



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
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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.

Christmas Season		Mass Intention
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 <i>1 John 4.7-10; Mark 6.34-44</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass	(I) Tom Minnes
Wednesday, January 7, 2026 Saint Andre Bessette, Religious <i>1 John 4.11-18; Mark 6.45-52</i>	12:00 p.m. (Cathedral)	+ Anna Strauss + Wayne Nelissen + Lawrence Lobsinger
Thursday, January 8, 2026 <i>1 John 4.19-5.4; Luke 4.14-22</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass	(I) Maria & Ferenc Dombai
Friday, January 9, 2026 <i>1 John 5.5-13; Luke 5.12-16</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass	Intention of Donor
Saturday, January 10, 2026 <i>1 John 5.14-21; John 3.22-30</i>	4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:00 p.m.	David & Judith Carreiro, Calvin Eckert, Natalie Crosby, Catharina & Johannes Buskermalen, Charles Muli, Vittorio Marini, Jarid Lampman, Alphonsus Grogan
Sunday, January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord <i>Isaiah 42.1,6-7; Acts 10.34-38; Matthew 3.13-17</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Sunday Collection	191x\$32.77	\$9,983.00
Loose Collection		\$3,628.68
Christmas		\$480.00
Stained Glass		\$415.00
Cathedral Charities		\$95.00
		\$14,601.68

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxed sets of 2026 Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up at the back of the church. Please only begin using the *new* envelopes on January 1, 2026. Kindly contact our Parish Office if you wish to begin using offering envelopes or sign up for PAD - donations withdrawn once a month.



INSTALLATION

The Installation of His Excellency, Bishop Dabrowski, as the 10th Bishop of Hamilton will be celebrated on Monday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica. This is an invitation only event. The Mass will be livestreamed. Our new Bishop makes his way to Hamilton in the coming week to take up residence and prepare for the Installation celebration. We pray for our new Bishop that he will find here a warm and joyful welcome as he begins his episcopal ministry among us. A few weeks after the Installation, the Bishop will be with us for Mass on the First Sunday of Lent ... more details to follow.

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to all who have helped make our celebration of Christmas such a beautiful experience - our liturgical ministers, musicians, choir, decorators. Also, on behalf of Bishop Crosby, thanks to all who left gifts for us. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are an inspiration to us. Thanks to all!

RCIA

Our RCIA process resumes on January 7. Please pray for our candidates as well as those from St. Joseph and Canadian Martyrs' Parish. We now begin an in-depth reflection on the Sacraments of the Catholic faith. In Lent, our candidates will gather on Sunday mornings to reflect on the Scriptures during the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

DAILY MASS

Our schedule of Daily Masses resumes this week. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we celebrate the Eucharist in the *Marian Chapel* (located on the lower level) at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday's Mass is at 12:00 Noon in the Cathedral Basilica.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available every Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SEASON CONCLUDES

The Christmas Season concludes next Sunday with the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*. We move from celebrating the birth of Christ to the inauguration of his saving ministry. The Season of Ordinary Time begins on January 12. It will continue until Ash Wednesday (February 18). After the Lent/Easter period, Ordinary Time resumes on May 25 and concludes with the *Feast of Christ the King* on November 22.

POPE LEO XIV ON CHRISTMAS

Pope Leo's homily for Christmas Day ...

Dear brothers and sisters, since the Word was made flesh, humanity now speaks, crying out with God's own desire to encounter us. The Word has pitched his fragile tent among us. How, then, can we not think of the tents in Gaza, exposed for weeks to rain, wind and cold; and of those of so many other refugees and displaced persons on every continent; or of the makeshift shelters of thousands of homeless people in our own cities? Fragile is the flesh of defenseless populations, tried by so many wars, ongoing or concluded, leaving behind rubble and open wounds. Fragile are the minds and lives of young people forced to take up arms, who on the front lines feel the senselessness of what is asked of

them and the falsehoods that fill the pompous speeches of those who send them to their deaths.

When the fragility of others penetrates our hearts, when their pain shatters our rigid certainties, then peace has already begun. The peace of God is born from a newborn's cry that is welcomed, from weeping that is heard. It is born amidst ruins that call out for new forms of solidarity. It is born from dreams and visions that, like prophecies, reverse the course of history. Yes, all this exists, because Jesus is the *Logos*, the Meaning, from which everything has taken shape. "All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (*Jn* 1:3). This mystery speaks to us from the nativity scenes we have built; it opens our eyes to a world in which the Word still resonates, "many times and in many ways" (cf. *Heb* 1:1), and still calls us to conversion.

To be sure, the Gospel does not hide the resistance of darkness to the light. It describes the path of the Word of God as a rugged road, strewn with obstacles. To this day, authentic messengers of peace follow the Word along this path, which ultimately reaches hearts – restless hearts that often desire the very thing they resist. In this way, Christmas gives fresh impetus to a missionary Church, urging her onto the paths that the Word of God has traced for her. We do not serve a domineering Word – too many of those already resound everywhere – but a presence that inspires goodness, knows its efficacy and does not claim a monopoly over it.

This is the way of mission: a path toward others. In God, every word is an addressed word; it is an invitation to conversation, a word never closed in on itself. This is the renewal that the [Second Vatican Council](#) promoted, which will bear fruit only if we walk together with the whole of humanity, never separating ourselves from it. The opposite is worldliness: to have oneself at the center. The movement of the Incarnation is a dynamics of conversation. There will be peace when our monologues are interrupted and, enriched by listening, we fall to our knees before the humanity of the other. In this, the Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church, the Star of Evangelization, the Queen of Peace. In her, we understand that nothing is born from the display of force, and everything is reborn from the silent power of life welcomed.

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