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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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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.

24th Week in Ordinary Time	Time	Announced Mass Intention or Celebration	Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, September 13, 2015 <i>24th Sunday Ordinary Time</i> <i>Isaiah 50.5-9; James 2.14-18; Mark 8.27-35</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist	
Monday, September 14, 2015 <i>Exaltation of the Cross</i> <i>Numbers 21.4-9; John 3.13-17;</i>	No Mass		Father Curtin
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> <i>Hebrews 5.7-9; Luke 2.33-35</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Gillis Family and Frank Bedek	Father Hampson
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 <i>St. Cornelius, & St. Cyprian,</i> <i>1 Timothy 3.14-16; Luke 7.31-35</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of Jose Oliveria Jr.	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (S.S.J.C.)
Thursday, September 17, 2015 <i>1 Timothy 4.12-16; Luke 7.36-50</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Manuel and Maria Codeiro	Father Higgins
Friday, September 18, 2015 <i>1 Timothy 6.2-12; Luke 8.1-3;</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Rocco and Teresa Romeo	Father Isabelle
Saturday, September 19, 2015 <i>Vigil-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Wis. 2.12-20; James 3.16-43; Mark 9.30-37</i>	2:00 p.m.	Wedding Celebration	Father Kiffman
	3:30-4:30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	4:00-4:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Mass with the intentions of +Helen Dillon +Domenico & Rosa Sergi + Francesca Ascrizzi +Vera Mastroluisi +Fiordea & Gaetano Salvatore	

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Regular Offerings (238 env. @ 20.79 avg)	\$4,948.45
Loose Offerings	\$1,783.55
P.A.D. -Sept 1 st (52 entries @\$56.35)	\$2,930.00
Total	\$9,662.00

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will preside at the annual *Diocesan Vocations Mass* on **Sunday, September 20th, 2015** at **11:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This is an opportunity to pray with members of the Serra Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Women's League, for vocations to the ordained Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life in the Diocese of Hamilton. A reception with information booths will follow in McNally Hall (Auditorium).

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

Parents of children in Grade 2 and in Grade 7 may wish to note that we will celebrate the Sacraments of 1st Eucharist & 1st Reconciliation and the *Sacrament of Confirmation* in the Cathedral Basilica Parish in 2015-2016. Even if your child is enrolled in a Catholic School s/he may celebrate the Sacraments here at the Cathedral Basilica. Please contact Sandra Gould in our Parish Office for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will be offering an opportunity for young children to participate in the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the **3rd Sunday** of each month beginning in September. The children will be invited forward at the beginning of Mass and then follow their leaders to the Marian Chapel. They will return to the Assembly (and their parents) at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts. In the coming weeks "sign up forms" will be available for parents who wish their children to participate - pre-school age to Grade 2. All volunteers participate in the Diocesan volunteer screening process which includes criminal background checks.

HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE - THANK YOU

Thank you for being part of the Hamilton Right to Life Baby Bottle Drive held earlier this Spring. The Parish raised \$1,480.00 for the work of Hamilton Right to Life. Plans for the coming year include putting up more billboards throughout the city to advertise and educate against the devastating effects of abortion. On behalf of those who have no voice, thank you!

LANDSCAPE PROJECT

The landscape project in front of the Chancery and Cathedral is nearly completed. The work has progressed very well and the result is beautiful! Our thanks to DeKorte's Landscaping and the Chancery for these improvements.



PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ
in the Hamilton Diocese,

A recent Supreme Court of Canada decision has given the right in law for physicians to bring about a person's death by euthanasia or assisted suicide. The Canadian government is now responsible for the criteria for a new law, one which will allow euthanasia and assisted suicide for both physical and psychological suffering. The citizens of this country are right to be fearful that such a law will lack objective standards to protect vulnerable people: and everyone suffering from serious physical or mental illness is vulnerable.

Pro-euthanasia advocates frame their arguments in terms of compassion, which is why the vocabulary of "assisted death" is often used – it is more acceptable to people than "assisted suicide." But advocates of euthanasia propose a false compassion that no "re-branding" can hide. Our Christian faith calls us to empathy and kindness toward those facing physical or psychological illness: true compassion always respects a person's human dignity and is ministered through acts of love and service. Our Lord's tenderness toward the sick and the suffering serves as our model here. We must never abandon someone who needs our love and support. True love for those who are dying calls for a commitment to excellence in palliative care.

In March of this year Pope Francis addressed the very issue of assisted death by saying we must honour every person. He emphasized that **"to honor today means respecting and taking care of those who, because of their physical or social condition, could be left to die or even made to die."** In his statement announcing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis urges people to be close to those who are suffering **"so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship and our fraternity."** It is a clear call to action directed at each of us.

It is often claimed that euthanasia and assisted suicide will only occur in the last few days of life when a seriously ill person has given consent but the experience of other countries proves otherwise. Alex Schadenburg, an expert in the area of euthanasia, debunks that common myth. He writes: *"Assisted death creates new paths of abuse for elders, for people with disabilities and for other socially devalued people. Depression, in particular, is common for people with significant health conditions. Assisted suicide represents an abandonment of people who live with depression who require support and proper care, and undermines important mental health and suicide prevention programs. Giving doctors the right, in law, to cause the death of their patients will never be safe and no amount of "safeguards" will protect those who live with depression or abuse. There will always be people*

who will abuse the power to cause death and there will be more reasons to cause death."

Now is the time for all of us to look with clear vision on what this new law may mean to the people of Canada, both today and in the future. We must speak up as citizens and as Catholics to remind the government that the protection of life is the most essential component of any new legislation. Silence gives consent, and therefore we must not be silent.

The Canadian government has appointed an expert panel to examine the Supreme Court of Canada assisted suicide decision, with the intent of consulting individuals and groups. The input gathered will be used to make recommendations about options for assisted suicide legislation. I encourage every person in the Diocese to be part of this process by registering to receive consultation updates from the official website. The information on how to access this site will be found in your bulletin and on the website of the Diocese of Hamilton. Take the time to be informed and to raise your voice in defense of the dying and the vulnerable.

Every person that lives is worthy of our protection and love. Sometimes living is a struggle, but we are called to meet each person in their time of need with support and true compassion. We must protect the most vulnerable and seek to build a world where respect, dignity and peace are the right of every human person. This is an important issue for all of us. Please engage with the consultation process to help ensure respect for life and true compassion for the terminally ill.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,
✠ Douglas Crosby, OMI
The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ISSUE ...

On July 17, the Canadian government appointed an expert panel to examine the Supreme Court of Canada assisted suicide decision, with the intent of seeking consultation from individuals and groups. The input gathered will be used to make recommendations to the government about assisted suicide legislation. As Catholics we uphold the value and dignity of every human life and so **Bishop Crosby encourages every person in the Diocese of Hamilton** to sign up to receive consultation updates from the official website at www.ep-ce.ca/consultation/. On the site you will see various ways you can provide your input. Please visit the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information on this topic. You may also wish to consult the material developed for the "Life-Giving Love" Campaign, launched last September by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family; more information is available on their web site at www.colf.ca.

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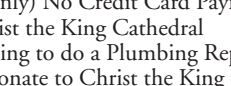
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