

CATHEDRA

September 2023

WELCOME!

Welcome to a new *Pastoral Year*. September is the start of a new school year and a new year in the Parish. I hope that this edition of CATHEDRA will be a handy reference for you and your family as we make our way through the coming months in the life of our Parish. Please know that the dates and times of events included here are current at the time of publication, updates can be found in our weekly Sunday bulletin.

Our Parish's worship space has been enhanced with new flooring in the aisles and new carpet under the pews. Thanks to all our Parishioners for their patience this Summer during the construction period. This past Summer saw us move to McNally Hall for our Sunday and Daily Masses. It is good to be home in the Cathedral. We thank the workers who have done a magnificent job in bringing our vision to reality.

This year the Cathedral Basilica celebrates its 90th year. Officially opened on December 19, 1933, the Cathedral Basilica – *mother Church of the Diocese of Hamilton* stands a beacon of faith and a reminder of the presence of God for the tens of thousands who pass by each day. This edition of CATHEDRA contains details related to our celebration of the 90th in the coming months.

May this year be a moment of grace for all of us as we continue to grow together in Christ Jesus!

Father Dave

SACRED LITURGY

Sunday Mass

(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m. in the Marian Chapel (Cathedral Basement)

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon in the Cathedral Basilica

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(in Advent & Lent – 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

PARISH INFORMATION

Office Open Hours

We are open *Tuesday – Thursday* from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and *Fridays* from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Outside of office hours please leave a message or drop us an email – basilica@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Team

Most Reverend D. Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

Very Reverend David Wynen, VF
Rector & Dean of Hamilton

Reverend Monsignor Edward Sheridan, PH
Retired, in Residence

Lisa Tuck, Parish Secretary
Sandra Gould, Pastoral Minister
Rob Corso, Director of Music
Sandor Kollarich, Maintenance
Sister Lena Petrucelli, Sacristan

OTHER CONTACT

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SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. This year, the First Sunday of Advent is Sunday, December 3, 2023. On the Sundays of the coming year, we'll hear mainly from the Gospel of Mark at Mass. Advent calls us to prepare a *way* in our hearts, and our world, for Christ the enter once again. It is a joyful season of preparation to celebrate the great feast of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS 2023

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24, 2023

5:00 p.m. **Christmas Family Mass**

11:30 p.m. Carol Service

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023

12:00 a.m. **Solemn Midnight Mass** with
His Excellency, Most Reverend,
Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

11:00 a.m. **Christmas Family Mass**

NEW YEAR 2024

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in Canada. Please join us for one of our liturgies.

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31, 2023

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

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1, 2024

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

This year, Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Monday. The Vigil Mass for both feasts does not "count" as fulfilling Sunday obligation. We are obliged to attend Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24) and the Feast of the Holy Family (December 31) respectively.

CHRISTMAS FEASTS

Feast of the Holy Family – December 31, 2023

Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Epiphany – January 7, 2024

Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord –

Monday, January 8, 2024

Mass at 12:00 Noon (Cathedral)

SEASON OF LENT

Lent – an annual time of penance in preparation for Easter – begins with the mark of Ashes on *Ash Wednesday*. Catholics are called to observe Lent with *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*.

Ash Wednesday – February 14, 2024

Ashes will be imposed during the celebration of Mass:

8:00 a.m. (Cathedral)

12:00 Noon (Cathedral)

7:00 p.m. (Cathedral)

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Retreat Series

Join us for Stations of the Cross on **Fridays** in Lent at **7:00 p.m.** followed by a brief reflection offered by a guest speaker.

Reconciliation in Lent

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23 – 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 24

Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Mass of Chrism – Monday, March 25 at **2:00 p.m.**

The Sacred Oils to be used in the Sacraments throughout the Diocese for the coming year are blessed and consecrated at this Mass during which Priests renew their Ordination promises. All are welcome.

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – March 28

7:00 p.m. *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday – March 29

3:00 p.m. *Solemn Celebration of the Passion*

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 30

12 Noon Blessing of Easter Food (McNally)

8:00 p.m. *Solemn Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday – March 31

Masses: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Parish Mission

Welcome to Father Thomas Rosica, CSB who will preach our Parish Mission this November. Join us for one of the Sunday liturgies on November 4th and 5th as he preaches the homily at Mass. On Monday, November 6 we'll have 8:00 a.m. Mass with a coffee chat following in McNally Hall. Monday evening we'll gather at 7:00 p.m. for Solemn Evening Prayer and a talk in the Cathedral Basilica. Our Mission will conclude on Tuesday, November 7th – 8:00 a.m. Mass & coffee chat; concluding Mass at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

90th Anniversary Gala Dinner

As we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Cathedral Basilica, join fellow parishioners and honoured guests for a gala dinner at *Carmen's* on **Friday, November 24**. Tickets available in September.

Papal Honours

We welcome His Eminence, Gerald Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada for the bestowal of Papal Honours on the Feast of Christ the King, November 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Bishop Reding Memorial Mass

Bishop Crosby will celebrate Mass on **Friday, December 8th** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – at 12:00 Noon for the 40th Anniversary of the death of Bishop Paul Reding, the 7th Bishop of Hamilton and former Rector of the Cathedral.

Rite of Election

Adult candidates for baptism from across the Diocese will gather on the First Sunday of Lent – Sunday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m. – to be enrolled as members of the Elect in preparation for the Easter Sacraments. Bishop Crosby presides at this joyful Liturgy of the Word.

Mass for New Catholics

Newly baptized Catholics gather with Bishop Crosby for this special Mass in the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, April 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Parish Marian Evening of Recollection

Dr. Josie Lombardi will lead this evening of recollection, open to all parishioners. It will begin with prayer and the crowning of an image of Mary.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 are invited to register with the Office of Family Ministry for this Mass with Bishop Crosby on Sunday, May 26.

Parish BBQ – Sunday, June 23

Horizons of Hope

Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

We are happy to host sessions of this program on **Saturday, October 21 & 28** in McNally Hall. Horizons of Hope seeks to:

Empower and educate parishioners by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment, and bereavement in a holistic fashion.

Present high-quality content that explores how palliative care is understood from a perspective of Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise and the Compassionate Community model. Facilitate meaningful conversations together so that our parishes and families become Compassionate communities, grounded in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) formed a Joint Ad hoc Committee on Palliative Care with a variety of partners and experts to address the increasing complexities regarding end-of-life issues in Canada. The Committee members included representatives from Pallium Canada, Dominican University College, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Canada.

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COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Parish Finance Council

Parishioners are appointed by the Rector to a three-year term according to the provisions of the Code of Canon Law and Diocesan statutes. The Finance Council assists the Rector in the financial administration of the Parish in accord with CRA and Diocesan regulations. An annual report is made to the Diocese, and as a federally registered charity, a Charity disclosure is made to the CRA. Meetings take place three to four times during the Pastoral Year.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a non-voting, consensus based, group of parishioners who meet to pray, reflect, and help discern the pastoral and spiritual priorities of the Parish. They meet three to four times in the year to assist the Parish team in their ministry.

Parish Social Committee

Parishioners plan and carry out various social events & gatherings in the Parish during the year.

PARISH GROUPS

Catholic Women's League Council

The Cathedral Basilica Council of the CWL is a long-standing organization in the Parish. It is based in the Parish and is also part of the Diocesan, Provincial, and National Catholic Women's League. In Canada, the CWL is the largest organization of women. Members elect a President and Executive for a two-year term. Monthly meetings of the General Membership take place – usually after the 11 a.m. Mass on specified Sundays. The Executive meets monthly. A drive for new members takes place November 12.

CWL General Meetings 2023 – 2024

September 24, October 29, November 19, December 10, January 21, February 25, April 14, June 9

Knights of Columbus Council

Our local Council of the Knights of Columbus is part of an international organization of Catholic men dedicated to works of charity in the name of the Church. Our local Council meets to support members on the last Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome.

KofC Council meetings for 2023 -2024

September 28, October 26, November 30, January 25, February 29, April 25, May 30

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Robert Corso, assists and supports the singing of the Assembly during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and at major feasts through the year. They rehearse most Thursday evenings from September through May. Interested singers and musicians are welcome to speak to Rob Corso about joining.

Some members of the Parish are invited to serve the community either as a Minister of the Word or an extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Minister of the Word

Parishioners who have fully initiated (baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist) may be invited to proclaim the Sacred Scriptures at Sunday Mass. Training in the art of proclamation, and volunteer screening are required and provided.

Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion

The ordained deacon, priest, or bishop are the “ordinary” minister of the Holy Eucharist. An “extra”-Ordinary Minister is a lay person delegated, by the Bishop, to assist in giving Holy Communion to the faithful during Sunday Mass or to the Sick. Training for this very important ministry and volunteer screening is required and provided by the Parish.

Ministers of Hospitality

Parishioners – male or female – who greet Mass-goers, assist with the assembly's needs, take up the collection and distribute bulletins. Training is provided. A higher level of volunteer screening is required, including a criminal background check is required to serve in this ministry.

Altar Servers

Young people, who have already made their First Holy Communion, may volunteer to assist with serving during our Sunday Masses. A great way for young people to learn about the Mass and grow to love it.

Volunteer Screening

Our Parish, under the direction of the Diocese of Hamilton, screens volunteers according to low and high-risk categories. More screening is required of those in the “high” category due to their interaction with vulnerable persons, or handling money or keys. Screening is for the safety and protection of all!