



CATHEDRAL BASILICA of CHRIST *the* KING

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WELCOME!

The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King is the mother-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 is *every eye shall see him*.

PASTORAL STAFF

The Most Reverend JOSEPH DABROWSKI, CSMA
Bishop of Hamilton

Very Reverend DAVID A. WYNEN, Rector, VF
Mrs. DEBRA ROCHE, Parish Secretary
Mrs. SANDRA GOULD, Pastoral Minister
Mr. ROBERT CORSO, Director of Music
Mr. SANDOR KOLLARICH, Maintenance
Sister LENA PETRUCCELLI, CSJB, Sacristan

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12 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.
(3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Advent & Lent)

DAILY MASS

Please refer to the schedule in this bulletin for times and intentions.

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.

CARE OF THE SICK

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

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.

Second Week of Easter		Mass Intention
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 <i>Acts 4.32-37; John 3.7b-15</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass	NO MASS
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 <i>Acts 5.17-26; John 3.16-21</i>	12:00 p.m. (Cathedral)	NO MASS
Thursday, April 16, 2026 <i>Acts 5.27-33; John 3.31-36</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass	NO MASS
Friday, April 17, 2026 <i>Acts 5.34-42; John 6.1-15</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass	NO MASS
Saturday, April 18, 2026	4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:00 p.m.	Carmela & Tony Musitano, deceased members of the Spano Family, Assunta De Vuono, Rocco Romeo, David & Judith Carreiro, Calvin Eckert, Marie Cech, Regina & Rimas Bagdonas
Sunday, April 19, 2026 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Acts 2.14, 22b-28; 1 Peter 1.17-21; Luke 24.13-35</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, March 29, 2026

April Pre-Authorized Giving	\$11,061.00
Sunday Collection	5,234.30
Loose Offerings	2,262.58
ShareLent	725.00
Easter	80.00
Stained Glass Collection	20.00
Cathedral Charities	5.00
	\$19,387.88

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Cathedral Basilica Parish through your gifts of *time, talent, and treasure*. New Parishioners, and those returning after an absence, are welcome to request Sunday Offering envelopes, or sign up for *pre-authorized debits*, as ways to support the Parish. Annual income tax receipts are issued for recorded donations given through the weekly envelopes or monthly PAD.

DAILY MASSES

Please note that there are no Daily Masses this week as Fr. Dave is away from the Parish. Daily Mass is offered at St. Joseph Parish (Locke & Herkimer) and at Canadian Martyrs Parish on Main Street. Regular schedule resumes on April 21st.



PARISH WINE TOUR

Join us for a parish wine tour on **Sunday, May 24, 2026!** We will begin by tasting three wines accompanied with a charcuterie board at *Vieni Estate Winery*. Our second stop will be *Ridge Road Winery*, where we will enjoy tasting four additional wines.

Transportation will be provided by coach bus, and a bagged lunch will be included.

Sign-up will take place after all Masses on the weekend of April 25 & 26. The cost is \$70 per person, payable at the time of registration. Space is limited to 50 people. For more information, please contact Sandra Gould at the parish office. (Note: this event is for parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ years of Catholic marriage are invited to join Bishop Dabrowski for the Wedding Anniversary Mass – contact the Office of Family Ministry (905) 528-7988.

POPE LEO ON THE LAITY

General Audience address on April 1, 2026

Let us continue on our path of reflection on the Church as she is presented to us in the Conciliar Constitution [Lumen gentium](#) (LG). Today we will look at the fourth chapter, which deals with the laity. Let us all remember what [Pope Francis](#) liked to repeat: “Lay people are, put simply, the vast majority of the people of God. The minority – ordained ministers – are at their service” (Apostolic Exhortation [Evangelii gaudium](#), 102).

This section of the Document seeks to explain, *in positive terms*, the nature and mission of the laity, after centuries in which they had been defined simply as those who are not part of the clergy or the consecrated life. For this reason, I would like to revisit with you a very beautiful passage that speaks to the greatness of the Christian condition: “Therefore, the chosen People of God is one: ‘one Lord, one faith, one baptism’ (Eph 4:5); sharing a common dignity as members from their regeneration in Christ, having the same filial grace and the same vocation to perfection; possessing in common one salvation, one hope and one undivided charity” (LG, 32).

Before any distinction of ministry or state of life, [the Council](#) affirms the equality of all the baptized. The Constitution does not want us to forget what it had already affirmed in the chapter on the People of God, namely that the condition of the messianic people is the dignity and freedom of the children of God (cf. LG, 9).

Naturally, the greater the gift, the greater the commitment too. For this reason, [the Council](#), along with dignity, also emphasizes the mission of the laity in the Church and in the world. But on what is this mission founded, and in what does it consist? The very description of the laity offered by the Council tells us: “The term laity is here understood to mean all the faithful... [who] are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world” (LG, 31).

The holy People of God, therefore, is never a formless mass, but the body of Christ or, as Saint Augustine said, the *Christus totus*; it is a community

organically structured by means of the fruitful relationship between the two forms of participation in the priesthood of Christ: the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial priesthood (cf. LG, 10). By virtue of Baptism, the lay faithful participate in the very priesthood of Christ. Indeed, “the supreme and eternal Priest, Christ Jesus, since He wills to continue His witness and service also through the laity, vivifies them in this Spirit and increasingly urges them on to every good and perfect work” (LG, 34).

In this regard, how can we fail to recall [Saint John Paul II](#) and his Apostolic Exhortation [Christifideles laici](#) (30 December 1988)? In it, he emphasized that “the Council, with its rich doctrinal, spiritual and pastoral patrimony, has written as never before on the nature, dignity, spirituality, mission and responsibility of the lay faithful. And the Council Fathers, re-echoing the call of Christ, have summoned all the lay faithful, both women and men, to labour in the vineyard” (no. 2). In this way, my venerable Predecessor relaunched the apostolate of the laity, to which the Council dedicated a specific Document, which we will talk about later. [1]

The vast field of the lay apostolate is not confined to the Church, but extends to the world. Indeed, the Church is present wherever her children profess and bear witness to the Gospel: in the workplace, in civil society and in all human relationships, wherever they, through their choices, show the beauty of Christian life, which foretells here and now the justice and peace that will be accomplished in the Kingdom of God. The world needs to “be permeated by the spirit of Christ, and more effectively fulfil its purpose in justice, charity and peace” (LG, 36). And this is possible only through the contribution, service and witness of the laity!

It is an invitation to be the “outgoing” Church that [Pope Francis](#) spoke to us about: a Church embodied in history, always open to mission, in which we are all called to be missionary disciples, apostles of the Gospel, witnesses of the Kingdom of God, bearers of the joy of Christ whom we have encountered!

Brothers and sisters, may the Easter we are preparing to celebrate renew in us the grace to be, like Mary Magdalene, like Peter and John, witnesses of the Risen One!

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