



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
Mrs. SANDRA GOULD, Pastoral Minister
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 Octave	Mass Intention
Tuesday, December 31, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Eve <i>Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21</i>	5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass
Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day <i>Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21</i>	11:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass
Thursday, January 2, 2025 Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church <i>1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28</i>	12:00 Noon - + John Tyo, Sr
Friday, January 3, 2025 Holy Name of Jesus <i>1 John 2.29-3.1-6; John 1.29-34</i>	12:00 Noon -+Domenico Sergi
Saturday, January 4, 2025	4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:00 p.m. Vigil -Epiphany of the Lord - deceased members of the Martin family; Mario & Teresa Scorziello; Leonardo & Domenico Fazari; Regina Bagdonas; Paul Stanaitis
Sunday, January 5, 2025 Epiphany of the Lord <i>Isaiah 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 15, 2024

Sunday Offerings	192x44.82	\$ 8,606.10
Loose Offerings		\$ 1,900.90
Cathedral Charities		\$ 400.00
Stained Glass		<u>\$ 150.00</u>
		\$11,057.00

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Cathedral Basilica Parish through your gifts of *time, talent, and treasure*. Please pick up your box of Sunday offering envelopes to use throughout the coming year. If you wish to make an annual donation for 2024, please be sure that we receive it at the Parish Office on or before December 31 to qualify for a 2024 income tax receipt. If the Postal strike is unresolved, we will make your 2024 Income Tax receipts available for pick up. Please understand that we prefer to do this with the utmost discretion and confidentiality. The receipt will only be given to the individual to whom it is addressed.

THANK YOU!

A very grateful thank you to all who have helped celebrate the Feast of Christmas with such joy! Our musicians, choirs, cantors, under the direction of Rob Corso; Sandor, Sandra and Jared for decorating and cleaning; Sister Lena for keeping us all in line; our Servers and other ministers. A special thanks to Tom from *Andrew's Tree Farm* (Ancaster) for the lovely Christmas trees. Thanks too for all the kind gifts. God bless us everyone!

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (January 1) is a *holy Day of Obligation* in Canada. This means that we treat it like we do a Sunday. Masses are offered on New Year's Eve at 5:00 p.m. and New Year's Day at 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

Our daily Masses (Thursday & Friday) this week will be offered in the Cathedral Basilica, rather than the Marian Chapel. The Masses will be celebrated at **12:00 Noon**. If you are off for Christmas holidays, join us for these Masses and experience the joy and peace of the Christmas Season.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Please note that our Parish Office will only open on Thursday, January 2nd and Friday, January 3rd from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.



JUBILEE 2025

Bishop Crosby will solemnly open the Holy Year at the Cathedral Basilica today 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.

What is a Jubilee?

The Jubilee has always been an event of the people. In fact, the first Holy Year of 1300 was born at the request of the People of God. In a climate of change of century, the faithful of Rome asked Pope Boniface VIII for "*a pardon of sins which would be not only more abundant, but complete*" as we read in the Bull of Indiction.

Among the ancient Hebrews, the Jubilee (called the year of the yobel, "of the goat" because the holiday was announced by the sound of a goat's horn) was a year proclaimed holy. At that time, Mosaic law prescribed that the land, of which God was the sole master, would return to its former owner and that slaves would receive back their freedom. It usually would fall every 50 years.

In the Christian era, after the first Jubilee, the recurrence for the jubilee celebration was set by Pope Boniface VIII to be every 100 years. In 1342, following a petition from the Romans to

Pope Clement VI, the period was reduced to 50 years. Subsequently, Pope Paul II, in the mid-15th century, reduced the inter-jubilee period to 25 years.

The Jubilee consists of concrete gestures. The most emblematic and evocative one is the opening of the Holy Door. Pilgrims go there on pilgrimage, kiss it with devotion, and kneel at the door in prayer. In pilgrimages is found a concrete journey, during which the pilgrim toils and meets companions on the road.

In a pilgrimage, one finds the concreteness of the sacraments: reconciliation with God in confession - the Eucharist. There is the concreteness of the works of penance, fasting and charity. Pilgrimage is the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus that opens wide our own stories and shows that he is present among us: a concrete hope that can be touched.

The Jubilee did not come about as an intuition of Popes, pastors, or theologians. It is the fruit of the faith of the People of God. It is the most popular event in the life of the Church: a time of pilgrimage to the tombs of the Apostles, the experience of the Holy Door, the time of conversion, of a special closeness to the sacraments.

What is the significance of the Holy Door?

The Holy Door is one of the most characteristic signs of the Jubilee. For the coming year only the Holy Doors of Rome will be opened. At Christmas, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. The next day he will open a holy door at a local Roman prison. In the weeks after Christmas, the Holy Father will open the Holy Doors of his Cathedral - St. John Lateran; St. Mary Major; and St. Paul-outside-the-walls.

In crossing the threshold, the pilgrim is reminded of Jesus in John's Gospel - "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

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