



CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST *the* KING

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Welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King - the "mother" church of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. The Cathedral is the Bishop's Church as it is home to the *cathedra*, or Bishop's Chair. Pope Benedict XVI bestowed the title "basilica" on February 25th, 2013 in recognition of the architectural significance and importance of the Cathedral.

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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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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PASTORAL STAFF

Most Reverend D. DOUGLAS CROSBY, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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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 or 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

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24

+Ardea Piccini

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 **12:00 Noon**

85th Anniversary Mass of the Cathedral Basilica

Intentions of the Parishioners

Thursday, December 20, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 7.10-8.10; Luke 1.5-25

+Assunta & Cesare Piccini

Friday, December 21, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Zephaniah 3.14-18; Luke 1.39-45

+Jaime & Maria Medeiros Pavao

Saturday, December 22, 2018

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.

Mass 5:00 p.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5.2-5; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

+George Cotroneo; +Michele & Anna Sorbara;

+Ethel & Dan Seyarto; +Teresa & Marco Altomare;

+Aurelia & Dante Di Luca ; +Francesco & Maria

Romeo; +Maria Zumbo (Sergi)

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2018

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass

11:30 p.m.

“Carols from the Cathedral”

Televised live on Salt+Light TV

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25th

12:00 Midnight

Solemn Midnight Mass with Bishop Crosby

Televised live on Salt+Light TV

11:00 a.m. Christmas Family Mass

New Year’s Eve – Monday, December 31st

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

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday December 2, 2018

Regular (292 Envelopes/\$18.98 avg)	\$5,542.46
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Loose Offerings	\$1,738.54
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Stained Glass Windows	\$118.00
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Cathedral Charities	\$1,472.00
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Monthly P.A.D	\$5,217.00
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Total	\$14,088.00
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We appreciate the great financial support of our parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral Basilica. Your contributions assist us in care for the spiritual and physical needs of the Parish community. Stewardship also involves gifts of time and talent. If you are not currently using Sunday Offering envelopes, or if you would like to sign up for preauthorized giving, please contact us. New Parishioners are welcome! Please complete a Parish Registration form either on-line or using forms found at the entrances of the Church. Pre-authorized monthly debits are a great way of supporting the Parish, and you don't have to worry about putting cash in an envelope. Contact our office for more information.

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.

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 *pre-authorized 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Priest Confessors will be available on **Wednesday, December 19th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica.

ANNIVERSARY OF CATHEDRAL OPENING

On **Wednesday, December 19th** Bishop Crosby will preside at a Mass at 12:00 Noon, celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. In 1933 the Cathedral was blessed in the presence of the sitting Prime Minister of Canada, R.B. Bennett. Since then the Cathedral has stood as a witness to the faith and service of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Hamilton. Please join us for this celebration!

A GREAT GIFT IDEA ...

A limited number of 4x6 pieces of copper from the original 1933 roof are available for sale at the Mass on December 19 as well as the weekend Masses of the 22nd/23rd. Each piece is embossed with an image of the Cathedral. Each framed piece is \$100.00. A great way to commemorate the 85th Anniversary and makes a great Christmas gift.

YEAR-END DONATIONS

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2018 donations in 2019. If you would like to make a "year-end donation" please do so before or by December 31, 2018. Donations received or dated after December 31st must be credited for 2019. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

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.

OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note our Christmas Office hours. The Parish Office will close at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 21st and re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019. Telephone messages will be checked regularly.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children interested in helping with the choir for our 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will meet this Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass in McNally Hall.



What is the state of diocesan finances?

The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and

investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese's operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese's disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

I've heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can't those be used?

At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?

The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: "All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy." For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, hamiltondiocese.com.

What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese's financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.

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