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

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

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Dedicated 1933

"We will have the finest church in Canada," said Bishop John McNally when he announced the construction of a new Cathedral for the Diocese of Hamilton in 1931. The Cathedral of Christ the King dominates the western entrance to the City of Hamilton. From its excellent location on King Street West, along side Highway 403, the Cathedral serves as a beacon attracting parishioners, pilgrims and visitors from across Canada and the world. In 1933, this exquisite Gothic structure was dedicated to Christ, the King of Kings, and the first Cathedral so dedicated in the world. Measuring 235 feet in length and 72 feet in width, the exterior of the Cathedral is stately, solid and serene. It is built of limestone, quarried in Indiana and Georgetown, Ontario. In the tower is a carillon of 23 bells. The largest bell, the Bourdon, was donated to the Cathedral by the Prime Minister of Canada. The Stations of the Cross were sculptured from a single block of Carrara marble; the kind used by Michelangelo for the Pieta. There are 82 stained glass windows made in Munich.

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING

We welcome our parishioners and visitors of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers. May God bless you abundantly! Today we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven.

WELCOME BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM

The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King welcomes His Excellency, the Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. Bishop Miehm will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass today. A reception will follow in the Auditorium.



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

Tuesday, May 14	Ana Lach
Wednesday, May 15	Ardea Zavagno
Thursday, May 16	Fr. Blaze Kurek
Friday, May 17	Helen Dillon Teresa Sergi Cordeiro Family
Saturday – 5:00 p.m.	Ed Wojcik Josef Leuser



A MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

I thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother.
 I thank you that she gave me life and
 nurtured me all those years.
 She gave me my faith, helping me to know
 you and to know Jesus and his ways.
 She taught me how to love and how
 to sacrifice for others.
 She taught me that it was okay to cry and
 that I should always tell the truth.
 Bless her with the graces she needs and
 which you want to give her today.
 Help her to feel precious in your eyes today
 and to know that I love her.
 Give her strength and courage,
 compassion and peace.
 Bless her this day with your love.
 Amen.

The Ascension of Our Lord May 12, 2013

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53



In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus recalls his (and the apostles') mission. He directs them to return to the city and wait for the promise of the Father. He blesses them and is "taken up" into heaven. This "taking up" suggests being carried up like an acceptable sacrifice ascending to the throne of God. The apostles, nourished on scriptures that spoke of acceptable sacrifices, understand this. They go to Jerusalem to wait and pray. The first reading reiterates and further develops this experience. Here too, Jesus directs his apostles to return to Jerusalem and wait. But something new is disclosed: they are to await the powerful baptism of the Holy Spirit. We know that in a few short days the powerful Spirit will come to the apostles. We can be grateful that they stayed and waited, whatever their trepidation. From their example, we learn what it takes to wait and be open to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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C.W.L. – JUNE LUNCHEON

Our Catholic Women's League Annual June Luncheon will take place on Sunday, June 9th immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets will be on sale for this event throughout the month of May. Tickets for Members - \$10 and Non-Members - \$15. In addition to having great food and company of friends, Aaron Pataracchia (one of our Altar Servers) will give a presentation on the humanitarian work he and schoolmates from Cathedral High School accomplished while in Haiti earlier this year. If you wish to help out by selling tickets after Masses in May, please contact Georgina Minnes at Georgina.Minnes@hamilton.ca.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent De Paul Society appreciates the financial support of the parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Next Sunday the Society's boxes for the poor will be at the doors of the Cathedral. Please help us to serve our hungry and less fortunate with your kind donations. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS SOPHIA

We congratulate Sophia Fiorucci who will make her First Holy Communion with her parents and family at the 11:00 a.m. Mass today.

RELIC OF SAINT BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE

Saint Andre Bessette was a Holy Cross Brother known as Brother Andre and was the porter at College of Notre Dame in Montreal. He had great devotion to St. Joseph and was instrumental in the construction of Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal. God used Brother Andre as a vessel for healing. The Relics of Saint Brother Andre Bessette will be at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday, May 18 until Sunday, May 19. They will be placed in the Marian Chapel on Saturday and in the Cathedral on Sunday. A 9 day Parish Novena will commence at the Saturday evening Mass on May 11 and conclude with the 11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Crosby on May 19. We invite parishioners to pray the Novena Prayer inserted in today's bulletin.

PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYR'S SHRINE

The Knights of Columbus have organized a pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland for Saturday, June 1, 2013. The coach bus will be leaving the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 7:00 a.m. and return time T.B.A. The cost is \$30.00 per person, with lunch included. For tickets, please contact Steve Murphy at (905) 522-7111 or e-mail at gus1ellie2@sympatico.ca.

ALL OUR CHILDREN

All Our Children: Exploring the Church's Ministry to Young People Who are Gay – The Diocese of Hamilton invites parents and adults to a workshop designed to explore what the church has to say about homosexuality, what are the myths and what does pastoral care to our gay youth look like. Presenters: Fr. Con O'Mahony (Vicar for Education), Teresa Hartnett (Director, Family Ministry), Marianna Worth (Chaplain, Waterloo Catholic School Board), Christina Walton (Marriage and Family Counselor). For further information, please contact Teresa Harnett at (905) 528-7988, extension 2250.

Wed., May 22	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's, Mount Forest
Thurs. May 23	7:00 p.m.	Nicholas Mancini Centre 44 Hunt St., Hamilton

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Auxiliary Bishop Miehm
Tuesday	Rev. Murray Farwell
Wednesday	Married Couples
Thursday	Rev. James Malone
Friday	Rev. Marko Puljic (O.F.M.)
Saturday	Rev. Stjepan Pandzic (O.F.M.)

ALTAR SERVERS AWARDS

The Altar Servers Awards will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. here at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. All are welcome to attend.

ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL CLOSING

St. Columba Catholic Elementary School will be having their closing ceremony and Mass on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at St. Patrick Church, 440 King St. East, Hamilton at 6:00 p.m., with a reception to follow at St. Columba School. All former students, staff and friends are welcome to attend.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness. They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

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CANADA HEALTH DAY

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country on May 12. All Christians should celebrate and pray for the gift of health – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Health means concern for the health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, May 26 after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. All are welcome to attend.

CAMP BRÉBEUF FUNDRAISING EVENT

Camp Brébeuf is hosting a Marketplace Fundraising Event at the Royal Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Cost is \$30.00 which includes dinner. Time is 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. Come buy a basketball, ski poles or a canoe for Camp Brébeuf.

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