

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.

Praying for Our Dearly Departed



During November we pray for the souls of our deceased. Why do we pray for our deceased? Where is purgatory? Why is there purgatory? Actually, the Church does not speak of Purgatory as a place.

Purgatory is much more like heaven than hell, for the souls detained there are not in Satan's clutches, but ready for God's loving embrace. They have their pains, but they also have their joys. They have their pains, because they cannot see God just yet, though they are so close to Him. Their knowledge that their sentence is terminating builds up the desire for heaven to such a pitch that the pain of deprivation is most intense. But there is a mixed feeling. They also have their joy. St. Catherine of Genoa wrote: *"Apart from the happiness of the saints in heaven, I think there is no joy comparable to that of the souls in purgatory because they know for certain they are bound for heaven!"*. Their state is such that it is more correct to call them "holy souls" than "poor souls".

We are all called to be Holy. If we committed even one venial sin prior to entering into Heaven, we couldn't possibly go straight there. We'd take a detour off into Purgatory, to be purified, since nothing unclean can enter into Heaven. Most of us will take that detour. We will suffer because as St. Thomas Aquinas wrote: *"The more one longs for a thing, the more painful does denial of it become. And because after this life, the desire for God, the Supreme Good, is intense in the souls of the just, the soul suffers enormously from the delay."*

The notion of Purgatory is another way of saying that we not only have faith, we have hope. If ever God offers us hope it is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and the faith response of the Church in calling us to pray for all souls who have passed over from this life into the next. We pray for the dead because we hope. We hope not only for them but we offer ourselves and others around us the gift of hope. Hope is one of the greatest gifts that Christians can give to those around us who think that they live hopeless lives in a hopeless world. The Christian virtue of hope is real because the resurrection of Christ is real and because His amazing miracles are real.

Pray the "Eternal Rest" prayer (Requiem aeternam): Obtain a partial indulgence year-round, when reciting:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Tuesday, November 7

8:00 am + MARIA VU - Thanh

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, November 8

1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome.

Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – Maria Pock

+ MARIA LIMA – Maria Gouveia

+ EMILIA PUIM – Olivia Melo

+ ANITA SIMPSON – Maria DaSilva

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, November 9

8:00 am + PETER FERNANDES - Patricia

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, November 10

8:00 am + MARIANNE WOZNUK LAHEY – Nick & Teresa

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, November 11

8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass

2,000 Hail Mary Devotions will be held all day, beginning after 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate for a few minutes, a few hours, or all day

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm Mass + JASON PENNEY – his family

+ GABRIELO GALLO – his wife

+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Colleen

+ JOE TEIXEIRA – Filomena

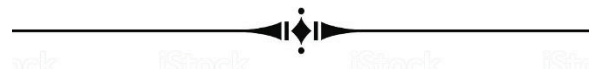
+ MARIE HILTS & DECEASED D'ARCY FAMILY

Sunday, November 12

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + ANIBAL LOURO – his wife

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





Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass

Our Children's Liturgy program is offered at **11:00 am Mass**. At the beginning of Mass children will be invited to come forward to follow the facilitator downstairs to our Children's Liturgy room. At the offertory, the children will return upstairs and sit as a group in the front pews for the remainder of Mass. (no registration required) Children in JK to Grade 2 welcome!

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to St. Ambrose Parish!

Several parishioners have been using the online donation portal called "CanadaHelps". The link to this portal can be found on our parish website.



Scan this QR Code to donate to St. Ambrose Parish, through the CanadaHelps website.

Pre-authorized credit card donations can be set-up through CanadaHelps.

Donations of leftover Halloween candy will be accepted at the church exits, in the white buckets provided. Candies will be provided to the *Canadian Food for Children* organization, to be sent overseas. Chocolate bars will be sent to Indigenous organizations here in Canada.

Regarding Donations to the Church:

If you are NOT currently using church donation envelopes but would like to do so for 2024, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

2024 church donation envelopes for those currently using boxed sets will be available in early December.

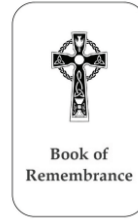


New Altar Servers

Come, serve at the altar of the Lord...

Our parish is in need of more altar servers. It is an honour to serve at the Lord's table during Holy Mass. **Parents**, please speak to your child about becoming an altar server.

(Grade 4 and older) Training provided.



Book of Remembrance

During the month of November parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones in our *Book of Remembrance*, located in front of the statue of Our Lady. Those listed will be remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

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High School Youth Group

Upcoming Meeting Dates

The high school youth group will meet on the first and third Monday for the months of November and December. We will meet from 6:30-8pm in the church hall on November 6th and 20th, and December 4th and 18th. Young people in grades 9-12 are welcome to join anytime!

2024 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase for \$5.00 in the Sacristy or parish office.

2024 Religious wall calendars will be available for \$4.00 in the Sacristy or parish office.

Advent Prayer Night For Youth Ministers and Volunteers

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, Email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com

16th Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer a variety of reflections and videos to inform our parishioners of the work of the **16th Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops** that was held in Rome during the month of October. Each video is less than 4 minutes and features a variety of voices, including Bishop Crosby, expert theologians, religious, young people, educators and the laity. [Synod of Synodality links](#)

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