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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.

Pastoral Staff

The Most Reverend D. DOUGLAS CROSBY, OMI, DD
Bishop of Hamilton

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Cathedral Basilica Office Hours

Monday Office is closed

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Care of the Sick

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

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*.

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 provided in the Tower entrance.

Vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life

For information contact Father Michael 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

Third week of Advent

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

Tuesday, December 19, 2017	8:00 a.m.
<i>Judges 13.2-25; Luke 1.5-25</i>	
+Cesare & Assunta Piccini	
Wednesday, December 20, 2017	8:00 a.m.
<i>Isaiah 7.10-8.10; Luke 1.26-38</i>	
+Frank Bedek & Gillis Family	
Thursday, December 21, 2017	8:00 a.m.
<i>Zephaniah 3.14-18; Luke 1.39-45</i>	
+ Marco & Teresa Altomare	
+ Fr. Neil Haight	
Friday, December 22, 2017	No Mass
<i>1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56</i>	
Saturday, December 23, 2017	
Mass - Vigil- 4th Sunday Advent	5:00 p.m.
<i>2 Samuel 7.1-16; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38</i>	
+Rosina Lico Spadafora, +Sorman family, +Maria Bellissimo, +Edmundo Pimental, +Theresa Marie Godin	

Collection Report

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Regular (265 env. @ \$23.40 avg)	\$6,200.00
Loose Offerings	\$1,787.00
Stained Glass Window Collection	\$165.00
Cathedral Charities	\$3,708.00
P.A.D. (1 st of month) (65 entr. @\$63.68 avg.)	\$4,139.00
Total	\$15,924.00

Thank you to those who support our Parish with your *time, talent and treasure*. To begin using offering envelopes or pre-authorized donations, please contact our Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note that there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, December 23 or Saturday, December 30. We will resume our weekly Adoration Holy Hour on Saturday, January 7th, 2018. Please consider joining us for this hour of quiet prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Out of the Ordinary

This space in our bulletin will be used weekly for the Bishop's calendar or for things His Excellency would like to highlight. Today, the Bishop will install Father Oehring as Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Hamilton. Later in the week in addition to various meetings, the Bishop will participate in the annual Chancery Office staff Mass and Christmas lunch hosted this year by St. Ann Parish, Ancaster.

Children's Choir

Children are welcome to participate in a special choir for Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. Rehearsals will be in McNally Hall today 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Parish Offering Envelopes

Our Parish's 2018 boxed sets of offering envelopes are available for pick up beginning today. **Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January.** If you would like to support our Parish financially with a boxed set of envelopes please contact Lisa in our Office. We also offer *pre-authorized giving* - debits automatically transferred from your bank account of the Parish Account - for those who wish the convenience of this option. Brochures available in the Tower entrance and at the side entrance.

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.

Year-end Donations

Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to the Cathedral Basilica for 2017 should do so on or before **Sunday, December 31, 2017**. Donations received by this date will be receipted for **2017**. Donations received on, or after, January 1, 2018 can only be receipted for 2018. As a registered Charitable Organization, the Parish must comply with these CRA guidelines. Your understanding is appreciated.

Season of Advent & Christmas Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Wednesday, December 20th

7:00 p.m. (several priests available)

[Note this is the last scheduled time for Confessions at the Cathedral - no Confessions on December 23 or December 30.]

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

[Note: these Masses satisfy the Sunday Obligation, not our Christmas Obligation.]

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

[Our Children's Liturgy group and friends will offer some Carols prior to Mass and they will participate in the 5 p.m. Mass.]

11:30 p.m. Carols from the Cathedral

12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass with

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby

Televised on Salt+Light & CHTV

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

[No afternoon or evening Masses at the Cathedral or in any Parish in the Diocese on Christmas Day.]

Feast of the Holy Family - Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30th 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31st 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31st

4:00 p.m. Vigil - Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1st

11:00 a.m. Feast of Mary, Mother of God

A holy day of obligation in Canada

Bishop Crosby will offer New Year's greetings to parishioners and visitors following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Christmas Food Drive

Thank you for returning the paper bag, you received last Sunday, filled with non-perishable food items to be shared with the poor through the Good Shepherd Ministries in the City of Hamilton. Your generous support helps to sustain the lives of our sisters and brothers who live in poverty. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for "leaning in" to lend a hand with the distribution of the bags and collection of food.

Christmas Eve Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHCHTV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast. This year we are happy to welcome Father Paul Murray, OP and Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Rome) as special guests.

BLESSING OF A CRÈCHE

*Blessed are you, Lord God, king of all creation:
we praise you for your love.*

*We thank you because you have loved us so much
that you sent your only Son
to bring us eternal life.*

*Bless this crib that we have prepared,
and let it be a reminder to us of the Lord Jesus,
Son of God and Son of Mary,
Lord for ever and ever.*

Holy Day Obligations

Catholics are obliged by Church precept to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. In Canada, there are two Holy Days of Obligation - *Christmas* and *Mary, Mother of God* (January 1). This year, Christmas and January 1 fall on a Monday. In order to avoid confusion, please note that to fulfill the obligation of Sunday Mass for December 24th and December 31st - we offer Masses on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass is a *Christmas Mass*; *Midnight Mass* and *Christmas morning at 11 a.m.* satisfy the obligation for Christmas. For New Year's we will offer Mass on Sunday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m. and on January 1st at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the Holy Day obligation. The bottom line is ... join us for the joy and privilege of celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on these festive days. May God, in His abundant mercy, bless us and our families this Christmas and throughout the coming new year!

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