

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

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

Reverend DAVID A. WYNEN, *Rector*

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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 Michael 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

Christmas Season

Intentions for each Daily Mass are noted below. (+) denotes an intention for a deceased loved one or parishioner.

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 8:00 a.m.

Saint Basil & Saint Gregory

1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28

+Angelo Marco Antonio Oddi

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 8:00 a.m.

1 John 2.29-3.1-6; John 1.29-34

+Varghese Chittilappilly

Thursday, January 4, 2018 8:00 a.m.

1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42

+Annie Hamilton Demers

Friday, January 5, 2018 8:00 a.m.

1 John 3.11-21; John 1.43.51

+Giuseppe Catanzariti

Saturday, January 6, 2018

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.

Mass - *Vigil- Epiphany* 5:00 p.m.

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-6; Matthew 2.1-12

+Domenico & Rosa Sergi, +Joe Nusca, +Stewart Robinson, +Rosaline Beech, +Anna Phan, + Michele Sorbara

Year-end Donations

Donations received on, or after, January 1, 2018 can only be receipted for **2018**. As a registered Charitable Organization, the Parish must comply with these CRA guidelines. Your understanding is appreciated. Donations for 2017 must have been received in the Parish by December 31st, 2017. Income Tax receipts will be issued and sent to our donors before February 28th, 2018.

Happy Anniversary Bishop Crosby!

Bishop Crosby celebrates the 20th Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination on Tuesday, January 2. In 1998 he was ordained Bishop for the Diocese of Labrador City-Schefferville. In 2003 he was appointed Bishop of St. George's, NFLD - while still Bishop of Lab City. 2007 saw a reorganization of the two entities and the new Diocese of Cornerbrook and Labrador was established with Bishop Crosby as the Ordinary. On September 24th, 2010 he was appointed the 9th Bishop of Hamilton. Ad multos annos!

Thank you ...

A very heartfelt thank you to all who have helped us celebrate Christmas so well. Thanks to our choirs and musicians under the direction of Robert Corso. Thanks to the Children's Choir and their leaders. Thanks to all who served in various ministries; and to our Parish Staff for their extra hours and hard work. A special thanks to all those who have dropped off gifts. May God bless us all in this joyful Christmas Season.

We would also like to thank **Exterra Logistics** of Ancaster for the Donation of the large Christmas tree and **Andrews Tree Farm** of Ancaster for the donation of the Christmas trees around the crèche.

Parish Offering Envelopes

Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January 1st. If you would like to support our Parish financially with a boxed set of envelopes please contact Lisa in our Office. We also offer *pre-authorized giving* - debits automatically transferred from your bank account of the Parish Account - for those who wish the convenience of this option. Brochures available in the Tower entrance and at the side entrance.

Christmas Season Masses

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31st
4:00 p.m. Vigil - Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1st
11:00 a.m. Feast of Mary, Mother of God

A holy day of obligation in Canada

Bishop Crosby will offer New Year's greetings to parishioners and visitors following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Holy Day Obligations

Please remember that Catholics are obliged by Church precept to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada - celebrating Mary under her principal title "Mother of God." Our Masses for New Years are listed above.

Pope Francis on the Family – What Makes a Family Holy?



1. First: *the family prays.*

...I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me: But how can we? ...But in the family how is this done? After all, prayer seems to be something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace... Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God... all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents....praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.

2. Next, *the family keeps the faith.*

Here too, we can ask: How do we keep our faith as a family? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank

account, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often “racing” from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this “racing” could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families. ...They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to everyday things the salt and the leaven of faith.

3. And finally: *the family experiences joy.*

I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. You can regard it as a kind of “homework”. Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? You can answer this question.

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!

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