



CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST ^{the} KING

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WELCOME!

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*.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

Very Reverend DAVID A. WYNEN, Rector, VF
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

SUNDAY MASS

(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

DAILY MASS

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

CARE OF THE SICK

To arrange pastoral visits to the sick in hospital or at home, please call the parish office.

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 found in the Tower entrance.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

For information contact the Office of Vocations (905) 528-7988.

CATHOLIC BURIAL NEEDS

Please contact The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton (905) 522-7727.

| Sixth Week in Ordinary Time | Mass Intention | Meeting/Event |
|---|--|---|
| Tuesday, February 13, 2024 <i>James 1.12-18; Mark 8.14-21</i> | No Mass | |
| Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 <i>Joel 2.12-18; 2 Cor. 5.20-6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18</i> | 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | <i>All Masses in the Cathedral and offered for Parishioners</i> |
| Thursday, February 15, 2024 <i>Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25</i> | 8:00 a.m.- +Ardea Piccini | 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| Friday, February 16, 2024 <i>Isaiah 58.1-9; Matthew 9.14-15</i> | 8:00 a.m.- +Emira Ianiro | 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, February 17, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. Vigil – 1st Sunday Lent – Mass with the Intentions: Jim & Evelyn Barrett; Sonny & Jeanette Fraser; Eduardo Consoli; Pasquale Lentini; Joseph Sergi; Madeline Janiszewski | 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Sunday, February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent <i>Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 25.31-46</i> | 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass | |

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, January 28, 2024

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| Regular Offering | \$ 6,966.77 |
| Stained Glass | \$ 345.00 |
| Loose Offerings | \$ 1,200.50 |
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| | \$ 8,512.27 |

Thank you for your generosity to the Parish at Christmas and throughout the past year. Income Tax receipts have been sent through regular mail. New Parishioners may request offering envelopes or Pre-authorized debits by completing a Parish Registration form found in the Tower entrance.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

RCIA

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* continues its journey toward the Easter Sacraments. Please pray for our two candidates – one to be baptized and the other to be received into the full communion of the Catholic church. The weekly sessions will move to Canadian Martyrs Parish for the Season of Lent as the group will reflect on the spiritual life.

RITE OF ELECTION

Non-baptized adults and young people from across the Diocese of Hamilton will celebrate the *Rite of Election* with our Bishops on the First Sunday of Lent. This important Rite enrolls candidates as members of the “Elect” in preparation for full initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and first reception of Holy Communion – at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please pray the Elect. The books they sign at the *Rite of Election* will be located near our baptismal font through the Season of Lent. The *Rites of Scrutiny* take place on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent as we pray the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen the Elect on their Lenten journey to the joy of the Easter Sacraments.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

We have some children preparing to receive these Sacraments in our Parish this Spring. If your child is in Grade 2, or older, and has not celebrated 1st Reconciliation or 1st Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN

Parents of children enrolled in Public or Private School and wish to offer Catholic religious instruction to the children should contact our Parish Office. The Diocese of Hamilton offers an excellent course of religious instruction at the appropriate grade level of the child. The program is by correspondence and helps children and parents complete the catechesis needed for the Sacraments and for an understanding of the Catholic faith.

WHAT TO "GIVE UP" FOR LENT?

While it is good to "give up" sweets and junk food for Lent, it is also a good idea to consider "taking on" some good habit. Perhaps during Lent, we might intentionally look for opportunities for charity in our talk and thoughts. We might look for opportunities to be of service to others. Bad habits are easy to get into, good habits take work!

HOW TO FAST

Fasting can take different forms. People who are in good health may consider cutting back on the amount of food they consume at their meals on a fasting day, or two small meals may be taken and one full meal for a fasting day. Others may be able to fast completely, or have only bread and water. Which ever manner of fasting works for you, it is important to fast in the context of prayer. Also, it is important to fast with an intention in mind – perhaps for the millions of people in our world who go without food due to poverty and lack of food. The penance of fasting is not just about deprivation, but more importantly, to fast with intention. Then we can recognize our spiritual hunger for God who calls us to deeper conversion of heart during Lent.

SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent – 40 days of *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving* – begins on Ash Wednesday. Please join us for our Lenten observances.

Ash Wednesday – February 14, 2024

Ashes (from last year's palm branches) will be imposed during the celebration of Mass in the Cathedral Basilica:

8:00 a.m.
12:00 Noon
7:00 p.m.

*Ash Wednesday is a penitential day for Catholics. This means that all Catholics are bound to **abstain from eating meat**. Further, Catholics between the ages of 14 to 59, who are in good health, are bound by the **law of fasting**. This means that we might have one large meal instead of three on this day. It may also take the form of three, significantly smaller meals. Some go as far as not eating on Ash Wednesday. Fridays of Lent are days of fast and abstinence from meat for Catholics in Canada.*

Stations of the Cross

A traditional devotion praying at the 14 steps of Jesus' journey to the Cross with a different meditation each week. The Stations will be preceded by a reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Stations at 7:00 p.m. each Friday of Lent. A brief talk will precede the Stations:

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| February 16 th | <i>Reality of Sin</i> |
| February 23 rd | <i>Signs of Slippage</i> |
| March 1 st | <i>Examination of Conscience</i> |
| March 8 th | <i>Celebrating Reconciliation</i> |
| March 15 th | <i>The Father of Mercies</i> |
| March 22 nd | <i>Go, your sins are forgiven</i> |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays of Lent – 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23 – 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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