

CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST THE KING

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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.

Pastoral Staff

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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 Kuzma at the Office of Vocations (905) 528-7988.

Catholic Burial Needs

Please contact The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton (905) 527-7727.

4th Week of Advent	Time	Announced Mass Intention or Celebration	Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, December 20, 2015 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Micah 5.2-5; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45;</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
Monday, December 21, 2015 <i>Zephaniah 3.14-18; Luke 1.39-45;</i>			Father Morley
Tuesday, December 22, 2015 <i>1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Jamie & Maria Medeiros Pavao	Father Grubisic, O.F.M.
	7:00 p.m.	Tenor/Bass Rehearsal (Choir Room)	
Wednesday, December 23, 2015 <i>Malachi 3.1-6; Luke 1.57.66;</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Ardea Piccini	Consecrated Men & Women
Thursday, December 24, 2015 Christmas Eve <i>Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-1; Luke 2.1-16</i>	5:00p.m.	Christmas Mass with Pageant at 4:40 p.m.	Father Morais Catarino
	12:00 a.m.	Midnight Mass	
Friday, December 25, 2015 <i>Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-6; John 1.1-18;</i>	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day	Father Zaryczny, C.R.
Saturday, December 26, 2015 <i>Vigil- Feast of the Holy Family</i> <i>Sir 3.2-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.41-52</i>	No Adoration or Confessions today.		Father Wycichowski, C.R.
	5:00 p.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Domenico and Rosa Sergi +Carmelo Musitano +Antoinette Campanelli +Bill Bourque +Vincenza Iudica	

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Regular Offerings (273 env. @ \$20.15 avg)	\$5,813.75
Loose Offerings	\$2,790.25
Cathedral Charities	\$551.00
P.A.D. 1st of the month (48ent. @\$55.00 avg.)	\$2,640.00
Total	\$11,795.00

Thank you for your support. Boxes of 2016 Sunday Offering envelopes are available for pick up. Please do not begin to use the 2016 envelopes until January. If you would like to become an offering envelope user please contact the Parish Office. If you have moved in the past year, kindly inform the Office so that our records can be updated. Donations for 2015 Income Tax purposes will be received until December 31st.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped prepare and celebrate the blessing of the *Door of Mercy* last Sunday evening. This Holy Door will be way in which pilgrims will enter the Cathedral Basilica during the *Year of Mercy*. May it be a sign to all of us that we are called to enter into the heart of the Father's mercy through our own efforts at the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Let us *be merciful like the Father* in all we say and do!

CHRISTMAS 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE (Thursday, December 24th, 2015)

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass
(Pageant at 4:40 p.m.)

11:30 p.m. Carols from the Cathedral Basilica
(televised on CHCH-TV)

12:00 Midnight – Solemn Midnight Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend
Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton
(televised on CHCH-TV)

Midnight Mass will be re-broadcast on Christmas morning at 8:00 a.m. on CHCH-TV

CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday, December 25th, 2015)

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend
Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton

[Note no 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning]

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Parents of young children are reminded that we offer *Children's Liturgy of the Word* at the **9:00 a.m.** Mass on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Thanks to our volunteers who make this service possible. For December they will meet on December 13th & 20th.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children in Grade 2 or older, who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in the Cathedral are asked to participate in the process of preparation leading to the celebration. Catechetical Session will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on January 10, 17, 24, and 31st. The Sacrament will be celebrated with the children on Saturday, February 6th at 3:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sandra Gould in the parish office.

PARENTING TIP

Children thrive on routine because it gives them a sense of control and security in their lives. As parents we can offer great benefits to our children by providing routines, setting limits and ensuring there is structure to our family commitments and obligations. When we model these actions to our children they learn organizational skills that will help them as they move forward into adulthood and take control of their own lives.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

All Souls Church is hosting a New Year's Eve Dance in their newly renovated Hall on Thursday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m.. Menu of Antipasto, Lasagna, chicken parmiggiana, vegetables, roasted potatoes, salad platter, fish platter, dessert, and coffee will be served. At midnight champagne and fruit cake will be served. Invite your family and friends. Tickets are \$65 each and can be purchased through All Souls parish office. Call 905-528-1513



BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear friends,

Goodness abounds!

This Christmas, as a counterpoint to the destructive forces of misery and terror that we have witnessed these past months, we must not forget that **goodness abounds!** More than not forgetting, let us be ready to point it out when we see it.

A few weeks ago, I was invited to join a small group of people who help at the *Out of the Cold* breakfast program in Hamilton. These very good folk agreed in the autumn to get up early every Thursday morning from November through March to make their way to a small kitchen outlet to prepare a hot breakfast for over 120 men and women. The volunteers are part of about 400 remarkable and

generous people who make the program work. They arrived in the quiet early morning hours and were spirited as they took up their duties, each one pitching in to assure that everything was ready for the arrival of the guests.

Steve showed me how to whip up pancake batter and how to cook the pancakes. Not too difficult – we worked together. Two hundred pancakes later, I was asked to help Karen and Frank serve the breakfast: pancakes, sausages, cereal, fruit, juice and the prerequisite coffee or tea. Morning greetings were friendly and sincere; the guests were known and called by name. As the serving line thinned out, I moved again, now to help with the washing of dishes. It gave me a chance to chat with Rob, who had done everything, including picking me up, to make the experience pleasant for me. The time passed quickly and, even before I left, I knew that I had participated in something good, something beautiful, something sacred!

The same thing happens every day in many communities in our country and around the world. Terrorists may get front page media coverage, but quiet unassuming goodness such as I experienced that morning wins hearts and souls! It won mine, and I know it won the guests'. Goodness abounds!

This Christmas we have begun the *Year of Mercy* called by Pope Francis. Feeding the hungry is one of the seven traditional *corporal works of mercy*. Many good people feed the hungry every day – often against great odds. When I think of the single unemployed parent worrying about how the three children will be fed that day, I know that my problems are small in comparison.

Recently, I was reminded that before original sin, there was original good. The biblical story of creation reminds us that God considered the created world to be “good”. And the human was “very good”! Original good came *before* original sin – and in Jesus Christ, the first born, that goodness is restored.

Christmas is a time to remember that in spite of the horrors of evil, good abounds. This Christmas, let us look for the goodness of others, and allow the good in us to shine – so that God's compassionate mercy might be revealed through simple, everyday kindness. And when we see the good deeds of the other, acknowledge them and affirm them. A simple “thank you” is easy enough, and is actually quite effective.

Thank YOU ... and Merry Christmas to you, your families and your loved ones!

+ *Douglas Crosby*

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