

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 Mrs. LISA TUCK, Parish Secretary 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 - Friday 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 preauthorized 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS Christmas Octave

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist 1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8

12:00 Noon + Andy Osuchowski

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John 1.5-2.2; Matthew 2.13-18

12:00 Noon +Romano Piccini
+John Tyo, Sr.
+Lillian Misale

Thursday, December 29, 2022 1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35 12:00 Noon +Calvin Moffat

Friday, December 30, 2022 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23 12:00 Noon (I)Robert McGowan

+Zdislav Kovarick

Saturday, December 31, 2022 5:00 p.m. Vigil – Solemnity of Mary Intentions of the Deceased: Jennifer Sylvia Kirkpatrick; Don Bates; Ana Maria Sanchez Comacho, Una McParland, Evelyne Beaver; Margaret Lamontagne

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Regular Offerings	156x\$42.72	\$ 6,665.00
Loose Offerings		\$ 822.00
Other		\$ 200.00
Stained Glass		\$ 976.00
Cathedral Charities		\$ 400.00
		\$ 9.063.00

Thank you for your continuing and generous support of the Cathedral Basilica.



FROM THE RECTOR ...

Welcome to all who celebrate this Christmas Mass here at the Cathedral Basilica – your spiritual home! How good it is to gather in person for the celebration of

the Lord's Nativity. We have had some difficult years and some tough reality to deal with since the dawn of COVID. As we learn to live with this pernicious virus – taking the necessary precautions – we are able to gather around the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist to share our joy at the Saviour's birth.

This past Advent, a beloved former Rector of the Cathedral – Monsignor Raymond Modeski – was born into Eternal Life. He was Rector here from 1979 until 1992. Monsignor Modeski was noted for his genuine hospitality, keen administrative ability, and great capacity to love and serve the parishioners entrusted to his care. For me, Monsignor Modeski was a great pastoral example, a brother Priest, and a friend. We bid farewell to him in the joyful hope and expectation of this Holy Season of Advent – knowing that one day we will be united again with him and with all who have gone before us in faith. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter the joy of your Lord!"

It is a privilege to serve here at the "mother Church" of the Diocese of Hamilton. The Cathedral Staff join me in assuring you of our prayers and our commitment to all our parishioners. The Cathedral Basilica is the centre of the liturgical and spiritual life of the Diocese and it is home to a vibrant faith community. Thank you for your witness to Christ, your desire to serve Him, and your care for your neighbour!

God's great blessings for you and your family!

Father David Wynen

Very Reverend David A. Wynen, VF Rector and Dean of Hamilton



BISHOP CROSBY'S CHRISTMAS 2022 PASTORAL LETTER

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a time of familiarity. We sing familiar songs, share familiar greetings, we pray and gather and celebrate in all those ways to which we are accustomed. Yet does this familiarity numb us to the awe-inspiring reality of the Lord's Nativity? Look into the Christmas crèche: what do we see here? The King of the Universe – lying helpless in a manger. The Lord God Almighty – wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Eternal Word – an infant, unable even to speak!

The Creator of Heaven and Earth is held in the arms of one he has created, and upon opening his eyes *looks up at his mother* – and so looks up at each of us. God so loves us that *he comes to us*, he lowers himself for us, he refuses to be distanced from us and so becomes one of us – taking on the frailty of the human form, yet losing nothing of the greatness of his Divine power.

May we never grow tired of discovering anew these jarring truths, which turn upsidedown our expectations of power, greatness, kingship, and so much else. May we renew with fervour our adoration of the God who has become a child, who for love of each one of us has inserted his very self into our human story. This is the blessing of Christmas – may it fill our hearts during these holy days!

May God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven! (From the Solemn Blessing of Mass During the Night)

Merry Christmas!

Douglas Crosby, OM?

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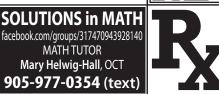
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