



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
Apostolic Administrator of Hamilton

Very Reverend DAVID A. WYNEN, Rector, VF
Mrs. LISA TUCK, Parish Secretary
Mrs. SANDRA GOULD, Pastoral Minister
Mr. ROBERT CORSO, Director of Music
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Sister LENA PETRUCCELLI, CSJB, Sacristan

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 OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

Fourth Week of Advent		Mass Intention
Tuesday, December 23, 2025 <i>Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66</i>	8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, December 24, 2025 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:00 p.m. (Cathedral) 11:30 p.m.	Christmas Mass Christmas Carols
Thursday, December 25, 2025 <i>Christmas Day</i>	12:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Midnight Mass Christmas Day Mass
Friday, December 26, 2025 <i>Saint Stephen, the Martyr</i> <i>Judges 13.2-7, 24-25; Luke 1.5-25</i>	No Mass	
Saturday, December 27, 2025	4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:00 p.m.	Norma Helwig, Pasquale Lentini, Francesco, Maria & Rocco Romeo, Maria Perri, Natalie Crosby, Marilyn Richardson
Sunday, December 28, 2025 <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> <i>Sir 3.2-6, 12-14; Col.. 3.12-17; Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Regular Collection	155x\$32.77	\$5,080.00
Loose Collection		\$1,369.00
Cathedral Charities		\$2,378.00
Stained Glass		\$ 70.00
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		\$8,897.00

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, December 23, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

December 24, 25 and 26
Closed



CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE OF HOPE

The Holy Year 2025 – Jubilee of Hope – will be solemnly concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist on **Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This will also be an opportunity for our Diocese to offer thanks to God for the ministry of Bishop Crosby among us these past 15 years. Please plan to join us for the celebration!

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxed sets of 2026 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick up the weekend of December 14 for those who have requested. Please only begin using the *new* envelopes on January 1, 2026.

Annual donations, or year-end donations must be received in our Parish Office on or before **Wednesday, December 31, 2025** to be included on your 2025 Tax Receipt. Donations made after January 1, will be applied toward your 2026 donations.

The Cathedral Basilica is a federally registered Charitable Organisation with the Canada Revenue Agency. Donations made through offering envelopes, Pre-Authorized giving, or personal cheque qualify for a donation receipt.

2026 WEDDINGS

We are concluding arranging weddings for 2026. Couples planning to marry in the late Fall of next year should contact us soon. We are accepting weddings for 2027 ... always good to plan ahead!

Couples who are parishioners of the Cathedral, and Catholics who live in the Diocese of Hamilton may request the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica. Due to the volume of requests, we cannot accommodate requests from outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

Marriage preparation is required and provided. More information about marriage at the Cathedral can be found on-line at www.ctkbasilica.ca

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS CRIB

Blessed are you, Lord God, king of all creation: we praise you for your love. We thank you because you have loved us so much that you sent your only Son to bring us Eternal Life.

Bless this crib that we have prepared, and let it be a reminder to us of the Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, Lord for ever and ever

CHRISTMAS 2025

Dear friends in Christ,

At the Mass during the Night of Christmas we hear from the Prophet Isaiah, *for a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* Isaiah, writing in the Old Testament, looks forward to a time when God will restore right order in the world. His hope is in the birth of a child who will be called by God to save his people, Israel. We know this child to be Jesus Christ – the child of Bethlehem – the fulfillment of the promises of God. This child was born into straw poverty, born to refugee parents, born at time of great division among his own people.

Wonders were associated with his birth – the Star guiding wise ones from the East, the adoration of the Shepherds, gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Angels' messages and bold proclamations. A loving virgin Mother pondering all these wonders in her heart. She looked upon her newborn son with the same great hope every parent has for their child. For Mary, however, her gaze is informed by the message of the Angel Gabriel to her months before. Her *fiat* – yes to God's plan – has made this all possible.

At Christmas we celebrate this miraculous birth. We pray that the Christ-child will deepen our sense of God's unconditional love for us. We hope that the prince of peace will usher in a new peace for our world, and in our own homes and hearts.

May these Christmas days, your family reunions and celebrations be a grace-filled and joyful time for you.

On behalf of our Parish Staff, I am happy to wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Father Dave

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