

# Cathedral of Christ the King

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Ninth Bishop of Hamilton**

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Reverend Monsignor Edward House

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

#### **Our Lord's Day Liturgies**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

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**New Parishioners - Welcome!** Please introduce Yourself to the Rector and complete a Registration Form found in the book rack.

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**YEAR OF FAITH** 2012  
2013

In his Apostolic Letter, *"Porta Fidei"*, Pope Benedict XVI announced a *YEAR OF FAITH* which began on October 11, 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Year of Faith will end on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 24, 2013. Pope Benedict hopes that the Year of Faith will "help Catholics appreciate the gift of Faith, deepen their relationship with God and strengthen their common faith with others." This year of Faith is meant to turn us once again to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to rediscover our faith and to encourage us to inspire others. Catholics throughout the world and in the Diocese of Hamilton are being given a special opportunity to be renewed in faith, hope and love.

*"Rediscovering the Joy"* is the underlying theme of the year of Faith. There are six themes that will be promoted in the Year of Faith: The Faith We Believe (Focus on the Creed) October-November; The Faith we Live (Focus on Faith in Action), December-January; The Faith We profess (Focus on Easter) February-March, 2013; The Faith We Celebrate (Focus on Sacraments) April-June, 2013; The Faith We Savor (Focus on Rest & Reflection) July-August, The Faith We Share (Focus on Evangelization) September-November, 2013.

Be sure to get a copy of the Diocesan Booklet "The Faith We Believe - Unpacking the Creed".



## WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

We welcome our parishioners and visitors of the Cathedral of Christ the King in this Advent Season.



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday - 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 22

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. - Family Mass

11:30 p.m. – Christmas Carols (Cathedral Choir)

12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*(Please note there is no Mass in the evening on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton)*

### NEW YEAR'S

Monday, December 31, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2013- 10:00 a.m. only



(8:00 a.m. in the Marian Chapel)

Tuesday, December 18	Irene Richter
Wednesday, December 19	Archibald Mills
Thursday, December 20	Pavao Family
Friday, December 21	Bill Royle - Helen Dillon Fr. Kyran Kennedy Joe Lico – Nancy Lou Dodge
<b>Saturday – 5:00 p.m.</b>	Jim Marchese - Tony Spano Adelia Cipriani

### CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

In this holy season of Christmastide, as a mark of respect for our deceased relatives and friends, you can dedicate a Floral Tribute as a sign of remembrance and as an expression of your faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Your Floral Tribute at Christmas will help to beautify the Cathedral of Christ the King inside and outside. Christmas Midnight Mass is televised by CHCH TV and broadcasted throughout Canada, the eastern United States and Bermuda. We hope to beautify our Cathedral with appropriate Christmas flowers and decorations with your help. Fill out the Floral Tribute form, place in an envelope marked "Floral Tributes" and drop in the collection basket. Thank you!

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2012

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philipians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18



The Lord is near

Today has traditionally been called "**Gaudete Sunday**." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "**rejoice always in the Lord,**" and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work. Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy. This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Every time a hand reaches out to help another . . .

That is Christmas.

Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding . . .

That is Christmas.

Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other . . .

That is Christmas.

May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding . . .

Closer to the blessing of peace!

### ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, December 30 in the Marian Chapel. Be sure you mark your calendars now.



Silent Night, Holy Night

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of Christ the King receives many visitors during the Christmas Season, especially at Midnight Mass and Christmas Day. Please be extra courteous, kind and welcoming. The parking at the upper level is for the handicapped. Please do not park there unless you have a Handicap Permit. The Ushers will be patrolling to make sure that those who need to use the elevator will be able to park in the traffic circle.



Please remember your Cathedral Parish in your gift-giving this Christmas. The extra donations that are given at Christmas helps us to pay our bills and to have a little left over to begin the New Year. A special envelope was enclosed in your Christmas Mailing. Please be generous.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Joseph Kelly, C.S.Sp.
Tuesday	Rev. Ian Duffy
Wednesday	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
Thursday	Rev. Stephen LaCroix, C.S.B.
Friday	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Saturday	Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.

## FROM BISHOP OF HAMILTON



Dear Monsignor:

Thank you for your letter dated November 27, 2012 regarding the payment of the new elevator for the Cathedral of Christ The King. I would like to acknowledge receipt of your Bank Draft in the amount of \$180,000.00 dollars. I am truly grateful to the parishioners of the Cathedral for their generous support of this construction project. The new elevator will benefit the whole Catholic community as they attend different functions at the Cathedral of Christ The King.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary, Immaculate, + (Most Rev.)  
Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

Dear fellow parishioners: This past year, your generosity has enabled the St. Vincent De Paul Society to answer over 400 calls for food assistance from local households. Our annual Christmas program takes place on December 15 in the Cathedral auditorium and once again, we are depending upon you to make it another successful event. We anticipate over 125 local households will attend. We kindly ask for your help with a donation using either: 1) the St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas envelopes or 2) a tag from the Christmas Tree of Hope and return it with a Fortino's gift card. Thank you for your ongoing support for the needy in our parish community.

## WELCOME R.C.I.A. CANDIDATES

Today we welcome 3 Adult Candidates for Baptism and or Reception into the Catholic Faith. They will be enrolled as Candidates at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Welcome Paulina Moran, Jennifer Biom and Jonathan Bernier.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy. Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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