



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

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
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Sister LENA PETRUCCELLI, 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 - Friday at 8:00 a.m.

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) 527-7727.

MASS INTENTIONS

4TH WEEK OF ADVENT

Daily Mass Celebrated in McNally Hall.

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Zephaniah 3.14-18; Luke 1.39-45

8:00 a.m. + John Michalicka

& Calvin Moffatt

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66

8:00 a.m. + Don Bates

Friday, December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62.11-12; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.15-20

4:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass

6:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass

Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas Day

Isaiah 62.11-12; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.15-20

12:00 a.m. Christmas Midnight Mass

9:00 a.m. Christmas Family Mass

11:00 a.m. Christmas Family Mass

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

Sunday, December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.41-52

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Sunday Offerings \$12,163.00

Loose Offerings 975.00

Monthly PAD 10,873.33

Other 10.00

Cathedral Charities 1,311.00

Stained Glass 10,110.00

\$ 35,442.33

Thank you to our parishioners and visitors for your generous donations. Your contributions assist with the upkeep and operation of the Cathedral Basilica. If you are new to the Parish and wish to begin using envelopes or pre-authorized giving, please visit our parish website www.ctkbasilica.ca

COVID VACCINES

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY

We'll have a brief meeting with those who will assist us with hospitality at our Christmas Masses **today at 10:00 a.m.** Parishioners who are fully vaccinated are welcome to assist us with hospitality.

COVID ONGOING PRECAUTIONS

As the Province relaxes COVID restrictions in certain areas of life, please note the following:

- We are required to maintain 6 feet (2 meters) of social distance. The Cathedral is not yet able to open to full capacity - we trust that will happen when many of the restrictions are lifted at the end of March.
- Masks must always be worn inside the Cathedral Basilica and McNally Hall. The mask should completely cover the mouth and nose.
- If you have a flu or cold - please do not attend Mass until you are recovered.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022

New boxed sets of offering envelopes for 2022 will be available in December ... please *do not* use the new envelopes until January 1, 2022.

YEAR-END DONATIONS FOR 2021

Please note that year-end donations for 2021 *must be received on or before* December 31, 2021 for a 2021 income tax receipt. Donations received on January 1st or later will count toward a 2022 income tax receipt. Donations may be given in the usual Sunday offerings or by sending them to the Parish Rectory before December 31, 2021. Thanks to all for your generosity.

ATTENDING CHRISTMAS MASS

Free tickets are available and required for admittance to this year's Midnight Mass. You may obtain tickets after Mass or from the Parish Office. A limited number of tickets are available.

Seating at our other Christmas Masses will be on a first come basis. There will be "overflow" seating in McNally Hall with a live-feed from the Cathedral. The "overflow" will be available at the 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Masses on Christmas eve and the 11 a.m. Mass Christmas Day. Registration for these Masses is not required. Masks must be worn covering the nose & mouth at all time inside the Cathedral Basilica and McNally Hall. Social distance also to be maintained between households and individuals.

OVERFLOW IN McNALLY HALL

Due to ongoing social distance requirements, we have reduced seating capacity in the Cathedral. At our 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays, overflow seating is provided in McNally Hall. Live-feed video and sound of the Mass in the Cathedral. A hospitality minister and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will be present. To assist with seating in the Cathedral – we ask single people and couples to occupy the side aisles so that families may have access to the longer pews. Thanks to all for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Office will open on Tuesday, December 28 and Wednesday, December 29 with reduced hours. Normal office opening times resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

WEDDINGS FOR 2023

Congratulations to newly engaged couples. Reservations are now being accepted for weddings in 2023. The Cathedral requires one year's notice of marriage for Catholics who live within the Diocese of Hamilton.



ANNIVERSARY OF CATHEDRAL OPENING

The Cathedral of Christ the King was opened and blessed on December 19, 1933 in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio (personal representative of the Holy Father) and many Archbishops and Bishops from Canada. Bishop John T. McNally, fifth Bishop of Hamilton, presided at the rites that day. He went on to become Archbishop of Halifax in 1937 and was succeeded as Bishop of Hamilton by Joseph Francis Ryan – first Rector of the Cathedral of Christ the King – that same year. After a damaging fire in 1981, the Cathedral closed for several months of restoration and renovation. On the feast of Christ the King – November 21, 1982 – the Cathedral was solemnly dedicated by Bishop Paul Francis Reding. The Cathedral has stood as a beacon of faith, a solemn entrance to the City of Hamilton, and an architectural treasure of English Canada for decades. In recognition of its significance in this local Church, and in the community, Pope Benedict XVI bestowed the title "Basilica" upon the Cathedral on February 25, 2013 – thereby fulfilling the vision of its builder, Bishop John T. McNally. May this place – which we love – continue to be a home for all those who seek Christ, who desire to dwell in His house, and to share in the Eternal Banquet of which we have a foretaste each week at the Altar of the Lord.

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