

Cathedral of Christ the King

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**Most Reverend D. D. Crosby, OMI, D.D.
Ninth Bishop of Hamilton**

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Our Lord's Day Liturgies

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

In his Apostolic Letter, *"Porta Fidei"*, Pope Benedict XVI announced a *YEAR OF FAITH* which began on October 11, 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Year of Faith will end on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 24, 2013. Pope Benedict hopes that the Year of Faith will "help Catholics appreciate the gift of Faith, deepen their relationship with God and strengthen their common faith with others." This year of Faith is meant to turn us once again to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to rediscover our faith and to encourage us to inspire others. Catholics throughout the world and in the Diocese of Hamilton are being given a special opportunity to be renewed in faith, hope and love.

"Rediscovering the Joy" is the underlying theme of the year of Faith. There are six themes that will be promoted in the Year of Faith: The Faith We Believe (Focus on the Creed) October-November; The Faith we Live (Focus on Faith in Action), December-January; The Faith We profess (Focus on Easter) February-March, 2013; The Faith We Celebrate (Focus on Sacraments) April-June, 2013; The Faith We Savor (Focus on Rest & Reflection) July-August, The Faith We Share (Focus on Evangelization) September-November, 2013.

Be sure to get a copy of the Diocesan Booklet "The Faith We Believe - Unpacking the Creed".



WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

We welcome our parishioners and visitors of the Cathedral of Christ the King. In this Season of Advent, we welcome those who will be participating in the Mass for Immigrants that will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. The Season of Advent is given to us as a time of preparation for the celebration of the Lord's birth. The Church encourages Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as often as possible. There is no more suitable way to prepare for Christmas than to confess our sins, receive the Lord's forgiveness and continue on our journey in the spiritual life. **A Penance Celebration will take place on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.**



(8:00 a.m. in the Marian Chapel)

Tuesday, December 11	Armenio Family
Wednesday, December 12	Teresa Romeo
Thursday, Dec. 13	Fortunato Musorrafiti
Friday, December 14	Cordeiro Family - Helen Dillon Giovanni Tirone Antonia Versace Souls in Purgatory
Saturday – 5:00 p.m.	Gianni Serafini Giuseppe Filice Manuel & Ermalinda Da Silva Joseph Da Silva

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANTS DAY MASS

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors to Sunday's Refugee and Immigrants Day Mass (1:00 p.m.) celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI.

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATION

Advent Confession as a preparation for Christmas? Every Catholic should reconcile with God through the Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation), especially during the Seasons of Advent and Lent. A Penance Celebration will take place at the Cathedral of Christ the King on **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Father Robert Love of St. Augustine's, Dundas and Father Robert Bulbrook, of St. Clement's Parish, St. Clements, will be on hand. **Be sure to mark your calendars.**

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love about all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.

Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2012

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6; Luke 3:1-6



The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters. According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

In this holy season of Christmastide, as a mark of respect for our deceased relatives and friends, you can dedicate a Floral Tribute as a sign of remembrance and as an expression of your faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Your Floral Tribute at Christmas will help to beautify the Cathedral of Christ the King inside and outside. Christmas Midnight Mass is televised by CHCH TV and broadcasted throughout Canada, the eastern United States and Bermuda. We hope to beautify our Cathedral with appropriate Christmas flowers and decorations with your help. Thank you for your kind and generous support to our Cathedral.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

On Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m., please join our Catholic Women's League in welcoming Teresa Hartnett (Director of the Family Ministry Office for our Diocese) for an evening of Faith and Fellowship! "God's Grace: Filling our World at Christmas and Always." At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, hope for the world and hope for our hearts. We long to be connected to God – come and see how easy it is to find His presence in our lives!

CELEBRATION OF WHITE MASS

What is a **White Mass**? It is a celebration of Holy Mass where we gather to pray for Health Care Professionals, Pastoral Care Workers, Clergy, Religious Counselors and Caregivers. This annual event is sponsored by the Association of Christian Therapists. Our lives have all been touched by those in healthcare, so please join us for the seventh annual **White Mass** which will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, D.D., on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. here at the Cathedral of Christ the King, All are welcome to attend - please call Jennie at (905) 335-6902 for details.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Robert Love
Tuesday	Rev. Charles Charlose, C.M.I.
Wednesday	Chancery Staff
Thursday	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Friday	Rev. David Lewis
Saturday	Rev. Rafal Tomon

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Dear fellow parishioners: This past year, your generosity has enabled the St. Vincent De Paul Society to answer over 400 calls for food assistance from local households. Our annual Christmas program takes place on December 15 in the Cathedral auditorium and once again, we are depending upon you to make it another successful event. We anticipate over 125 local households will attend. We kindly ask for your help with a donation using either: 1) the St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas envelopes or 2) a tag from the Christmas Tree of Hope and return it with a Fortino's gift card. Thank you for your ongoing support for the needy in our parish community.

WELCOME R.C.I.A. CANDIDATES

On Sunday, December 16, the Cathedral of Christ The King will welcome three Adult Parishioners who have joined the R.C.I.A. Process and are preparing for Baptism or Reception into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil in 2013. We extend a warm welcome to **Paulina Moran, Jennifer Biom, and Jonathan Bernier**. The Candidates have joined the R.C.I.A. Process at St. Patrick's Church with a group of 8 others. Please keep them in your prayers.

THANK YOU

Msgr. Ed acknowledges, with thanks and appreciation, the gift of \$1,000.00 received from the Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, a Catholic Community of the Anglican Use in the Diocese of Hamilton. This generous gift was given to support our Elevator Campaign. Thank you very much to the Sodality of St. Edmund.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday - 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Advent Penance Celebration
 Thursday, December 13 – 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, December 22
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24
 5:00 p.m. - Family Mass
 11:30 p.m. – Christmas Carols (Cathedral Choir)
 12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25
 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
(Please note there is no Mass in the evening on Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton)

NEW YEAR'S

Monday, December 31, 2012
 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, January 1, 2013
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