
27th WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
February 11
Message from Pope Francis (abbreviated)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“You received without payment; give without payment” (Matthew 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

Life is a gift from God. Saint Paul asks: “What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Cor 4:7). Precisely because it is a gift, human life cannot be reduced to a personal possession or private property, especially in the light of medical and biotechnological advances that could tempt us to manipulate the “tree of life” (cf. Gen 3:24).

Amid today’s culture of waste and indifference, I would point out that “gift” is the category best suited to challenging today’s individualism and social fragmentation, while at the same time promoting new relationships and means of cooperation between peoples and cultures. Dialogue – the premise of gift – creates possibilities for human growth and development capable of breaking through established ways of exercising power in society. “Gift” means more than simply giving presents: it involves the giving of oneself, and not simply a transfer of property or objects. “Gift” differs from gift-giving because it entails the free gift of self and the desire to build a relationship. It is the acknowledgement of others, which is the basis of society. “Gift” is a reflection of God’s love, which culminates in the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Each of us is poor, needy and destitute. When we are born, we require the care of our parents to survive, and at every stage of life we remain in some way dependent on the help of others. We will always be conscious of our limitations, as “creatures”, before other individuals and situations. A frank acknowledgement of this truth keeps us humble and spurs us to practice solidarity as an essential virtue in life.

The **full message** from Pope Francis is available on our parish website www.stambrosecambridge.ca in the “blog” section.

Prayer for the Sick

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

NO Mass on Mondays

Please consider joining fellow parishioners, and of course myself, for daily Mass as we journey through the year by reflecting on a different saint of the day. ~ Fr. Irek

Tuesday, February 12

8:00 am + ILDA FIGUEIREDO - her daughter
+ FRANCISCO JORGE - Lucia and family

Wednesday, February 13

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 pm and concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm
7:15 pm + MANUEL CARREIRO & WIFE - friends
- for the intentions of Maria Pock - from Michelle
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 14

8:00 am + VINKO ELJUGA - Mr & Mrs Eljuga
+ ANDREW DOBBIN - Theresa

Friday, February 15

8:00 am + DORVALINA ARAUJO - Jose Araujo and family
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH - Lillian Atkins

Saturday, February 16

~~8:00 am~~ **CANCELED. NO MORNING MASS TODAY and NO CONFESSIONS.**

5:00 pm +DORIS DOBBIN - Cyril
+ HANK VANDERVOORT - Doreen Lehnan
+ ALICE MacNEIL - John

Sunday, February 17

9:00 am + MARIA CONCEICAO FIGUEIREDO - son & family
11:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners

DVDs at the back of the Church - there are family and religious themed DVDs available to borrow. The movies are located in the case and you are welcome to sign out the DVD and return it the following week. These are loaned out on the “honour system”.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 2, 2019 9am to 5:30 pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Front Street, Toronto
For tickets please phone Tina 519-222-6283
Adults rally \$25.00 ~ Youth Rally \$15.00
For a complete list of this year's speakers, and all information, please visit their website at www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



Children's Mass
Sunday, February 24 at
11:00 am Mass

Families with young children are especially welcome to attend this Mass.



A Family Rosary will take place on **Friday, February 22 at 6:30pm at St. Ambrose Church.** All families and children of ALL ages are welcome, no child is too young nor too old to attend. After the Rosary we will have

fellowship in the church basement. Please bring a snack to share. Refreshments will be provided. Please use side door off the parking lot. *"To pray the Rosary for children, and even more, with children, training them from their earliest years to experience this daily "pause for prayer" with the family, is admittedly not the solution to every problem, but it is a spiritual aid which should not be underestimated" Saint Pope John Paul II*

St. Ambrose Parish is considering hiring a part time youth minister. Requirements would include an undergraduate degree in religious studies/theology and 3-5 years of experience with youth. Please contact Father Irek at the parish office 519.621.2013 or email stambrose@golden.net

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for your intentions during the Novena to Saint Joseph March 11th to March 19th, 2019. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Saint Joseph by mailing your prayer intention slip, with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1
 St. Agatha, Ontario NOB 2L0

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The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and

for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca

What are the potential benefits of the campaign's focus on campus ministry? We know that many Catholic young people who go away to college and university are going to Mass less when they graduate. We want to help college and university students form networks and communities that help them to be comfortable living out their faith. In short, the Diocese wants to support Catholic students during an important time in their lives. Campaign funds will be allocated toward staff and program costs for chaplaincy programs associated with post-secondary institutions within the Diocese.

How would the hospital ministry goal be beneficial? Hospital ministry is a way for the Church to be Jesus for us during a difficult time, providing comfort, peace and healing as we tackle big questions. The campaign goal will serve to improve what we already do to make the Church present to a population that might not be present in our parishes. Funds will provide for:

- Pastoral formation and training for those who minister to the sick, whether it be priests, deacons, seminarians or lay hospital ministers.
- Resources for and promotion of palliative care, which aims to relieve the symptoms, pain and stress of a serious illness.

Why the focus on prison ministry and help for migrant workers? These goals aim to help raise the consciousness of the Diocese at large to these populations and their needs. The Church is theirs, too, and the Church needs to be there for them for the same reason it ministers to all of us. Funds from the campaign will enhance the mission and vision of prison ministry, in particular by formalizing the structure of the ministry in the Diocese. That will include the training of deacons and lay volunteers to help them share the healing and compassion of Jesus with those confined in correctional institutions. For migrant workers, the Diocese is committed to ensuring their spiritual and pastoral care for the period they spend in the area providing labour in the industries in which they work.

Stress in Your Marriage? There is help! Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15, 2019, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

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