



# CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST <sup>the</sup> 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 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**  
**OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**  
*Daily Mass Celebrated in the Cathedral*

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John 1.5-22; Matthew 2.13-18

8:00 a.m. (I) Jenő & Katica Palko

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35

8:00 a.m. +Elizabet Dombay

Thursday, December 30, 2021

1 John 2.12-17; Luke 2.36-40

8:00 a.m. +Norma & Owen Helwig

Friday, December 31, 2021

*Vigil – Mary, Mother of God*

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

5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022

*Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

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

11:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass

*(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day)*

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-6; Matthew 2.1-12

**COLLECTION REPORT**

*Sunday, December 12, 2021*

Sunday Offerings \$11,735.50

Loose Offerings 817.00

Christmas 80.00

Cathedral Charities 315.00

Stained Glass 1,159.00

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\$ 14,106.50

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](http://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.

**COVID ONGOING PRECAUTIONS**

The COVID pandemic presents us with new challenges as we move into the new year, 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.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**HOLY FAMILY**

Let us pray for the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth for our own family and the families of our Parish.



## BISHOP CROSBY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2021

My dear friends,

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone!" Isaiah 9.2*

The fact that we are now dealing with the Omicron variant of the pernicious COVID-19 virus is discouraging indeed. We have worked so hard to do what we can to "manage" the pandemic protocols, but the daily bad news of increased infections, after we thought we were getting ahead things, makes it difficult to remain positive.

The scripture passages given to us by the Church in the daily readings during the Christmas season remind us over and over again that we are a people of HOPE – darkness does not overwhelm us. The powerful recounting of the Christmas story lifts us up out of darkness, sadness, and sorrow, and reminds us that God has given us a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. This announcement gladdens us and reassures us that the Lord is with us – especially in the darkest of nights. It is the blessing of Christmas!

*May the God of infinite goodness,  
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world  
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night,  
drive far from you the darkness of death  
and illumine your hearts with the light of life!  
(from the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)*

Merry Christmas! Enjoy the season!

✠ *Douglas Crosby, OMI*

Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton

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### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have helped us celebrate the great Christmas feast. Thanks to our choir and instrumentalists under the direction of Robert Corso. We appreciate the assistance of our liturgical ministers at the various Masses. Thank you to our Parish Staff for their extra efforts in decorating and other preparations.

### OFFICE OPEN

Our Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday (December 28 & 29) from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral during Christmas week (Tuesday – Thursday) at 8:00 a.m. Note there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2022.

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