

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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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 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.

OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	Time	Announced Mass Intention or Celebration	Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, December 25, 2016 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Isaiah 52.7-10; Heb 1.1-6; John 1.1-18</i>		No 9:00 a.m. Mass	
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
		No 4:00 p.m. Mass	
Monday, December 26, 2016 <i>St. Stephen, first Martyr</i> <i>Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59; Matt. 10.17.22</i>	No Mass		Fr. Boucher
Tuesday, December 27, 2016 <i>St. John the Apostle, Evangelist</i> <i>1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8</i>	No Mass		Fr. Nwatu
Wednesday, December 28, 2016 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> <i>1 John 1.5-2.2; Matthew 2.13-18</i>	No Mass		Holy Cross Fathers
Thursday, December 29, 2016 <i>1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Jaime & Maria Pavao	Fr. O'Dell, O.M.I.
Friday, December 30, 2016 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> <i>Sirach 3.2-14; Matthew 2.13-23</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Anna Phan	Fr. Pachocki, O.M.I.
Saturday, December 31, 2016 <i>Vigil- Mary, Mother of God</i> <i>Numbers 6.22-27; Gal. 4.4-7; Lk. 2.16-21</i>	5:00 p.m.	Mass with the intentions of Cathedral Parishioners	Fr. D'Souza, O.C.D.
Sunday, January 1, 2017 Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace	11:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of Cathedral Parishioners	NOTE: No 9:00 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day, January 1st.
	4:00 p.m.	Mass with the intentions of Cathedral Parishioners	

COLLECTION REPORT

The Collection Report was unavailable at the time of publication and will return after New Year's.

Thanks to all those who help support the parish with their financial gifts. New boxed sets of envelopes for 2017 are available for pick up. **Please do not begin using the 2017 envelopes until January.** If you would like to become an envelope user, please contact Lisa in our Parish Office.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2017

Boxed sets of 2017 Sunday Offering Envelopes are available this week. In 2017 we have added a monthly *Stained Glass Restoration* envelope. These funds will be used for the restoration of our stained glass windows. The proceeds will not be assessed Diocesan Tax and will be on deposit with the Chancery Office. The CWL Membership envelope is not included in 2017. CRA regulations prevent the Parish (registered charity) from collecting funds for a non-registered charity.

YEAR-END DONATIONS

All are reminded that donations received by December 31st, 2016 qualify for a 2016 Income Tax receipt which will be sent out by the end of February 2017.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBITS

Another way to offer financial support to the Parish is through *pre-authorized Bank debits*. You determine the amount that is automatically debited from your Bank account each month. This way of supporting the Parish is growing in popularity. To "sign up" please complete both sides of our Parish Registration form found in the Tower entrance of the Cathedral Basilica.

UPDATING PARISH RECORDS

If you have moved, changed your phone number, or email address in the past year, please contact the parish office so we can update our records.

HAMILTON BULLDOGS

Join us for a Parish outing to cheer on our Hamilton Bulldogs on Friday, January 20th! Sign up will take place after all the Masses on January 7 & 8. Tickets will be sold for \$14. For more details contact Sandra Gould in the office at (905) 522-5744 or sgould@hamiltondiocese.com

THANK YOU!

On behalf of Bishop Crosby, and our staff, thanks to all who have generously shared gifts with us at the Cathedral Basilica. You have helped us celebrate the spirit of this Season of Joy with your kind and generous gifts of cookies, treats and liquid happiness! May these Christmas days bring you rest and peace and joy.



Christmas 2016

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Today, with the whole Church, we celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth more than 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. For us this is more than an historical memorial. The birth of this infant changed our world and continues to change our lives. In the non-descript feed trough in an insignificant town the light of the world has dawned. He is King of kings, Wonder-counsellor, and Mighty God! His is a singular birth that changes everything. In Jesus' birth, God has become one with us in our humanity and yet he remains fully God. The mystery of the incarnation invites us share in his divinity as he shares in our humanity. Each day we are called to conform our lives to Christ as we seek to follow him. May these days of Christmas gladness and joy lead us more fully into the rich mystery of the incarnation and its meaning in our lives.

The past year at the Cathedral Basilica has been a busy one indeed! Faithful to our Holy Father's call to Jubilee, we have observed the Extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy which concluded on the Feast of Christ the King (November 20th). Since the beginning of the Holy Year on December 8th, 2015 many pilgrims have made their way to the Cathedral Basilica to enter through the *Doors of Mercy*. Young and old alike have come through these doors symbolically crossing the threshold into the heart of God which is mercy itself. Among the many significant moments of this year have been the Pilgrimage Sundays with the *Divine Mercy* devotion. The Cathedral Basilica was filled on these occasions with people of all walks of life to offer praise to the Lord.

The celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is at the heart of the spiritual life of our Parish. Each week hundreds gather to hear the Word of God and to be nourished at the Table of the Lord. Our Lord's Day celebrations are supported by many volunteers who generously give of their time in our choirs, as Ministers of the Word, the Altar and Communion, and Hospitality.

The spiritual life of our community has also been enriched by those who gather for a weekly Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Each week on Saturday (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.) we gather in the Cathedral Basilica for this prayer. All are welcome.

Throughout the year various programs of faith enrichment and education are offered in the Parish. The Cathedral Basilica is also honoured to host many Diocesan celebrations - most notably the *Mass of Christm* in Holy Week and many other liturgies.

May the coming year be an opportunity for us to continue to grow in faith. May the Lord bless our Parish and all its families and members. May we grow together in faith, hope and love as we seek to follow Christ our King each day.

Please be assured of the prayerful good wishes of our Parish team for you and your family. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all!

Sincerely yours in Christ the King,

Father David Wynen

Reverend David A. Wynen

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