

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 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.

2nd Week of Advent	Time	Announced Mass Intention or Celebration	Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, December 6, 2015 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
Monday, December 7, 2015 <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor</i> <i>Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26;</i>			Father Cidado
Tuesday, December 8, 2015 <i>The Immaculate Conception</i> <i>Gn 3.9-20; Ephesians 1.3-12 Luke 1.26-38</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of Domenic and Stephen families	Father Nwatu
	7:00 p.m.	Tenor/Bass Rehearsal (Choir Room)	
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 <i>Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30;</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA/Symbolon (McNally Hall)	
Thursday, December 10, 2015 <i>Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15;</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Daphne Harris	Father Clarke, S.J.
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)	
Friday, December 11, 2015 <i>Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19;</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of + Howard Hill	Father Kab Shin
Saturday, December 12, 2015 <i>Vigil- 3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Zephaniah 3.14-18; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.10-18</i>	3:30-4:30p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Father Stasinski, C.R.
	4:00-4:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Frank Nicolazza +Tony and Rosa Spano +Antoinette Campanelli +Teresa Kavanagh +Joan Ribbins +Msgr Roger Formosi	

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Regular Offerings (273 env. @ \$20.15 avg)	\$5,501.80
Loose Offerings	\$2,206.20
Other	\$65.00
Total	\$7,773.00

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.

SEASON OF ADVENT

You may notice that the liturgical colour has changed to purple ... a sign that we are waiting for the Lord's coming in the fullness of time, and preparing our hearts to celebrate his birth in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. In Advent the *Glory to God* is not sung at Sunday Mass. The other Mass parts are from a setting called "The People's Mass" by Jan Vermulst – you can listen to it by entering the title and composer into YouTube.

YEAR OF MERCY begins December 8th!



Blessing of the Holy Door

The Holy Door of the Cathedral Basilica will be solemnly blessed and opened by Bishop Crosby on **Sunday, December 13th** at **7:00 p.m.** This door will be used by pilgrims throughout the Year of Mercy.

Let us pray that this coming Year of Mercy will be an opportunity for all of us to discover the loving mercy of God.

WORK PROGRESSES ...

The work on the Rectory is moving along at a good pace. We are assured that it will be completed by Christmas (fingers crossed!) The repointing of the stone was more extensive than what was expected. Thankfully, not too much rot on the roof – just a few pieces of roof decking needed to be replaced. Thanks to the workers for their dedication.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This feast celebrates the fact that Mary – the Mother of Jesus – was conceived without original sin in the womb of her mother, St. Ann. This favour was granted to her by God because of her future role as the Mother of the Redeemer. This year, on December 8, we mark the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) and the beginning of the Extra-Ordinary Holy Year of Mercy. Join us for the celebration of Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday morning at **8:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica.

ADVENT 2015

SUNDAY LITURGIES – regular schedule
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturdays **3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Saturday, December 19th – **2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturdays **3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE (Thursday, December 24th, 2015)

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

(preceded with a Pageant at 4:40 p.m.)

11:30 p.m. Carols from the Cathedral Basilica
(televised on CHCH-TV)

12:00 Midnight – Solemn Midnight Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend

Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI,

Bishop of Hamilton

(televised on CHCH-TV)

Midnight Mass will be re-broadcast on Christmas morning at 8:00 a.m. on CHCH-TV

CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday, December 25th, 2015)

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend

Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI

Bishop of Hamilton

[Note no 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning]

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 December they will meet on December 13th & 20th.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE?

Engaged couples who wish to marry at the Cathedral Basilica should refer to our Parish website www.christthekingcathedral.org for more information. Please note that we require one year's notice of marriage in order to complete the requirements of marriage preparation. We are now completing our reservations for 2016 weddings.

POINSETTIA – FLOWER OF THE HOLY NIGHT

Did you know? The poinsettia has its origin in a Mexican story of a poor young boy who arrived at Church on Christmas Eve with great sadness. He had no gift to offer the Christ child. He knelt outside the church and wept and prayed telling the Lord of his great desire to bring some gift to lay at the feet of the Christ child. Standing up he noticed some beautiful red blossoms which he took and used as his offering. Joel Poinsett, US ambassador to Mexico brought the flower home in 1829. It is now known as the *poinsettia*.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CAKES

Christmas cakes are available for sale by the Knights of Columbus after Mass today.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on Saturday December 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle, Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering for the last 6 months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan Priest.

DISCERNMENT GATHERING

If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. The next gathering is on Saturday December 12, at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. For more information visit www.hamiltonvocation.com

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