

CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST the KING

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SUNDAY MASS

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

RECONCILIATION

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

DAILY MASS

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

To register with the Parish and to request Sunday Offering envelopes, or for information about pre-authorized giving, please complete a *Registration Form* which can be found in the Tower entrance, or on our Parish website.

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.

CARE OF THE SICK

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

RCIA

Adults who desire becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church may inquire about the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. The Rite prepares adults who wish to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Please visit our website of call the Parish office for information regarding the baptism of infants or young children.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples may visit our Parish website for information on getting married at the Cathedral Basilica. We ask for one year's notice of marriage in order to accommodate the necessary steps in preparation.

MASS INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS SEASON

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

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - see below

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

8:00 a.m.

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28

+Maureen Walsh

Seminarians of the Diocese

11:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 3, 2019

8:00 a.m.

1 John 2.29-3.1-6 John 1.29-34

Teresa Grant

Friday, January 4, 2019

8:00 a.m.

1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42

+Peter Hilbert

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 p.m.

Mass

5:00 p.m.

Vigil- Epiphany of our Lord

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

+Louisa Rosa; +Giuseppe Macaluso; Wiseman; +Domenico & Rosa Sergi; +Yurily Kira; +Agnus Baumann; +Imre Andras; +Raffaele Iannone

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God A Holy Day of Obligation in Canada

New Year's Eve – Monday, December 31st, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God with Bishop Crosby

INTERESTED IN WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Want to know about the programs offered by the Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton? Visit the Diocesan website - www.hamiltondiocese.com and sign up for the newsletter.

WELCOME SEMINARIANS!

Our Diocesan Seminarians will gather with Bishop Crosby for the celebration of Mass on Wednesday, January 2nd at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica. Please pray for our Seminarians in formation and for all those discerning the Lord's call to Church ministry. We currently have 21 Seminarians at various levels of formation in 4 Seminaries.

A BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY

Back by popular demand! Join us for this instructive series that reflects with Mary on the major moments in the life of the Lord, her own life and the implications for us. This faith series will run Tuesday evenings in McNally Hall (Cathedral Auditorium) from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. beginning January 8 through to February 12.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Don't throw out that tree yet! Did you know that the Christmas Season extends to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 13? Perhaps we might keep our Christmas decorations up until the Feast of the Epiphany next Sunday (January 6). All around us the carols have stopped being sung, the trees have been taken down, lights switched off ... but for the Church we continue to celebrate the mystery of the Lord's birth in Bethlehem. So – if you can – keep your tree up, wish one another Merry Christmas! and keep singing the joy of this Holy Season!

CATHEDRAL STAFF DINNER

Our Cathedral staff will enjoy a festive Christmas dinner this week. It is an opportunity to thank them - and some of our volunteers - for all their hard work through the year.

2019 CALENDARS

2019 Catholic Faith Calendars produced by the Ave Maria Centre for Peace in Toronto, will be available for those who attend Mass on New Year's Eve & New Year's Day. A limited number of calendars are available and will be available on a first come first served basis. It's a great way to keep track of the year - and learn about the liturgical calendar too.

RECTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

ear Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica of Parish,

This past year has a year filled with major events and milestones. We can look back at this past year with *gratitude* and look forward in *hope* to the year ahead.

It is with gratitude that I wish to thank our Parish Staff for their excellent work this past year. We are blessed to have a Parish team of committed lay staff who not only get along with one another – but are focused on the growth and well-being of our Parish. Each member of our Parish staff uses their talents and abilities for the good our community – and for this let us all be thankful.

We also have many volunteers – particularly those who assist us with our Sunday liturgical ministries – who make our Parish a welcoming community. Thank you to our Parish choirs, Ministers of the Word, extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and Ministers of Hospitality.

As the "mother Church" of the Diocese of Hamilton we are home to many special celebrations and events throughout the year. Thank you to Bishop Crosby and the Chancery Staff for their ongoing support of the Cathedral Basilica.

In 2018 we said a fond farewell to Monsignor Edward House who served as Rector from 2001 until 2013. Monsignor was born into Eternal Life on Holy Thursday – March 29 – his birthday! Many Parishioners attended the funeral celebration for him and offered thanks to God for the gift of this generous and loving Priest. We pray that he enjoy the reward due faithful servants.

As a Parish community we welcomed two Seminarians who lived here in Summer residence. *Carlos Dias* is now completing his Second Year of Theology at St. Peter's Seminary, London; and *Deacon John Schnurr* – now in the final months of preparation for Ordination to the Priesthood. It was a privilege to journey with these two fine candidates during their brief time with us.

We also give thanks to all those who support the Cathedral Basilica with their sacrificial giving throughout the year. Your generous offerings assist in paying the bills and in offering programs in the Parish. Thanks also to those who remember the Cathedral Basilica in their Estate planning – these generous gifts help us plan for significant capital projects and repairs.

In the coming months the Cathedral Parish will have the opportunity to participate in the Diocese's *One Heart, One Soul* Capital Campaign for Parishes. We are one of 15 "pilot" Parishes around the Diocese. Over the past number of years the Diocese has been most generous in assisting us with major capital renovations. Our participation in this Campaign will be our opportunity to undertake some smaller projects which will benefit the liturgical experience for all who gather to pray here. More details to come!

Looking forward with *hope* we must also recall the celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the opening of the Cathedral. We continue to build on the great legacy of all those parishioners who have gone before us.

May the coming year be a time of joy and peace for you, your family, and for our Parish community.

Sincerely yours in Christ the King, Father David A. Wynen
Rector

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxed sets of Sunday Offering Envelopes have been prepared for pick up between the King Street doors. Please take your boxed set for use in 2019. Please do not begin using the envelopes until January. If you would like to become an envelope user please contact our Parish Office or complete a Registration form found at the entrances of the Church or online. An alternate method of offering your financial sacrifice for the Parish is through *preauthorized bank debits*. PAD forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Income Tax receipts are offered for all donations to the Parish offered through the envelopes or by PAD donations.

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.

FOSTERING & ADOPTION

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