

CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST THE KING

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Lord's Day Eucharist

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

> 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Daily Eucharist

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

Weekly schedule in the Bulletin

Reconciliation

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pastoral Staff

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

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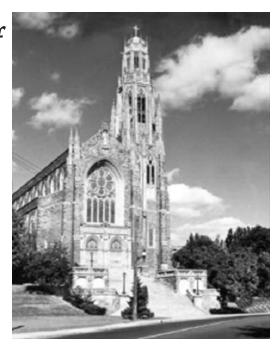
Cathedral Basilica Office Hours

Monday Office is closed

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

Care of the Sick

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



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.*

Parish Registration

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

Vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life

For information contact Father Michael 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.

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Mass Intentions

Christmas Octave

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

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 Saint Stephen, First Martyr No Mass

Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6.8-7.59; Matthew 10.17-22

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8 +Raymond Conforzi

Thursday, December 28, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 John 1.5-2.2; Matthew 2.13-18

Arlene Costello

Mass with Seminarians

Friday, December 29, 2017

8:00 a.m.

1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35

Laurina Ferrari

Saturday, December 30, 2017

Mass - Vigil- Holy Family

5:00 p.m.

Sirach 3.2-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.22-40

+Rosina Lico Spadafora, +Domenico & Rosa Sergi, +Maria Bellissimo, +Thom Bart, +Mary Monks

Collection Report

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Sunday, December 3, 2017	
Regular (262 env. @ \$32.66 avg)	\$8,559.05
Loose Offerings	\$1,969.95
Stained Glass Window Collection	\$3,238.00
Cathedral Charities	\$717.00
Christmas	\$570.00
Total	\$15,054.00

Thank you to those who support our Parish with your *time, talent* and *treasure*. To begin using offering envelopes or pre-authorized donations, please contact our Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note that there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, December 30. We will resume our weekly Adoration Holy Hour on Saturday, January 7th, 2018. Please consider joining us for this hour of quiet prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Out of the Ordinary

This space in our bulletin will be used weekly for the Bishop's calendar or for things His Excellency would like to highlight. On Thursday, December 28th the Bishop will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral Basilica with the Seminarians of the Diocese of Hamilton. You are welcome to attend this Mass at 11:00 a.m. that morning. His Excellency wishes you and your families a very Merry Christmas! He looks forward to greeting you after Mass on New Year's Day.

Year-end Donations

Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a yearend donation to the Cathedral Basilica for 2017 should do so on or before *Sunday, December 31*, 2017. Donations received by this date will be receipted for 2017. Donations received on, or after, January 1, 2018 can only be receipted for 2018. As a registered Charitable Organization, the Parish must comply with these CRA guidelines. Your understanding is appreciated.

Parish Offering Envelopes

Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January 1st. If you would like to support our Parish financially with a boxed set of envelopes please contact Lisa in our Office. We also offer *preauthorized giving* – debits automatically transferred from your bank account of the Parish Account - for those who wish the convenience of this option. Brochures available in the Tower entrance and at the side entrance.

Parish Records

Have you moved in the past year? Changed your phone number or email address. It is important that our parish records are kept up to date so we have a way to reach out to you and also have an accurate address to send your income tax receipt.

If you made any of these changes please call our parish office or send us an email so we can update our records.

Daily Mass Schedule

Please note the changes to the Daily Mass schedule for this week ... no Mass on Tuesday morning and the Thursday morning Mass is at **11 a.m.** rather than 8 a.m. You are welcome to join Bishop Crosby and the Seminarians of the Diocese for that Mass.



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Christmas 2017

My dear friends,

We settle in for another Christmas season. Christmas is always a blessing, a time for giving thanks – especially for the Father's gift to us: Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us – even though many struggle at this time of year.

A good friend, a brother Priests, and a member of the Religious community to which I belong, *Father Chris Rushton*, is being cared for at Emmanuel Hospice in Hamilton, one of the many Good Shepherd ministries. It means, simply, that he is in the process of dying. (I am glad that "The Good Shepherd" is caring for him!)

Father Chris is a remarkable person. He accepts the inevitable with great faith and serenity, and he expresses profound gratitude for every act of kindness he receives – a visit, a gift, a service, a chat, and his is *always* looking for ways to "give back." He is an inspiration to those who experience both his joy and the enthusiasm he brings to each day.

He is the example that might guide us: gratitude for each day – the fundamental gift – the gift of life. Aware of such a great blessing, we find ways to "give back" – precisely by the decisions we make each day to respond generously to those whose needs may be greater than our own.

A word of affirmation is an easy way to do that. It does not cost two cents – but for the recipient it can be solid gold, a life-saver: "Someone thinks I am worth it!" A word of affirmation can be the boost needed for the day – or for a lifetime.

This Christmas affirm someone – anyone – a child, a sibling, a friend, a neighbour! Watch how it affects them. you have done something that will have a ripple effect touching many! It is truly a gift that keeps on giving!

Merry Christmas! May our faith be deepened during this Christmas season!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

♣ Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI Bishop of Hamilton

Christmas Eve Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m.. Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHCHTV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast. This year we are happy to welcome Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Rome) and Father Paul Murray, OP as special guests.

New Year's Masses

Join us for the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God* (a holy day of obligation in Canada). New Year's Eve (Sunday, December 31) at **4:00 p.m.** and on New Year's Day at **11:00 a.m.** Bishop Crosby will preside at the 11 a.m. Mass and greet all those who attend with New Year's greetings.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed December 25, 2017-January 2, 2018. It re-opens on January 3.

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