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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

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

Reverend DAVID A. WYNEN, *Rector*

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Mr. ROBERT CORSO, *Director of Music*

Mr. SANDOR KOLLARICH, *Maintenance*

Sister LENA PETRUCCELLI, CSJB, *Sacristan*

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.

Octave of Christmas	Time	Announced Mass Intention or Celebration	Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, December 27, 2015 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> <i>Sir 3.2-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.41-52</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
Monday, December 28, 2015 <i>Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> <i>1 John 1.5-2.2; Matthew 2.13-18;</i>			Father Reitzel, C.R.
Tuesday, December 29, 2015 <i>1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35;</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Barbara Barbera	Father Valk, C.R.
Wednesday, December 30, 2015 <i>1 John 2.12-17; Luke 2.36-40;</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of Jack Denker	Holy Cross Fathers
Thursday, December 31, 2015 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>Numbers 6.22-27; Gal. 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21</i>	5:00p.m.	Vigil-Mass for the Feast of Mary Mother of God	Father Ntumba
Friday, January 1, 2016 <i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i> <i>Numbers 6.22-27; Gal. 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21</i>	11:00 a.m.	Mass for Feast of Mary Mother of God	Father Michel
Saturday January 2, 2015 <i>Vigil- Epiphany of the Lord</i> <i>Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephes. 3.2-6; Matthew 2.1-12;</i>	3:30 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Father Love
	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Elena Raso +Michele Sorbara +Antoinette Campanelli +Norma Santucci +Francesco Martello	

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Regular Offerings (271 env. @ \$32.15 avg)	\$8,711.70
Loose Offerings	\$1,579.30
Cathedral Charities	\$70.00
Total	\$10,361.00

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.

NEW YEAR'S 2016

NEW YEAR'S EVE (Thursday, December 31st, 2015)
5:00 p.m. Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Friday, January 1st, 2016)

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

[Note: The Feast of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of
Obligation in Canada]

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped us celebrate Christmas joyfully at the Cathedral Basilica. The choirs under the direction of Robert Corso led us in great music; our servers, readers, extra-Ordinary Ministers, and ushers provided their assistance with the Masses. Thanks to our Parish Staff for all their hard work and extra efforts at decorating, cleaning and preparing. Thanks to Bishop Crosby for preaching and presiding at the Liturgies.

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 January they will meet on January 17 & 24.

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.

RECTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

My last words for 2015 are words of *gratitude*. Gratitude for the many gifts God has given in this Parish Community at the Cathedral Basilica. This past year has been a time of great grace, challenge and change for our Parish and for many families and friends. As this year closes, and we look forward to the dawn of a new year, it is good for us to take stock of where we have been and where we might go.

Thank you to all who form our Parish Staff and support the ministry of the Cathedral Basilica. We have a small staff of highly dedicated and caring individuals. Thanks to Sandra Gould our Pastoral Minister; Robert Corso, the Director of Music; Lisa Tuck, our Secretary; Sister Lena Petrucelli, Sacristan; our maintenance team – Sandor Kollarich and Lukas Lamanes; our household staff – Solange Alanes and Mary Dudas; and Ron Baronowski who volunteers as the Volunteer Screening Co-ordinator. The daily work of these people makes my role as Rector so much easier and joyful!

This past year has seen the appointment of a new *Pastoral Council* for a three year term. The *Pastoral Council* will offer advice and assist me in discerning the pastoral issues, direction and life of the Parish. Together with the *Finance Council*, these parishioners offer honest and good counsel.

The Knights of Columbus welcomed a new Grand Knight – Al Schiappa – in June. We appreciate the work of the Knights and their witness to Christ in our community.

The Catholic Women's League of the Parish also welcomed a new leadership team with Hedy Miszuk as President. The CWL provides education, hospitality, and service in many areas of our community's life. Thank you for your work for God and Canada.

We have many dedicated volunteers who assist us with the celebration of the Sunday Liturgy. Our choirs and cantors lead us in worship and praise. Thanks to our Altar Servers, Ministers of the Word and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for your service. The ushers offer a warm welcome to the Cathedral Basilica and assist those who are visiting. Often, very often, people who are visiting here tell me of the warm welcome they have received.

Adult education is a priority in our Parish. Gatherings of parishioners who come with open minds and hearts have been an opportunity of grace and learning for participants. We also hope to welcome our Catechumens and candidate into the life of the Church at Easter.

Thanks also to the parent volunteers who have re-established *Children's Liturgy* at our 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month.

One December 8th, Pope Francis inaugurated the extra-Ordinary Holy Year of Mercy by opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The *Door of Mercy* here at the Cathedral Basilica was blessed and opened by Bishop Crosby on December 13th. Our Cathedral Basilica will be a **place of pilgrimage** and a **house of mercy** during the Year of Mercy which will conclude on November 20th, 2016. We will welcome pilgrims from across the Diocese of Hamilton who will enter through these doors which stand as a sign of our desire to enter into the heart of God! We too can enter these doors as pilgrims seeking the mercy and peace of God in our lives.

The coming year will offer us some further opportunities to offer praise and thanks to God for his goodness to us.

160th Anniversary of the Diocese of Hamilton will be celebrated with His Excellency, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on Sunday, February 28th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Ordination of David Reitzel to the ministerial priesthood for service in Hamilton Diocese will take place in the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, May 7th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Crosby on Sunday, May 29th will gather those who celebrate 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of married life in 2016.

Ordination of Permanent Deacons on Saturday, June 4th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

May these celebrations, and the many others that take place in the Cathedral Basilica throughout the year, be occasions of grace and hope for all.

Thank you to all! May the coming year be a time of abundant blessings for you and your family.

Father David Wynen
Rector

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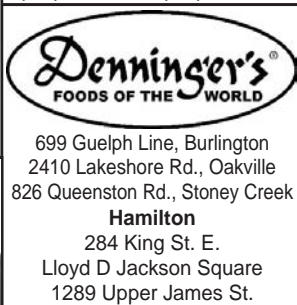


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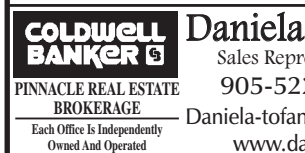
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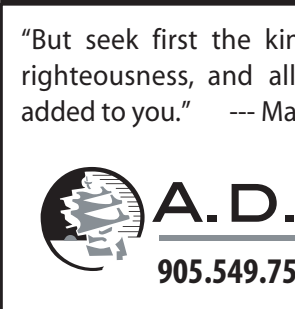
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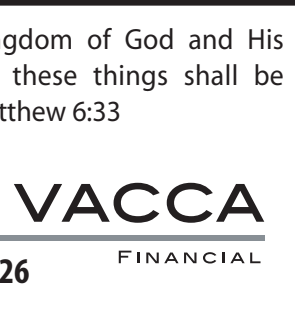
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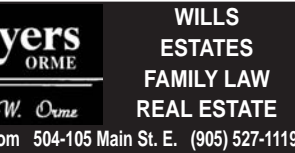
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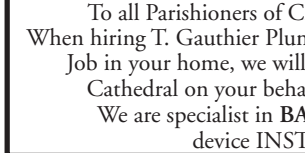
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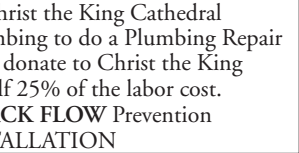
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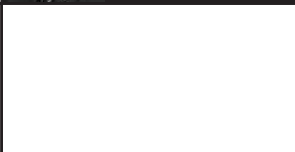
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