

An Announcement from the Congregation for Divine Worship:

The Congregation for Divine Worship, and Disciples of the Sacraments, together with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have approved a change to the prayers used in the Liturgy. The word “one” will be omitted in prayers that are directed towards God. The options that will now be used are as follows:

(a) if the prayer is directed to the Father: *Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, GOD, for ever and ever;*

(b) if the prayer is directed to the Father, but the Son is mentioned at the end: *Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, GOD, for ever and ever;*

(c) if the prayer is directed to the Son: *Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, GOD, for ever and ever.*

The reasons given for this change are as follows:

- I. This is a more accurate translation from the Latin which does not include the word “one”.
- II. It more clearly expresses the Son’s unique identity within the Trinity. It emphasizes more clearly the divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son, who intercedes on our behalf, as the 2nd person of the Trinity, to the Father and which the prayer is made in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Son’s role of priestly mediation is clear.
- III. All other major languages in the world do not insert the word “one” in prayers to the Trinity.
- IV. The English translation of the Missal is often used as a guide for other less diffuse language around the world and so it is important the English translation is an accurate translation.



Due to the closure of the Church during the January 2021 Ontario shut-down, public Masses are not being held. We hope to be able to welcome parishioners back to Mass on Saturday Jan. 23 at 5:00 pm However, Father will celebrate his daily Mass for the following intentions. Postponed intentions from the end of December have been re-scheduled.

Tuesday, January 12

- intentions of Paul Laranjeiro and family

Wednesday, January 13

+ EMILIA MELO
+ SOULS IN PURGATORY
+ FERNANDA daSILVEIRA
+ ANGELA MARIA RADICE
- in thanksgiving from Maria Correia
- In thanksgiving from Purita Avilla
- for family peace and unity – from Purita

Thursday, January 14

+ ANTONIO & MARIA CONCEICAO FIGUEIREDO

Friday, January 15

+ MIRKO ELJUGA – Dan and Mila

Saturday, January 16

+ STAN BOLGER – Pam and Sharyn
+ JOSE FIGUEIREDO – Filomena Teixeira
+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Antonio & Maria Chaves
+ DOWDALL O’DACRE – Robert and Ildiko
+ JOSEPH RENNER – Paul and Myra
+ OLGA TOWNSEND – Myra
+ RUDY WOSTMANN – Teresa and Nick

Sunday, January 17

- for the intentions of all parishioners (pro populo)



Update from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

In previous years the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ambrose Church was able to provide grocery vouchers along with a generous hamper of non-perishable food and a turkey or ham. Due to the current circumstances, things had to be done differently this year.

Fortunately, with the enormous generosity of the St. Ambrose parishioners and the local schools, 68 deliveries to individuals or families were made possible. This involved 116 Adults and 89 children.

The deliveries for assistance at Christmas included:

A \$50 grocery voucher for a single person.

A \$100 grocery voucher for households with up to 4 people, plus \$25 for each additional individual living at a residence.

A \$50 gift card for Walmart was provided for 54 children where parents requested help with gifts.

Envelopes containing a Christmas card along with a food voucher and gift cards were delivered by a small group to mailboxes or to the front door of homes.

Remarkable is not enough to describe the generosity expressed by St. Ambrose parishioners to our neighbours that needed extra help to celebrate Christmas.

Parishioners donated \$19,216.35 for the Christmas campaign.



Thank you St. Vincent de Paul volunteers

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy; feeling stagnant or disconnected? The solution is *Retrouaille*, a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. Its purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a practical program where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next weekend begins March 12, 2021. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.



Parishioners have been very generous during this church closure.

Thank you so much!

Donations can be dropped off in the mail slot at the parish office/rectory. Donations can be made online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/29580>

formed.org

Catholic Faith on Demand

We are excited to announce that St. Ambrose Church has purchased for all our parishioners a one-year subscription <https://formed.org/>

FREE for parishioners to sign-up. Your family will appreciate the quality entertainment and the enriching Catholic faith content – movies, podcasts, music, audio books, etc.

The Kids Bulletin - *A fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.*

<https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

Answering the Call to the Priesthood

A new video series hosted by Father Michael King, *Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation* at the Diocese of Hamilton.

Each episode will feature an interview with a Diocesan priest and explore their journey towards priesthood.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/answeringthecall>

Waterloo Catholic District School Board is hiring occasional teachers. For application information please visit their website at <https://www.wcdsb.ca/>

Keep up to date on Catholic news from around the world on <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/>

Community Involvement:

WOW Social/WOW Virtual

To prevent isolation from happening and to stay connected to others in these unprecedented times, please join us on the phone or the computer for our WOW programs. WOW Social connects small groups of people on the phone and WOW Virtual connects groups through Zoom program on the computer. We play games, bingo and trivia, we listen to live music and guest speakers about a large variety of topics. Feel free to join once or many times, have a laugh, chat or just listen. For more information, call Lisette at 519 740 4681 Ext 4242, email machanl@cambridge.ca or register for programs at www.cambridge.ca/registration

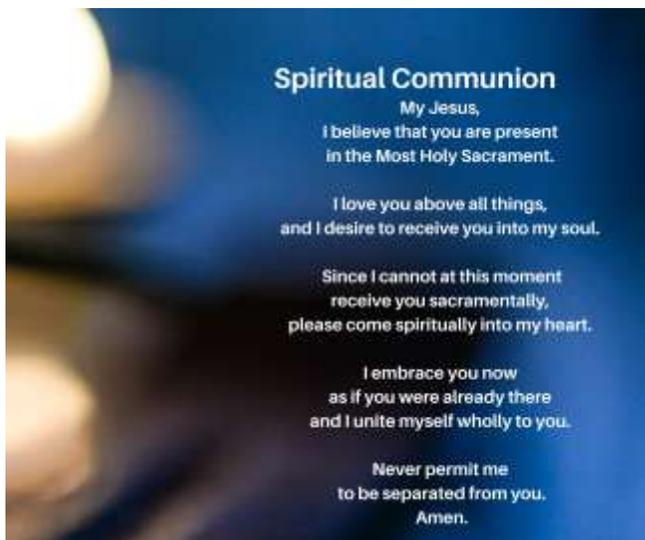


The parish office is closed to the public until January 25, due to the Ontario shutdown.

Emails and phone messages will be checked regularly. Barb will be occasionally in the office, as well as working remotely from home.

New 2021 Sunday Missals and 2021 Religious calendars

While the parish is unable to provide Sunday Missals in the pews, we did purchase some copies of the 2021 Sunday Missals for parishioners to buy for personal use. Please contact the parish office if you want a copy for \$5.00. 2021 religious calendars are \$4.00 each.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2021

When we pray to God following Jesus, we come together as brothers and sisters with those who pray according to other cultures, other traditions and other beliefs.

We are brothers and sisters who pray.

Fraternity leads us to open ourselves to the Father of all and to see in the other a brother or sister, to share our lives or to support, to love, and to know each other.

The Church values God's action in other religions, without forgetting that for us Christians, the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity, is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We believers must return to our sources and concentrate on what is essential. What is essential to our faith is the adoration of God and love of neighbor.

Let us pray that the Lord may give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions and not fight each other, and praying for one another, open ourselves to all.

Click below for the Pope's video for January 2021:

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.

May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence.

May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.

Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.

Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.