope Benedict XVI. The Cathedral Basilica was completed in 1933, and is a very beautiful structure that is reflective of the lively faith of its parishioners and the entire Diocese of Hamilton.

The Cathedral Basilica's *Coat of Arms* presents a shield sheltered by the *ombrellino*, and with crossed keys representing the papal designation of basilica status. The shield has a symbol for Christ with the crown of thorns and the crown of glory. The motto in Latin - *every eye shall see him*.

## PASTORAL STAFF

The Most Reverend D. DOUGLAS CROSBY, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton

Reverend DAVID A. WYNEN, Rector  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday Closed  
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## DAILY MASS

Tuesday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. (Marian Chapel)

## CARE OF THE SICK

To arrange pastoral visits to the sick in hospital or at home, please call the parish office.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

To register with the Parish and to request Sunday Offering envelopes or information about pre-authorized giving ... please complete a *Registration Form* - either online (parish website) or using a form found in the Tower entrance.

## VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

For information contact Father King at the Office of Vocations 905-528-7988.

## CATHOLIC BURIAL NEEDS

Please contact The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton 905-527-7727.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 19TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Intentions for each Daily Mass are noted below. (+) denotes an intention for a deceased loved one or parishioner.

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 8:00 a.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

Ezekiel 2.8-3.4; Matthew 18.1-14

+Luigi & Annunziata Rao

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 12:00 p.m.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Cathedral)

Revelation 11.19-12.1-10; 1 Cor. 15..20-26, Luke 1.39-56

Intentions of the Brown Family

Thursday, August 16, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Ezekiel 12.1-16; Matthew 18.21-19.1

Sally Bellinger

Friday, August 17, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Ezekiel 16.1-63; Matthew 19.3-12

+Manuel & Maria Cordeiro

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.

Mass Vigil-20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.

Proverbs 9.1-6; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58

+Dominic Musitano, +Teresa Pataracchia,

+Emmanuele Carbone, +Jerry Sorbara, +Raffaele

Iannone, +Clare Scanlon, +Stewart Phillips

## COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Regular	\$5,408.00
Loose Offerings	\$1,715.50
Stained Glass Windows	\$41.00
Total	\$7,164.50

We appreciate the great financial support of our parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral Basilica. Your contributions assist us in care for the spiritual and physical needs of the Parish community. Stewardship also involves gifts of time and talent. Would you consider supporting the Parish by volunteering for one of our Sunday liturgical ministries or one of the choirs? Many hands/voices lighten the load for all! If you are not currently using Sunday Offering envelopes, or if you would like to sign up for preauthorized giving, please contact us. Welcome to new Parishioners who join our Parish family.

## WASHROOM IMPROVEMENTS

The main washrooms on the lower level of the Cathedral Basilica have been refurbished – new fixtures and a fresh paint job. Please note that the faucets and urinals are motion automated.

## SUMMER HOURS FOR PARISH OFFICE

During the summer the Parish Office will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## GETTING MARRIED IN 2019?

Couples who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral Basilica in 2019 should now be in contact with our Parish Office. Our website has the “Application for Marriage” and other helpful information for couples. Priority is given to couples who are supportive parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica Parish and who regularly attend Sunday Mass here. Visit online – [www.ctkbasilica.ca](http://www.ctkbasilica.ca)

## CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Fall dates for the celebration of Baptism are beginning to fill up. Parents who wish to celebrate Baptism in the coming months are encouraged to contact our Parish Office or visit us online at [www.ctkbasilica.ca](http://www.ctkbasilica.ca)

## ORDINATION OF A DEACON

Bishop Crosby will ordain Mr. Gregory Merkley to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on **Sunday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. All are welcome to attend. Congratulation to Greg who, together with his classmates – Vivek and John – will be ordained Priests for the Diocese of Hamilton next Spring. Those who regularly attend the 4 p.m. Mass may want to note that that Mass may be a little longer than usual.

## ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION

Thank you to all of our Altar Servers who give of their time every week! Please join us on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> for a night of bowling at Splitsville Hamilton! Pick up your permission forms and return them by Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## TOWER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work on the bell tower is progressing nicely. All the necessary stone repairs and replacements have been completed. New glass is being installed. Once completed the scaffold will begin to be disassembled. Workers will complete any ground-level stone repairs and the lower courses of stone will be cleaned. Additional stone cleaning will also take place on the Bishop's garage. Thank you for your patience! The contractors tell us they hope to be finished by Labour Day ... of this year! Let's hope!

## PARISH MINISTRIES

In September, we will launch an appeal for greater participation in our Parish Sunday Ministries. We are in particular need of Altar Servers at the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass; Ministers of the Word at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Extra-Ordinary Ministers at the Saturday 5 p.m. & Sunday 4 p.m. Masses. Our two Parish Choirs – 9 a.m. Tenor/Bass Choir and the 11:00 a.m. Cathedral Choir are always happy to welcome new members. Please prayerfully consider participating in these ministries – if you are able – training will be provided. Stay tuned!



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – AUGUST 15

The *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* will be celebrated with Mass in the Cathedral Basilica at 12:00 Noon on **Wednesday, August 15**. This annual feast, promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1950, celebrates the special dignity given to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Catholics believe that rather than suffering the pains of death and the purification of Purgatory, Mary was assumed – body and soul – into Heaven. There she shares in the fullness of life and she is the pattern we hope to follow. All are welcome!

## CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE DEATH PENALTY

On August 2, 2018 Pope Francis issued a directive to update the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to reflect the teaching of the Church regarding capital punishment. This update draws on the teaching of Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI since the publication of the Catechism in 1992. The revised chapter (2267) reads: . *Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good. Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption. Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”,<sup>[1]</sup> and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.*

A letter to the Bishops of the world from the *Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith* says, in part: “John Paul II also intervened on other occasions against the death penalty, appealing both to respect for the dignity of the person as well as to the means that today's society possesses to defend itself from criminals. Thus, in the *Christmas Message* of 1998, he wished “the world the consensus concerning the need for urgent and adequate measures ... to end the death penalty.”<sup>[4]</sup> The following month in the United States, he repeated, “A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary.”<sup>[5]</sup>

5. The motivation to be committed to the abolition of the death penalty was continued with the subsequent Pontiffs. Benedict XVI recalled “the attention of society's leaders to the need to make every effort to eliminate the death penalty.”<sup>[6]</sup> He later wished a group of the faithful that “your deliberations will encourage the political and legislative initiatives being promoted in a growing number of countries to eliminate the death penalty and to continue the substantive progress made in conforming penal law both to the human dignity of prisoners and the effective maintenance of public order.”<sup>[7]</sup>

6. In this same prospective, Pope Francis has reaffirmed that “today capital punishment is unacceptable, however serious the condemned's crime may have been.”<sup>[8]</sup> The death penalty, regardless of the means of execution, “entails cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment.”<sup>[9]</sup> Furthermore, it is to be rejected “due to the defective selectivity of the criminal justice system and in the face of the possibility of judicial error.”<sup>[10]</sup> It is in this light that Pope Francis has asked for a revision of the formulation of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the death penalty in a manner that affirms that “no matter how serious the crime that has been committed, the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and the dignity of the person.”<sup>[11]</sup>



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