

St. Ambrose Church



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to 2pm. After hours by appointment only.

WEEKEND HOLY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Sunday from 8:00 am to 8:45 am; 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor

Fr. Michael King, retired - in residence

Rev. Mr. Nick Cherri - Deacon

Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry

Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

PARISH SCHOOLS: St. Anne School 519-621-8920

Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678

Monsignor Doyle High School 519-622-1290

BAPTISM - The Baptism Preparation Program for parents is required before a Baptism date is scheduled.

MARRIAGE - Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance, as Marriage Preparation is required.

VISITS and COMMUNION TO THE SICK - Inform the parish office of hospitalization or home confinement.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - for assistance with food vouchers, leave a message at 519-623-8764

- St. Vincent de Paul Value Store 519-629-0103

First Saturday Promise:

"Behold, my daughter, my Heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful people pierce It at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and make known on my behalf that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months: 1) confess their sins, 2) receive Holy Communion, 3) recite five decades of the Rosary, 4) keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, 5) and have the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."

(Our Lady of Fatima's message to Lucia)

First Saturday Masses are held at 8:00 am each month at St. Ambrose Church.

Why did Jesus Speak Parables?

Today, Jesus presents the Gospel with another parable. It has been said that a parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. The Lord Jesus frequently used parables as a means of illustrating profound, divine truths. Stories such as these are easily remembered, the characters bold, and the symbolism rich in meaning. Parables were a common form of teaching in Judaism. Before a certain point in His ministry, Jesus had used many analogies using common things that would be familiar to everyone (salt, bread, sheep, etc.) and their meaning was fairly clear in the context of His teaching. Parables required more explanation, and at one point in His ministry, Jesus began to teach using parables exclusively.

The question is why Jesus would let most people wonder about the meaning of His parables. The first instance of this is in His telling the parable of the seed and the soils. Before He interpreted this parable, He drew His disciples away from the crowd. They said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. Therefore, I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

From this point on in Jesus' ministry, when He spoke in parables, He explained them only to His disciples. But those who had continually rejected His message were left in their spiritual blindness to wonder as to His meaning. He made a clear distinction between those who had been given "ears to hear" and those who persisted in unbelief—ever hearing, but never actually perceiving and "always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7). The disciples had been given the gift of spiritual discernment by which things of the spirit were made clear to them. Because they accepted truth from Jesus, they were given more and more truth. The same is true today of believers who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit who guides us into all truth (John 16:13). He has opened our eyes to the light of truth and our ears to the sweet words of eternal life.

Our Lord Jesus understood that truth is not sweet music to all ears. Simply put, there are those who have neither interest in, nor regard, for the deep things of God. So why, then, did He speak in parables? To those with a genuine hunger for God, the parable is both an effective and memorable tool for the explanation of divine truths. Our Lord's parables contain great volumes of truth in very few words—and His parables, rich in imagery, are not easily forgotten. So, then, the parable is a blessing to those with willing ears. But to those with dull hearts and ears that are slow to hear, the parable is also an instrument of both judgment and mercy.



Tuesday, November 21

8:00 am – the intentions of Anna de la Cruz - Lalaine

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, November 22

1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – John Pham

+ JOHN FARIA – Manuel and family

+ RICARDO SOARES – his family

+ JOHN FARIA – Manuel and family

+ DECEASED LARANJEIRO & PEREIRA FAMILIES

- the intentions of Bernadette

- in thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother - Maria Correia

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, November 23

8:00 am + MANUEL TAVARES - Yolanta

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, November 24

8:00 am + SHEILA ABRAHAM – her husband

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, November 25

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm Mass + DANIEL & TERESA CAMARA – their family

+ PIERINA MAGLIOCCO – her family

+ FERNANDO CRESPO – Lilliana

+ JESSE QUIROZ – Rose Capistrano

+ FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife

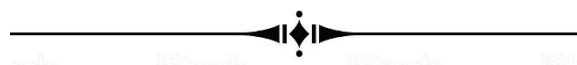
+ LOUIS and ANGELINA GOUVEIA – their family

Sunday, November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King

9:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + DECEASED IGUE and JOHN FAMILIES

CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am





**Families, couples, individuals
invited to light the
Advent Wreath Candles**

Yes, it's almost that time of the year again! Advent begins December 3rd. Families, couples and individuals are invited to participate in the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath at weekend Masses during Advent.

There are **sign-up sheets** will be at the back of the Church today and next weekend. Thank you!

Coffee Sunday – Nov 19th

After 9am and 11 am Mass, you are welcome to the Church hall for a coffee/tea and fellowship.



Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration? Do you need some quiet time praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If so, this program is for you. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready you can drop them off to enjoy supervised play with other children for the remaining time while you adore alone. This will be held the LAST Wednesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am in the Adoration Chapel and Children's Liturgy room at St. Ambrose Church. Registration is required, please **email momtotsprayplay@gmail.com** Please register for the upcoming date of Wednesday, November 29th!

Just a reminder... on the last weekend of each month the St. Vincent de Paul Society have their donation boxes at the church exits. Next collection is November 25/26.

World Youth Day 2023: "Rejoicing in Hope"

The Catholic Church celebrates World Youth Day on **Feast of Christ the King** each year (which is next weekend). This year's theme is "Rejoicing in Hope" (Rom 12:12). In today's difficult times, the Church wishes to rekindle hope in the world. To do this, the Church relies especially on young people, who are the leading figures of history and "missionaries of joy". In the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis wrote that Christ is "our hope and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world". Pope Francis invites young people to deepen their understanding of Christian hope and to witness joyfully that Christ is alive. Let us celebrate the hope the young people bring to our communities!

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "Daughters of the King" will meet on **Tuesday, November 21** in the Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm. Please invite a friend to join us! All ladies are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Myra at the parish office.

Young Adults Night – December 2nd – Durham

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (7:00pm-8:00pm), Social with Food (8:00pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:30pm-9:30pm), and Compline (9:30pm) on Saturday, December 2nd at St. Peter and the Missions Church (850 Garafraxa Street North, Durham, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Coping With the Holidays...

When You Have Lost a Loved One

Join with others for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, **December 3rd, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm**. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is free. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at hamiltondiocese.com (Must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk-in the day of the event.)

LIVELOUD Worship 2023 in Toronto

Be inspired and moved by the power of music and faith! Whether you're a devout Catholic or simply looking for a unique and uplifting experience, LIVELOUD Toronto 2023 is not to be missed.

Liveloud Worship is a Catholic advocacy that promotes and declares God's Word through music.

Liveloud Canada was established in 2012 and has since held its worship concerts/nights in cities across the country.

This event will be held at the Toronto Pavilion at North York on **Saturday, November 25th, 2023**.

Doors will open to kick-off the praise concert with a Catholic Expo beginning at 3:00 pm, Holy Mass at 5pm (free). Liveloud concert starts at 7pm (tickets required)

Visit eventbrite.ca for tickets.

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