



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
Monsignor EDWARD D. SHERIDAN, In Residence
Mrs. LISA TUCK, Parish Secretary
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Mr. ROBERT CORSO, Director of Music
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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. - 12:00 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.

Christmas Week	Mass Intention	Meeting/Event
Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God <i>Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.16-21</i>	11:00 a.m. New Year's Mass	
Tuesday, January 2 <i>Saint Basil & Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors</i> <i>1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28</i>	8:00 a.m. – +Deceased Cordeiro family	
Wednesday, January 3 <i>1 John 2.29-3.1-6; John 1.29-34</i>	12:00 Noon (Cathedral) – +Tommy Arnold + Leonardo & Giuseppe Fazari	7:00 p.m. RCIA
Thursday, January 4 <i>1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42</i>	8:00 a.m. +Joseph Nguyen	
Friday, January 5 <i>1 John 3.11-21; John 1.43-51</i>	8:00 a.m. -Peter Phan & Mary Tran	
Saturday, January 6	5:00 p.m. Vigil – 3rd Sunday Advent – Mass with the Intentions: Archie Thomson; Giuseppe Cantanzariti; Joseph Partito; Elsa Catharine Baldasaro; Dea Thornton	4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions
Sunday, January 7, 2024 Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord <i>Is 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12</i>	9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass	

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Regular Offerings	\$ 6,393.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 130.00
Cathedral Charities	\$ 45.00
Stained Glass	\$ 280.00
Loose	\$ 1,230.00
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	\$ 8,078.00

Thank you for your continued financial support this past year. New parishioners are invited to “register” with the Parish by completing the registration form at the entrance of the Cathedral or on-line at www.ctkbasilica.ca. You may indicate your preference for a box of offering envelopes or monthly *pre-authorized debits* as a way of supporting the Parish.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A very happy New Year from all of us at the Cathedral Basilica. Thank you for the many gifts and cards. We give thanks for the blessings of 2023 and we look forward to 2024 with hope and trust in God's providence.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas Season continues in the Church until the *Baptism of the Lord*. This year, with Christmas having fallen on a Monday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is observed on Monday, January 9th. We will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral that day at 12:00 Noon. Next Sunday we celebrate the *Feast of the Epiphany* with our regular Masses on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ORDINARY TIME

The *Season of Ordinary Time* begins on Tuesday, January 10 and will continue until Tuesday, February 13. After a break for the Seasons of Lent and Easter, Ordinary Time resumes on May 20 with the Seventh Week. There are 34 weeks of Ordinary Time. Green – a sign of hope – is the liturgical colour for this Season. On most Sundays we hear about Jesus, his teaching and mission from the Gospel of Mark.

BISHOP CROSBY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2023



Dear Friends,

We will soon celebrate the great *Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas*. Already Christmas cards are in the mail, Christmas music fills the airwaves, and Christmas décor can be seen on, and in, our homes. Christmas gifts are being exchanged. Choirs are practicing Christmas music and parishioners are beginning to decorate the churches in preparation for the Christmas liturgies. Advertisements throughout the diocese encourage Catholics to “*Come Home for Christmas*”! We want to welcome sisters and brothers who worship with us at Christmas, so all will experience the profound blessing of being a follower of Jesus Christ – the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, as Handel’s Messiah so beautifully proclaims!



And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans - and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused - and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.

- *Sigrid Undset*



At this darkest time of the year, “*Jesus is born in our midst; He is God with us. He comes to accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. He comes as a helpless child. He is born in the cold night, poor among the poor. In need of everything, he knocks at the door of our hearts to find warmth and shelter.*” (Pope Francis, Christmas Message 2022)

During these Christmas festivities, take time to recall your blessings and give thanks in quiet prayer. When caught up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, be attentive to recognize the abundant presence of grace and goodness that surrounds you. The Lord reveals himself still in boundless acts of kindness and generosity. When you are aware of his presence through others, allow him to move you deeply, and to be generous in turn. His mercy works in and through us. As we are blessed by the goodness of others, so others are blessed by our generous acts!

The 1928 Nobel Prize winning Norwegian author, Sigrid Undset, wrote this beautiful reflection on Christmas. I offer it as a gentle gift of wisdom.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI

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