



CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST *the* KING



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WELCOME!

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*.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

Very Reverend DAVID A. WYNEN, Rector, VF
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday Closed
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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)

CARE OF THE SICK

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

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 found in the Tower entrance.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Week of Advent

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass

Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-16

11:30 p.m. Carols from the Cathedral

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 Midnight Mass During the Night

Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-16

11:00 a.m. Mass During the Day

Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-6; John 1.1-18

Thursday, December 26, 2019

St. Stephen, the first Martyr

Acts 6.8-7.59; Matthew 10.17-22

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 27, 2019

1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 28, 2019

3:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - Holy Family

Sirach 3.2-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Matthew 2.13-23

+Maureen Walsh, +Domenico & Rosa Sergi,

+George Cotroneo, +Ava Silveira, +Judith Carreiro,

+Rosemary Mule, +Yolanda Herrera, +Jerry

Creedon; +Thomas Martin

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Offertory Envelopes	298@	\$24.80	\$7,391.60
Loose Offerings			627.40
Stained Glass Window			1,357.00
Cathedral Charities			424.00
Christmas			310.00
Total			\$10,110.00

Thank you for your generous support of the Cathedral Parish. Your weekly and monthly donations assist the Parish in its mission and maintenance. If you are not using envelopes or Pre-Authorized Debits and would like to offer your

sacrificial gift to the Cathedral Parish please complete a *Parish Registration Form*. Forms can be found at the entrances of the Church and online at www.ctkbasilica.ca

Year-end donations must be received on or before **December 31st, 2019** for the 2019 Income Tax receipt.

BOXED SETS OF OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2020 sets of envelopes are available for pick-up at the King street entrance. **Please do not begin using the envelopes until January.** Please discard any unused 2019 envelopes in January. In some cases, numbers have been reassigned so proper credit for donations may not be allotted. It is a good idea to write your last name on the envelope for the first few weeks you use them. Income Tax receipts for 2019 will be prepared and mailed to donors' homes before the end of February 2020. Donations to *One Heart, One Soul* are receipted through the Chancery Office and will arrive as a separate mailing. Thanks to all our supporters! If you haven't had a chance to contribute to *One Heart, One Soul* - it's not too late! See Father Dave for a pledge card after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2020

Please note that the Mass book for 2020 is now opened. We will be taking requests in the office for Masses. A single intention may be remembered at **one** Saturday 5 p.m. Mass and/or **one** Daily Mass **each** month. Additional intentions will be shared with the Missions. Currently, we are only taking Mass bookings up to the end of June.

OFFICE HOURS AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will close on Friday, December 20th at 2:30 p.m. and re-open on Thursday, January 2nd at 8:30 a.m. Telephone messages will be monitored daily while the office is closed. The bulletin has a schedule of Daily Masses (Marian Chapel). Please note that there is no 8:00 a.m. Mass on December 24, 26, 27 or 31st.



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2019

For many, Christmas is a wonderful time of year! Homes are decorated, families gather, gifts are shared, the best meal of the year is served, and the music at Christmas Masses is always uplifting – to say nothing of the Christmas homily!

Sadly, for others Christmas is a time to dread! The unemployed, those who are on the streets, those who are alone perhaps isolated from family, those who are in prison, those who are in hospitals or suffering from mental health or other serious illnesses, and those who are mourning the loss of a loved one, can find this time of year challenging and very difficult indeed!

If we have been blessed, we must bless. Can we make the Christmas season a time of blessing for others? We bless when we recognize others to be sisters and brothers, and treat them with the dignity that is theirs, listening to them and speaking to them with respect and affirmation. We bless then we support the *Good Shepherd Ministries* of the Brothers of St. John of God, the *DeMazenod Door* at St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton, the *Out of the Cold* programs, hospice care and other similar programs in our Diocese, where people are respectfully cared for and lovingly nourished!

At Christmas, we celebrate our belief that “God comes to us”! God comes to us as a baby, unthreatening, dependent, and in simplicity. All we have to do is open our hearts to welcome the Lord of life and love. We recognize and welcome Him in every person who comes to us in the same simplicity of spirit, seeking from us the same generous greeting of peace.

May God bless you this Christmas and always!
Let us pray for one another.

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

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2020

NEW YEAR'S

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31st

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

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1st

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

In Canada, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

WELCOME & THANK YOU!

We extend a warm welcome to the staff and crew of *Salt+Light* Television who will join us for the broadcast of Christmas Midnight Mass. S+L will share the “feed” with CHTV and the Mass will be live-streamed on S+L. This year Monsignor Murray Kroetsch will offer the on-air commentary for the broadcast. Monsignor is the Chancellor and Vicar General of the Diocese of Hamilton. Previously, he served for many years as the Diocesan Director of Liturgy and a term as the Director of the National Office of Liturgy in Ottawa. Thanks to all who help us broadcast the celebration of Midnight Mass to be enjoyed by many who watch it on television or the world wide web.

A FURTHER WELCOME ...

We will welcome many for our celebrations of Christmas Masses. Visitors, family, friends, those who have been away for sometime. Perhaps our favourite parking spot will be filled when we arrive ... or we may not get “our” pew in the Church. Let's offer up these inconveniences in gratitude for the presence of so many who come to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. You may wish to arrive early for Masses at Christmas – the Cathedral opens 90 minutes prior to the start of each Mass. Seating and parking are reserved on a “first come” basis. At Christmas Masses we do reserve pews near the front of the Cathedral for the families of those participating in the ministries at the celebration.

O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE

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