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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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*Bishop of Hamilton*

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## Cathedral Basilica Office Hours

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>Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Announced Mass Intention or Celebration</i>	<i>Vocation Prayer Intention</i>
<b>Monday, December 23</b> Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66	No Mass		Father Bradley Markus
<b>Tuesday, December 24</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> Isaiah 62.11-12; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.15-20	5:00 p.m. 11:30 p.m.	Christmas Mass Carol Service	Father David Wynen
<b>Wednesday, December 25</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> Isaiah 62.11-12; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.15-20	12:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Christmas Midnight Mass Christmas Mass Christmas Mass	Consecrated Men and Women
<b>Thursday, December 26</b> <i>St. Stephen, the first martyr</i> Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22	No Mass		Father Jonas Fulbert Ahouansou
<b>Friday, December 27</b> <i>St. John, apostle &amp; evangelist</i> 1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> <i>Note time change</i>	+ Concettina Paladino	Father Robert Hetu
<b>Saturday, December 28</b> <i>The Holy Family— A –</i> Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)	Father Peter Ciallella
	5:00 p.m.	+ Domenic and Rosa Sergi + Nina Lastella	

## COLLECTION REPORT

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

### NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

*Tuesday, December 31st, 2013*

**5:00 p.m.** Mass for Mary, Mother of God

*Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014*

**11:00 a.m.** Mass for Mary, Mother of God

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Bishop's New Year's Levee  
(Cathedral Auditorium)

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

## WELCOME PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

A warm welcome to the priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Hamilton who will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral Basilica with Bishop Crosby on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. followed by their Christmas gathering. We have 27 young men studying for the priesthood. Please keep them in your prayers. All are welcome to attend the Mass which replaces our usual 8:00 a.m. Mass that day.

## TELEVISED MIDNIGHT MASS

This year marks the 59<sup>th</sup> year that CHCH-TV has televised Midnight Mass from the Cathedral of Christ the King. Thanks to the administration and staff of CHCH-TV for this important work of evangelization. Thanks also to the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton who cover the costs associated with this broadcast.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## SERVERS' REHEARSAL FOR MIDNIGHT MASS

The Bishop's Servers who signed up to serve at Midnight Mass are reminded of a mandatory rehearsal on **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica.

## BISHOP CROSBY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Dear friends in Christ,

*"May your days be merry and bright, and may all your Christmases be white!"* Many years ago another Crosby (Bing) sang these words, written by Irving Berlin, in the song, *White Christmas*. In the Diocese of Hamilton we cannot be sure that this Christmas will be *white*, but we must do everything we can to assure that it will be *merry and bright*, for ourselves and our loved ones certainly, but even more for those who may be overwhelmed by darkness!

Late last month the Holy Father, Pope Francis, wrote an Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Gospel of Joy. The Gospel is GOOD News – bringing JOY to a world where the misery and horror of war, natural disaster and other challenges to human life threaten to overwhelm us all! The Pope wants us all to proclaim the Gospel of JOY by our words and works.

Advent is a time of "JOYFUL hope" – a time to prepare with anticipation and excitement for the coming of the Lord. Christmas is the quintessential celebration of JOY – the birth of a Child – a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord! It is all about JOY – this Child is born anew for us, to heal us, to free us, to save us. We rejoice – and we share that JOY with family, friends and the world.

Be JOYFUL this Christmas! Jesus Christ – our Light, the Light of the world – is born for us! Celebrate this Good News with your families and friends, in your homes and in your parishes. Merry Christmas! *"May your days be merry and bright ...!"*

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

✠ *Douglas Crosby*

Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI

Bishop of Hamilton

### OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK

Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 until 12:00 Noon
Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Closed
Thursday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Closed
Friday, December 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 until 12 Noon
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Closed
Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Closed
Friday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please note that we will not have our usual time of Adoration on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> or on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will resume Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Join us each week for this hour of prayer and silence in the Cathedral Basilica from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated from 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### 24 HOURS FOR WORLD PEACE

Imagine ... *if on the first day of the new year, people from all over the world celebrate together by exchanging their wish for peace ... and each person makes a resolution to create peace in their life, their home or their community ... We could help make a peaceful world!* This is the goal of this initiative: to show the hope we hold and share for all humanity on the first day of the New Year. On January 1, 2014, calls for peace will be presented by organizations and individuals every hour during this 24 hour vigil. Each participant who signs up for the vigil (see the [Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information) will receive these calls for peace by email and will be invited to reply with their own message of hope for a more peaceful world. To participate in the vigil and to follow along with the preparations, subscribe at [www.24hoursforworldpeace.org](http://www.24hoursforworldpeace.org).

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