

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.

The Bible is all around us. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws; welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15); and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12)," "Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15), and "love thy neighbor" (Matthew 22:39). The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

1. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

2. **Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

3. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus.

4. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people He has called to Himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

5. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

6. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

7. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

8. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. We need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. We then ask: What is God saying to me?

9. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).



Tuesday, January 30

8:00 am + CATHERINE DECKER - Keith

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, January 31

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

Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – John Pham

+ ANTONIO HIGINO GONCALVES – Libiano

+ CAROL REITZEL – Rosemary Johnston

+ MARIA NGUYEN – Thanh

+ SOUL OF MARIA – Theresa Trans

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, February 1

8:00 am + RODERICK ORIO – his family

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, February 2

8:00 am – for all healing of all who suffer emotionally, physically, or spiritually – Maria Correia

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, February 3 – First Saturday

8:00 + EMILIA RAPOSO and the healing of the family tree

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + ALEX MALEK – his family

+ SEVERINA MANARIL – her family

+ SEBASTIANO & SANTA CHERRI – Gino

+ DECEASED FAMILY OF Silvino & Maria Chaves

Sunday, February 4 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am + EMILIA and MANUEL MOREIRA – their family

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

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



The **Knights of Columbus Council 2184** meet monthly. The next meeting will be held on Monday Jan. 29 at 7pm at St. Patrick Parish hall. All brother Knights welcome to attend.

Video Series "The Chosen"

Starting TONIGHT, **Sunday, January 28th at 6:30 pm**, Father Gary will be hosting a movie night and potluck, every two weeks. A series called "The Chosen" will be shown in the parish hall. It is a series on the life of Jesus and the Apostles. Following the video there will be time for group discussion. Bring your favourite food or dessert to share.

If you plan on attending, please contact the parish office, so that we can plan ahead.

"Renewed by Love" Marian Residence Fundraiser

The Marian Residence Retirement Home, which is a not-for-profit Catholic retirement home in Cambridge, is owned and operated by the **Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate**. They are renovating their residence and would welcome donations. They are a registered charity. Their goal is \$500,000.00.

Donation cheques can be made payable to "Marian Residence Retirement Home" and sent to 640 Hillview Rd. Cambridge N3H 5H3.

They also have a GoFundMe page which will provide tax receipts as well. Search for "Renewed by Love" on the website **www.gofundme.com**

Donations received are tax deductible.

Be A Man men's group meets weekly on **Saturday mornings**, in St. Ambrose Church Hall from **7:00 am to 8:30 am**. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call or text Joe at 519-241-6070

15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference Saturday March 23, 2024

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill Toronto Event Venue
21 Old Mill Road Toronto (includes light lunch)

Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins
Speakers:

Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare
Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God
Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer
Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson
(wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson)

Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group
TO REGISTER www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

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, January 31, 2024**

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** if you plan to attend

"Daughters of the King" parish Ladies' Group will meet next on **Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm** in the Church Hall. All ladies are invited and you're welcome to bring a friend!

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2024

Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed.

Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 9 AM - 5:30 PM

Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)

Adult Tickets \$ 30 / Youth Tickets \$ 15

The bus will be leaving from Guelph at 7:00 AM and returning at approximately 7:00 PM. Bus details concerning cost and departure location are incomplete at this time. For information call Tina 519-222-6283

Prayer Vigil for the Unborn - Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. On the street opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own!

Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

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