

# 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

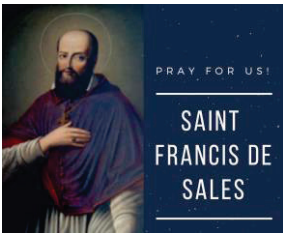
- St. Vincent de Paul Value Store 519-629-0103

## 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.



## Feast Day - January 24<sup>th</sup>

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason, Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "*A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.*"

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in The Introduction to the Devout Life: "*It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world.*"

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the *Sisters of the Visitation*. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

### Reflection

Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As Francis de Sales said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."



## Tuesday, January 23

8:00 am – Living and deceased family of

Joe and Ilda Chaves

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

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

## Wednesday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

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

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – John Pham

+ JOE PENNEY – Kay

+ CHRISTINA BORGES – Ilda

+ MANUEL MEDEIROS – Zelia

+ EMILIA RAPOSO & DUARTE CANITO – Deb & Mark F.

**CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

## Thursday, January 25

8:00 am + ANTE TONY PIPLICA – St. Anne School staff

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

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

## Friday, January 26

8:00 am + VIOLET NYITRAI – Doreen & Tony

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

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

## Saturday, January 27

**CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

**5:00 pm** + FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife

+ JOE & INES DeSOUSA – Noella & Elsa

+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Gerry

+ LUIGI INCITTI – his wife

+ ART CAMPBELL – Teresa and Nick

## Sunday, January 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 am** + BILL STRYBOSCH – Doreen & Tony

**11:00 am** – for the intentions of all parishioners

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



On the last weekend of each month the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** have their donation boxes at the church exits. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated! There are requests from families and individuals almost daily asking for assistance.



THIS WEEK – Thursday January 25, 2024 – **Meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students, regarding the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation.** We

kindly ask that at least one parent attend. Registration forms will be provided at the meeting.

#### Many Thanks to Parishioners

The youth of St. Ambrose Church would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to parishioners for supporting the Bake Sale & Raffle! Through your immense generosity, we were able to raise **\$1,027.41!** Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry! Please pray for the young people of the church, that they may grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus.

#### Save the Date! 2024 Catholic Men's Retreat "SURRENDER: KNOWING GOD'S WILL"

On April 27, 2024, the Brantford's, Be A Man group will host their 2nd Annual Men's Retreat at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Brantford. The theme for this year's one-day Retreat will be, "Surrender: Knowing God's Will".

Our mission is simple – to bring men to Christ and to strengthen our brothers so we can be authentic Catholic men – better husbands, better fathers, and better leaders of the Faith.

Tickets will be made available in the upcoming weeks

#### IMPORTANT - St. Clement Church in Preston has changed their weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 9:30 am; 11:30 am; 4:30 pm

The following items are collected at the church by a representative of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and distributed to local groups:

- pop can tabs
- milk bags (outer bag only)
- canceled postage stamps
- ( PLEASE NO soup can labels )

**please PRINT your name and address on your church donation envelopes** for the next couple of weeks. Also, please do not use previous years envelopes, as the envelope number may have been given to a new parishioner. Thank you

**St. Ambrose Church - 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](mailto:momtotsprayplay@gmail.com) Please register for the upcoming date of **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

THE Diocesan **Office for Evangelization and Catechesis** is offering a three-workshop series this Spring entitled, *The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World*. A new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry and how to promote it in your local setting. The workshop series is offered for anyone working or volunteering on pastoral teams, parish councils, and in youth ministry. Please visit their website for more information on how to register [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)

#### Mardi Gras Moms' Night Out at St Clement's

Calling all moms of young families! Do you need a fun night out before the penitential season of Lent kicks in?

Come to St. Clement Church in Cambridge on **February 13, 7pm** to meet amazing Catholic moms where you'll laugh, eat some sweets, listen to a New Orleans inspired playlist and casually gander at the different stations set up to give you ideas on how you and your family can observe Lent.

There will be 30 take-home Lent kits available on a first come, first serve basis and a digital guide will be sent out as well.

Please email Andrea Szrejber, Family and Children's Ministry Coordinator at St. Clement Church, Preston, [andreaszrejber@gmail.com](mailto:andreaszrejber@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

#### Young Adults Night - Saturday, February 3rd -

Waterloo Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



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