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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.

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Bishop of Hamilton

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Monday and Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Care of the Sick

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



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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*.

| <i>Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2013</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Announced Mass Intention or Celebration</i> | <i>Vocation Prayer Intention</i> |
|---|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Monday, December 16 <i>Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21.23-27</i> | No daily Mass | | Father Gerald Mulhall |
| Tuesday, December 17 <i>Genesis 49.2, 8-10; Matthew 1.1-17</i> | 8:00 a.m. | + Milton MacRitchie Uloth | Father Jacek Walkiewicz |
| Wednesday, December 18 <i>Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24</i> | 8:00 a.m. | + Josephine Lo Schiavo | Discalced Carmelite Nuns |
| Thursday, December 19 <i>Judges 13.2-7; 24-25a; Luke 1.5-25</i> | 8:00 a.m. | Intention of Mary Grady | Father Robert Wojslaw |
| Friday, December 20 <i>Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d; Luke 1.26-38</i> | 8:00 a.m. | + Bill Royle | Father Jerzy Tomon |
| Saturday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent – A – Isaiah 7.10-14; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-24 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | + Pavao Family + Georgio Cotroneo | |

COLLECTION REPORT

Due to early deadlines for our Sunday bulletin, our regular Collection Reports will be updated in a couple of weeks.

80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL

Thursday, December 19th marks the 80th Anniversary of the Blessing and opening of the Cathedral of Christ the King. His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the **8:00 a.m.** Mass that morning in the Cathedral ... all are welcome!

CONFESSIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, December 21st from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Several confessors available; adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be the last opportunity for Confession before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A "Christmas Pageant" is being organized involving children in the parish and will be performed before the 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve as part of a Carol service. If you would like your child (between the ages of 4 – 16 years) involved, please note that there will be a rehearsal **TODAY from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.** Final rehearsal will take place on Sunday, December 22 from 12:00 Noon until 1:30 p.m. For contact info, call the parish office. Thanks to Michelle Ball and Theresa Hale for taking on responsibility for the pageant.

YEAR END DONATIONS

Please note that any donations received on or before December 31st, 2013 are credited toward the 2013 Income Tax receipt. Donations received January 1st and after can only be credited toward 2014.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, December 24th, 2013

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas
(preceded by Carols & Pageant at 4:40 p.m.)

11:30 p.m. Carols at the Cathedral Basilica

12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass
with Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI
(televised on CHCH-TV)

Wednesday, December 25th, 2013

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Christmas Masses

(There are no afternoon or evening Masses on Christmas Day in the Diocese of Hamilton).

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) is a *Holy Day of Obligation* for Catholics in Canada. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Tuesday, December 31st, 2013

5:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bishop's Levee

Cathedral Auditorium

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

All are welcome to greet the Bishop at this levee.

2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Kindly pick up your box of 2014 Sunday offering envelopes and use them regularly during the coming year. Please **do not** use previous years envelopes as your number may have changed. It is most helpful to put your last name and/or address on the front of the envelope.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES & FLOWERS

Recently offering envelopes for Christmas and Floral Tributes were mailed to the homes of registered parishioners. Your kind financial support of the Cathedral through these collections is a great help to the parish. If you wish to dedicate your floral tribute envelope in memory of deceased loved one please mark that person's name on the back of the floral tribute envelope. Additional Christmas and Floral tribute envelopes will be placed at the back of the Cathedral.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Many thanks to the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who sponsored their annual Christmas gathering yesterday. Thanks also to the generosity of our parishioners who have helped to make this event successful.

The members of the Society have been working hard and well for several years and have decided to wind down their involvement in the Society effective December 31st, 2013. This means that for the foreseeable future the work of the Society will be suspended in our parish.

If anyone would like to take up this work in our parish you are most welcome to speak to Father Dave in the coming weeks.

The St. Vincent de Paul envelopes have been removed from the 2014 sets of offering envelopes. The funds on deposit in the St. Vincent de Paul account will be retained until the future of the Society in our parish is finalized. The Parish Finance Council will govern this parish account. At the appropriate time donations may be made from that account to charities that carry out similar work – ie "Out of the Cold" and/or the Brothers of the Good Shepherd.

Calls for assistance with food will be directed to the Good Shepherd, Mission Services and other helping agencies in our community.

SEMINARIAN CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Our parish community will host the Seminarians of the Diocese for their Christmas gathering on Friday, December 27th, 2013. All are welcome to join them for the celebration of Mass with Bishop Crosby at **11:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica. Lunch will be served afterwards for the seminarians and priests in attendance. In your kindness please pray for our seminarians and all discerning a call to service as ordained priests in our Diocese. We currently have 27 men in formation and look forward to celebrating the Ordination of Deacon David Walter to the Priesthood in May 20.

NOVEMBER INCOME & EXPENSE

INCOME

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Offerings | \$ 23,216.40 |
| Donations | \$ 9,202.80 |
| Loose Offerings | \$ 8,162.60 |
| Diocesan Collections | \$ 5,136.00 |
| Celebrations | \$ 1,630.00 |
| Cathedral Utilities | \$ 1,086.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 940.00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 390.00 |
| Religious Articles | \$ 41.25 |
| Other | \$ 5.00 |
| Interest earned | \$ 2.06 |
| Total Income | \$ 49,812.11 |

EXPENSES

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Lay Salaries | \$ 12,353.01 |
| Church | \$ 7,053.18 |
| Diocesan Collections | \$ 6,950.00 |
| Major Improvements | \$ 5,700.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 3,170.46 |
| Clergy Salary | \$ 2,952.92 |
| Food & Household | \$ 2,483.71 |
| Sanctuary & Choir | \$ 2,383.87 |
| Payroll Costs | \$ 1,431.43 |
| Office & Admin | \$ 1,321.68 |
| Council & Committee | \$ 567.00 |
| Rectory | \$ 105.07 |
| Bank charges | -\$ 15.83 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 46,456.50 |

TODAY IS GAUDATE SUNDAY

Gaudate is taken from the first word of the entrance antiphon for Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent. It marks the mid-way point of the Season. Our liturgical focus now begins to shift from the coming of Christ in glory in the fullness of time, to the celebration of Christ's birth in straw poverty in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

PARISH STAFF DINNER

Our parish staff will gather later this week for a pre-Christmas dinner to offer thanks for all their good work through the year. Many thanks to our parish staff!

PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, is seeking a Parish Office Administrator. Applicants must be well versed with Quick Books and have excellent computer and personal relation skills. The position covers both secretarial and bookkeeping duties. Resumes and cover letter must be received by December 31, 2103. The position will begin February 3, 2014. Please send your resume and cover letter to the following address: wlobsinger@hamiltondiocese.com.

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