



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
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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.

Fourth Week in Advent	Mass Intention
Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve <i>Isaiah 62.1-5 ; Acts 13.16-17, 22-25 ; Matthew 1.1-25</i>	5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Christmas Day <i>Isaiah 62.11-12 Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.15-20</i>	12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass 11 :00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
Thursday, December 26, 2024 Saint Stephen, The First Martyr <i>Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22</i>	12:00 Noon – Intention of donor
Friday, December 27, 2024 Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist <i>1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8</i>	12:00 Noon – +Jeno & Ilona Palko
Saturday, December 28, 2024	4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. Vigil –Holy Family– Pasquale Lentini, Dominic & Rosa Sergi, Ardea & Nicodemo Zavagno, Marco & Teresa Altomare, Romano Piccini, Calvin Moffatt, Cecylia Kasprzyk, Rocco Romeo
Sunday, December 29, 2024 Feast of the Holy Family <i>Sirach 3.2-6,12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.41-52</i>	9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Sunday Offerings	169x\$30.11	\$ 4,196.15
Loose Offerings		\$ 1,188.85
Cathedral Charities		\$ 345.00
Stained Glass		<u>\$ 1,198.00</u>
		\$6,928.00

New boxes of Sunday Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. Please do not use them until January. If you are not currently using Offering Envelopes or monthly *pre-Authorized Debits*, please consider one of these options to support the Parish through your gifts of treasure. Annual charitable receipts are issued for all recorded donations (envelopes or PAD) given in the previous year. Thank you to all who support the mission and upkeep of the Cathedral Basilica. Your weekly or monthly offerings not only help us meet our monthly commitments but also assist us in support of the Diocese and affiliated charities. Those who wish to make an annual donation for 2024 are reminded that these funds must be received by the Parish not later than December 31st in order for us to issue a receipt.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st is a *Holy Day of Obligation* in Canada as we celebrate our Blessed Mother on the feast of her principal title.

New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00 p.m. – Mass

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
11:00 a.m. – Mass



JUBILEE 2025

Bishop Crosby will solemnly open the Holy Year at the Cathedral Basilica next Sunday, December 29 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. A replica of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica will be blessed at this Mass and displayed throughout the Holy Year.



BISHOP CROSBY'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ:

We have begun the Advent Season, a time of active and spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The four weeks of Advent pass quickly and, almost before we know it, Christmas is upon us: the birth of Jesus Christ in a manger in Bethlehem.

During Advent, we meet, in Sacred Scripture, figures who help us understand the importance of the Christmas event and point out the way for us to prepare well. The Angel Gabriel assures us that “with God all things are possible”! The Virgin Mary sets the high standard of openness and obedience to God’s will in our lives. St. Joseph acts on revelations in his dreams. John the Baptist calls us to prepare spiritually and practically for the coming of Christ into our lives. The shepherds listen to the revelation of angels and hurry to meet the Lord. The Magi follow a star to find Him. For each, the experience is different. For all, it leads to an important encounter with Jesus.

For the past number of years, the *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops* has prepared an on-line series called *Journey Through Advent*. The weekly reflections in English and French open our hearts and minds. This year, Cardinal Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, is the presenter in English. His profound spiritual reflections are gifts to us, available on the CCCB website. They nourish our faith and help us prepare well.

In our Diocese, Parish Priests, Lay Pastoral Ministers, choirs and musicians, sacristans and decorators and cleaners – a bevy of gifted people – help assure that all is ready for the Christmas celebrations. We are blessed that dedicated Priests, Deacons and lay-faithful care enough to do the necessary work of planning and preparing so that we might *Come Home for Christmas* and celebrate well. I am grateful to all who serve, and I pray that, as our cloistered Carmelite Nuns so often say, “*God reward you!*”

Advent is a good time to celebrate the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. We get ready “outwardly”. It is wise to prepare ourselves “interiorly” as well. A good Confession does wonders for the soul and for our hearts. It frees us and lifts us up. Pastors make time to welcome you and are happy to celebrate this liberating Sacrament.

I like to send Christmas cards at Christmas. The Canada Post strike has precluded that pleasure this year. It means prayers for may family and friends will be evermore intentional. As I pray for them, I pray also for you, brothers and sisters, co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord, and parishioners throughout this vast Diocese. As we open the *Jubilee Year of Hope* on December 29, and live the experience of being *Pilgrims of Hope*, let us give thanks for the gift of faith that provides meaning and purpose to our lives – and hope for a future in union with the One Who Comes!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

✠ *Douglas Crosby*, OMI
Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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