

# CATHEDRA

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

Advent & Christmas 2018



## GREETINGS

Dear friends,

*The Advent and Christmas Seasons are quickly approaching. At this time, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith in Jesus Christ – the Eternal Word made flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary.*

*May these days be filled with joy for you and your family.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ the King,  
Father David Wynen  
Rector*

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

11:30 p.m. Carols from the Cathedral  
12:00 Midnight Mass  
*Televised on Salt+Light Canada's Catholic broadcaster*

**Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

**Feast of the Holy Family (December 30<sup>th</sup>)**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.

**Feast of Mary Mother of God**  
*Holy Day of Obligation in Canada*  
**New Year's Eve – Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Mass

**New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
11:00 a.m.

*Bishop Crosby will greet those who attend Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and offer New Year's greetings.*

## CONFESSIONS

Advent is a good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will offer the Sacrament on Saturdays in Advent (December 8, 15, 22) from **3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Priests will be available for confession on **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. – **this is the last opportunity for the Sacrament before Christmas.**

## PARISH STAFF

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The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD  
Bishop of Hamilton

Reverend David A. Wynen, Rector  
Reverend Monsignor Edward Sheridan  
Mrs. Sandra Gould, Pastoral Minister  
Mr. Robert Corso, Director of Music  
Mr. Sandor Kollarich, Maintenance  
Mrs. Lisa Tuck, Secretary  
Sister Lena Petrucelli, Sacristan  
Mr. Lukas Lamanes, Maintenance

### *Office Hours*

Monday (closed)  
Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Fridays 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
(905) 522-5744  
[www.ctkbasilica.ca](http://www.ctkbasilica.ca)

*The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King is the “mother Church” of the Diocese of Hamilton. It houses the cathedra (Bishop’s Chair) from which it is named. Completed in 1933 it stands as a beacon and a sign of faith in Hamilton and beyond. In 2013, Pope Benedict XVI designated it a Minor Basilica in recognition of the architectural and ecclesial significance of this magnificent Church building. The Parish is home to some 1,000 families and is the center of the liturgical life of the Diocese of Hamilton.*

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Over 500 registered Parishioners support the Parish with regular financial donations. If a Christmas offering envelope is included in this mailing, would you consider becoming a regular envelope user or Pre-Authorized donor? Contact our office for details. The Cathedral Basilica is a registered charity. Income Tax receipts are issued annually for recorded donations.

## CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY

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On **December 19<sup>th</sup> (12:00 Noon)** Bishop Crosby will preside at Mass celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. In 1933 the Cathedral was blessed in the presence of the sitting Prime Minister of Canada – R. B. Bennett – and an enormous crowd of dignitaries, clergy, and the lay faithful. Since then the Cathedral has stood as a witness to the faith and service of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Hamilton.

## BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS

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We wish all our Parishioners a very Merry Christmas and all God’s choicest blessings for the coming New Year. The following prayer can be used as the grace before meals at your Christmas dinner:

*Blessed are you, Lord God,  
king of the universe:  
we turn to you in prayer  
and ask you to bless us  
and this food you have given us,  
as we celebrate your Son’s birth  
for he is our Wonder Counsellor,  
Mighty God, and Prince of Peace.  
Help us to be generous toward others,  
and to work with them  
so that they too may eat well.*

*Loving Father,  
may we who celebrate  
around this table on earth  
know the joy of feasting in your Kingdom.  
We offer you all praise and thanks through  
Jesus Christ your Son,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.*