



# 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  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

## SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.

Seating is limited to 30% capacity. Masks are recommended during Mass.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Marian Chapel

## DAILY MASS

Tuesday through Friday  
8:30 a.m. (Cathedral Basilica)

## 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 Father 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Masses are celebrated without the presence of the faithful during this time of pandemic lockdown.*

### OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35

(I) Van Pampus family

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

1 John 2.12-17; Luke 2.36-40

(I) Doug Thoman

Thursday, December 31, 2020

No scheduled intention today

Friday, January 1, 2021

(I) Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica

Saturday, January 2, 2021

+Maria Pilot, +Leanne Thompson, +Maria DoCarmo Amaro, +Jane Donaldson

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

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

## COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, December 13, 2020*

Sunday Offerings	154@106.50	\$ 16,402.00
Cathedral Charities		\$ 425.00
Loose		\$ 536.00
Christmas		\$ 685.00
Stained Glass		\$ 1,110.00
		<u>\$ 19,158.00</u>

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Cathedral Basilica with your weekly offerings. If you would like have a set of Sunday Offering envelopes or sign up for pre-authorized giving - please contact our Parish Office. You may wish to consider making your offering using *pre-authorized debits*. All donations are receipted in the usual manner.

## "GREY" ZONE - LOCKDOWN

The Province of Ontario has returned Hamilton to lockdown status as of Monday, December 21, 2020. As we know, this means that large public gatherings - including public worship - are suspended. Although the faithful are not able to gather "in person" for the celebration of the Eucharist, please know that the Bishop and Priests of the Cathedral Basilica continue to offer Mass each day. Previously scheduled intentions will be offered on the assigned day. Baptisms and weddings may not take place. The rites of burial may be observed at the cemetery with limited numbers in attendance. Let us remember one another in prayer during this time of lockdown.

## WEDDINGS FOR 2021

We have many couples planning to marry at the Cathedral Basilica in 2021. All, but three couples from 2020 transferred to 2021 due to the COVID lockdown. Our advice to these couples is to plan their wedding based on the information we have today. It's easier to add people to the guest list, than it is to disinvite due to restrictions. Wedding ceremonies can be celebrated with 30% capacity of the Cathedral Basilica ... this does not apply to reception venues.

## YEAR-END OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Those who wish to make year-end donations to the Cathedral Basilica Parish should note that all such donations must be received by the Parish Office on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Donations received by December 31 will be reflected on your income tax receipt for 2020. Donations received on January 1<sup>st</sup> or beyond will be reflected on your 2021 income tax receipt.

## INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

2020 income tax receipts will be mailed from the Parish Office early in the New Year.



## BISHOP CROSBY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear friends,

As the Christmas feasts begin, I am pleased to send you greetings in the form of an excerpt from the 2019 Christmas homily of Pope Francis:

*“A charming legend relates that at the birth of Jesus the shepherds hurried to the stable with different gifts. Each brought what he had; some brought the fruits of their labour, others some precious item. But as they were all presenting their gifts, there was one shepherd who had nothing to give. He was extremely poor; he had no gift to present. As the others were competing to offer their gifts, he stood apart, embarrassed. At a certain point, Saint Joseph and Our Lady found it hard to receive all those gifts, especially Mary, who had to hold the baby. Seeing the shepherd with empty hands, she asked him to draw near, and she put the baby Jesus in his arms. That shepherd, in accepting him, became aware of having received what he did not deserve, of holding in his arms the greatest gift of all time. He looked at his hands, those hands that seemed to him always empty. They had become the cradle of God. He felt himself loved and, overcoming his embarrassment, began to show Jesus to the others, for he could not keep for himself the Gift of gifts. ... Dear brother, dear sister, if your hands seem empty, if you think your heart is poor in love, this night is for you. The grace of God has appeared, to shine forth in your life. Accept it and the light of Christmas will shine forth in you!”*

Christmas is God who comes to us! Christmas saves us, lifts us up, fills us, and frees us! During this time of profound fear and suffering, I wish you the experience of light, life and love!

Merry Christmas!

*+ Douglas Crosby*, OMI  
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton



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