



Welcome!

September marks the start of a new *Pastoral Year* and another edition of *Cathedra*. This brochure, named after the Bishop's Chair, from which the Cathedral takes its name, is meant to inform, invite, and encourage our Parishioners as we continue our journey of discipleship. Our Parish community is a diverse gathering of God's people. Each Sunday we welcome visitors from across the Diocese and beyond.

May the coming Pastoral Year, the liturgical celebrations, programs and social opportunities, strengthen our Parish and bring peace to all who join us.

May God bless us and console us in our daily living of the Gospel!

Father Dave

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

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

*The Sunday liturgy is, according to the Second Vatican Council, the **source and summit**, of the Christian life. We gather each week to seek God's blessing upon our daily life and to be fed by the Word of God and strengthened by the Lord's Body and Blood – broken and poured out for us.*

DAILY MASS

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Celebrated in the Marian Chapel (basement)

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica.

Celebrations

Our Bishop joins us for special celebrations throughout the year. These celebrations include:

Thanksgiving Day: Monday, October 14, 2024
Mass celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica at 10:00 a.m.

HWCD SB Award of Merit

The Bishop confers the Award on deserving members of the Catholic School Board of Hamilton on **Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome.

Immaculate Conception of Mary

Monday, December 9 at 12:00 Noon

Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, March 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Annunciation is the Patroness of our Diocese.

Rite of Election

Sunday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Candidates for Baptism from around the Diocese join the Bishop for this step along the way to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil.

Mass with New Catholics

Saturday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Ordination of Priests

Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, June 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Registration conducted by the Office of Family Ministry.

Confirmation

Saturday, June 7 at 5:00 p.m. Mass

Young people, mainly from Canadian Martyrs' School celebrate this Sacrament with the Bishop.

Mary, Mother of the Church

Monday, June 9 at 12:00 noon

The day after Pentecost and the Church reveres the Blessed Mother with this feast as Mother of the Church.

Christmas

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24

5:00 p.m.

11:30 p.m. – *Carols*

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25

12:00 Midnight

Solemn Midnight Mass with the Bishop

11:00 a.m.



Other Christmas feasts:

Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1

11:00 a.m.

January 1 is a holy day of obligation for Catholics in Canada.

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Regular Sunday Masses

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025

This feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas Season. Our regular Sunday schedule.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The *First Sunday of Advent* begins the Liturgical Year. Advent is a brief season of joyful preparation for the celebration of *Christmas*. The feasts of the Christmas Season celebrate God's desire to be one with us through His Son. *Ordinary Time* begins after the Baptism of the Lord and continues until *Ash Wednesday*. The *Lent & Easter* season celebrate the central events of our salvation. *Ordinary Time* resumes after Pentecost and continues until the Feast *Christ the King*.

Lent & Holy Week

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025 - *Day of prayer, fasting and abstaining from meat for Catholics*

We begin this Season of prayer, fasting and charitable works, by being signed with ashes, the remnants of last Palm Sunday's branches. The imposition of Ashes is not a mark of prestige or honour, but rather a call to repentance and humility. Join us for one of the following Masses in the Cathedral Basilica during which Ashes will be imposed:

8:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon

7:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS IN LENT

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

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon (Cathedral)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13 – 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Join us March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 for our Lenten devotion of the *Stations of the Cross*.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – Sunday, April 13, 2025

The Lord's triumphal entry will be commemorated at each Mass (Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.) as Holy Week begins.

MASS OF CHRISM – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

The Bishop of Hamilton gathers with Priests, Consecrated women and men, and lay faithful from across the Diocese as the Oils of the Sick and Catechumens are blessed, and Sacred Chrism is consecrated. All the Priests in attendance renew their Ordination promises together with their Bishop.

HOLY THURSDAY – April 17, 2025

7:00 p.m. *Mass of the Lord's Supper* commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. This celebration marks the beginning of the *Sacred Triduum*.

GOOD FRIDAY – April 18, 2025 - *Day of prayer, fasting and abstaining from meat for Catholics.*

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

7:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

HOLY SATURDAY – April 19, 2025

12:00 Noon *Blessing of Easter foods in McNally Hall*

8:30 p.m. *Solemn Easter Vigil*

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20, 2025

Easter Masses celebrated at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Fifty days of joyful celebration in the Risen Lord begins today. Christ is Risen, truly He is Risen!



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church celebrates a *Jubilee Year*. These celebrations have occurred since the 1300's and are rooted in the biblical practice of jubilee every seventh year. It is an opportunity to celebrate, reflect, and grow in holiness of life. The theme for the Jubilee year is *Hope*. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites the whole Church to re-discover the teachings of the Second Vatican Council (1962 - 1965), particularly the four dogmatic Constitutions. At the Cathedral, we will offer reflection evenings on these documents as a learning opportunity:

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Constitution on the Word of God

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Constitution on the Church in the Modern World

Additionally, the Cathedral Basilica will be one of the "pilgrim Churches" for the Jubilee with opportunities for prayer and celebration throughout the Jubilee Year.

HORIZONS OF HOPE

Reflections for Catholics on end-of-life issues. Tuesday, October 22, 29; November 12, 19; with Dr. Moira McQueen.

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES

Join us for this reflection series using Bishop Barron's series *The Creed*. We will gather 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays February 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1 & 8.

RCIA

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults process begins in our Parish on September 25. Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church gather weekly to reflect on the Word of God and the teaching of the Church in preparation for the celebration of initiation at Easter. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parishioners gather quarterly with the Rector to reflect on the pastoral life of the Cathedral Parish.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council meets during the year to approve the Parish's financial reports, to approve major spending, and to make recommendations to the Rector in the administration of the Parish.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

Our Parish has a Council of the CWL. Members work co-operatively for the good of members. Meetings offer a variety of opportunities for growth and community building. General meetings are held monthly.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The men of the KofC meet most months during the Pastoral Year. Meetings are usually on the last Thursday of the month. Knights of Columbus are an international organization founded to support Catholic families with insurance products. They also do many good works for the Church.