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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

Very Reverend DAVID A. WYNEN, Rector, VF  
Monsignor EDWARD D. SHERIDAN, In Residence  
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Mrs. SANDRA GOULD, Pastoral Minister  
Mr. ROBERT CORSO, Director of Music  
Mr. SANDOR KOLLARICH, Maintenance  
Sister LENA PETRUCELLI, CSJB, Sacristan

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Closed  
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

## **SUNDAY MASS**

(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## **DAILY MASS**

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

## **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 the Office of Vocations (905) 528-7988.

## **CATHOLIC BURIAL NEEDS**

Please contact The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton (905) 522-7727.

Third Week of Advent	Mass Intention	Meeting/Event
Tuesday, December 19 <i>Judges 13.2-7, 24-25; Luke 1.5-25</i>	8:00 a.m. – +Jose& Maria Graca	
Wednesday, December 20 <i>Isaiah 7.10-14, 8.10; Luke 1.26-38</i>	12:00 Noon (Cathedral) – +Romano Piccini + Andras Kiss	7:00 p.m. Reconciliation
Thursday, December 21 <i>Zephaniah 3.14-18; Luke 1.39-45</i>	8:00 a.m. +John Michalicka	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 22 <i>1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56</i>	8:00 a.m. -John Phan	
Saturday, December 23	5:00 p.m. Vigil – 3rd Sunday Advent – Mass with the Intentions: Charlie Leitis; Aurelia Dante Di Luca; Joseph Da Silva; Emira Ianiro; Deceased Sorbara family; Luigi & Annunziata Rao	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Confessions
Sunday, December 24, 2023 <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <i>2 Samuel 7.1-16; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38</i>	9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass	

## COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, December 3, 2023*

Monthly PAD	\$ 10,137.00
Regular Offerings	\$ 8,713.00
Cathedral Charities	\$ 1,546.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,261.00
Other	\$ 40.00
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	\$ 21,697.00

Thanks to all who choose to support the Cathedral Parish with their gifts of *time, talent, & treasure*. Boxes of 2024 Sunday Offering envelopes will be available for pick up in December. If you would like to become an offering envelope user, or support the Parish through monthly pre-authorized debits, please complete a registration form. Donations received through offering envelopes, pre-authorized debits, or by cheque receive an annual receipt for Income Tax purposes. The Cathedral Basilica is a registered charity.

## ENVELOPES & YEAR-END DONATIONS

Parish Sunday Offering Envelope boxes will be available for pick up in mid-December. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like a box for next year, please contact the Parish Office. Kindly do not use the 2024 envelopes until January 1<sup>st</sup>. Some parishioners make an annual “year-end” donation. Please be sure to make that offering no later than **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023** for a 2023 Tax receipt. All donations made on January 1<sup>st</sup> or later, will be receipted at the end of 2024.

## EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE AT HHS

Please know that the Priests in Parishes around the City are assigned to provide urgent pastoral care for the sick and dying patients at Hamilton Health Science facilities. Each hospital site has a telephone number which connects directly with the Priest “on-call” it is available at the nurses’ station in each section. Saint Joseph Hospital also has a Priest “on-call”. If you require emergency pastoral care while a patient at St. Joe’s let your nurse know and the call will be made by the hospital.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023

### ***Reconciliation (Confession)***

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturdays in Advent from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Additionally, confessors will be available on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Daily Mass***

8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

12:00 Noon on Wednesdays.

### ***Sunday Mass***

The Sundays of Advent help prepare us for the great feast of Christmas. Please note that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for Sunday and again for Christmas.

### **Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023)**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### **Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023)**

Nativity of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

11:30 p.m. Carols from the Cathedral Basilica

### **Christmas Day (Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023)**

12:00 Midnight

Solemn Pontifical Midnight Mass with His Excellency, Bishop Crosby.

[Livestreamed on our YouTube channel]

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

### **New Year's Eve (Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023)**

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### **New Year's Eve**

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

5:00 p.m. Mass

### **New Year's Day (Monday, January 1, 2024)**

11:00 a.m. Mass

## SEASON OF ADVENT

Today is *Gaudete Sunday* – typically the mid-way-point of Lent. Historically, at a time when Advent was seen as a mini-Lent, with an emphasis on fasting and penance, the vestments for this Sunday would be *rose*. Liturgical rose is not pink – it is combination of purple and white – a sign that the austerities of penance would soon be replaced with the joy of Christmas. Today, the Season of Advent is a time of joyful preparation with a greater emphasis on hearing the words of the Baptist, “prepare the way of the Lord!” We prepare the way by growing in our loving service of others, deepening our life of prayer, and turning to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May these final days of Advent find us watchful and ready to welcome the Lord when he comes.

### CAN WE JUST GO TO ONE MASS NEXT WEEK?


This year, with Christmas on a Monday, we have lots of opportunities to celebrate our faith. Our Masses for the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** (December 24) are at the same times as our usual schedule. Sunday is the Lord's Day and it is our privilege to gather for the Eucharist. The first Mass of Christmas Eve is celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on December 24 (it doesn't count for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent). Christmas Day Masses are celebrated at Midnight and at 11:00 a.m. – Christmas is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. We celebrate the Messiah's birth with joy. The really good news is that we get to do it all again the following week. Sunday, December 31 is the *Feast of the Holy Family* with our regular Mass Schedule. January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated on New Year's Eve at 5:00 p.m. (it doesn't fulfill the Sunday obligation). At 11 a.m. we celebrate Mass for the feast on New Year's morning. The Eucharist is the *source and summit* of our Christian life. It is a privilege to gather for Mass in peace and in the joy of the Season. Let us also be mindful of the visitors who will join us our Christmas Masses – let us make them welcome among us at the Table of the Lord!



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