

# CATHEDRA

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

Easter 2016



## Holy Week & Easter 2016

Sunday, March 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

### Mass of Chrism

*Bishop Crosby will bless and consecrate the Oils to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments throughout the Diocese. The gathered Priests will renew their Priestly Commitments in the presence of the Bishop and God's people.*

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

### Confessions at the Cathedral

*Several priests available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

HOLY THURSDAY, March 24, 2016

7:30 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

*The Sacred Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper recalling the Lord's institution of the Eucharist and the example of service in the mandatum. The Marian Chapel will be open until 10:00 p.m. to allow time for private prayer.*

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25, 2016

3:00 p.m. – Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Death

7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26, 2016

12:00 Noon – Blessing of Easter Food in McNally Hall (Cathedral Basilica basement)

8:00 p.m. – Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, March 27, 2016

Masses: 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; & 4:00 p.m.

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## Mass of Chrism

Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Catholics from across the Diocese of Hamilton who gather with Bishop Crosby in the Cathedral Basilica for the Mass of Chrism. It is so named because the Bishop consecrates the *Sacred Chrism* (mixture of olive oil and precious perfume) which will be used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. Sacred Chrism is also used to anoint the Altar and walls of a Church on the day of dedication. The Bishop will also bless the *Oil of the Sick* and the *Oil of Catechumens*. These blessed Oils are distributed to the Parishes for use throughout the coming year. The Priests who gather for this Mass renew the commitments made on the day of their Ordination in the presence of the Bishop and God's people. It is a joyful celebration of faith and a sign of the vibrancy of the Diocese of Hamilton.



## Renovations continue ...

In a few weeks, after the celebration of Easter, work will begin on the exterior of the Cathedral Basilica. The stone will be repointed and the roof replaced. This work is a continuation of the work that was begun last Fall on the Cathedral Rectory.

## Organ Console Replacement

The Cathedral Basilica organ will soon have a new console. After Easter the current console will be removed and the process of installing the new custom designed console will begin. It is anticipated that the organ will be silent for the month of April. A piano keyboard will be located near the cantor's stand and the choir will temporarily re-locate to the side pews on the East side of the Cathedral Basilica. The new console has been designed and constructed by the Casavant Freres of Quebec in consultation with our own Rob Corso.

## Year of Mercy

The Extra-Ordinary Holy Year of Mercy is a great gift to the Church. It is an opportunity of grace and conversion for many. Pilgrims have been coming to the Cathedral Basilica to pass through the *Doors of Mercy*. Some parishes have arranged groups to visit the Cathedral Basilica ... it is a joy to welcome all! Our next "Pilgrim Sunday" is **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Pentecost Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

## Ordinations

The Cathedral Basilica will host the celebration of Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and Ordination to the Diaconate on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please pray for those to be ordained for the service of the Church. All are welcome!

## Adult Faith Formation

Join us this Spring for *The Face of God is Mercy* - a "book club" on Pope Francis' book for the Year of Mercy. The sessions will be facilitated by Sandra Gould.

## Stained glass window restoration

We have begun the process of restoring the stained glass windows which were originally installed in 1933. The windows were designed and made by the Mayer Company of Munich, Germany. The first phase of restoration involves the *clerestory windows* which are up high along the Nave. This Spring their wooden frames will be stripped, treated and repainted. New protective glass will be installed on the exterior. The stained glass will be prepared for removal from the interior - which we anticipate happening sometime later this year. The work will be overseen by Botti Studios of Chicago. Their most recent work was the restoration of the windows at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City. Much of the actual labour will be entrusted to local stained glass artisans.

This work of restoration will address the ventilation problem which has led to the deterioration of the window structure over time. As the windows are restored, and with the exterior work completed, we will also begin to address the need repairs to plaster and paint in the Cathedral. Other projects will include the flooring, cushions on the pews and kneeler pads - all of which need replacing after 30+ years since the renovations after the 1981 fire.

Thanks to Bishop Crosby for his support of this important work which will enable us to maintain the Cathedral Basilica in in good condition for the next generation!



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