

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.

An Explanation of Holy Oils used for the Sacraments

IN our Church, the **Sacred Oils** are kept in the "ambry", the cabinet hung on the wooden arch, located by the baptismal font. The Holy Oils are kept in three glass jars.

On Monday night of Holy Week, our bishops, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Mass of Chrism. The bishop blesses three oils: the Oil of Catechumens ("*Oleum Catechumenorum*" or "*Oleum Sanctorum*"), the Oil of the Infirm ("*Oleum Infirmorum*"), and Holy Chrism ("*Sacrum Chrisma*") which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the year.

Throughout the Bible, various references indicate the importance of olive oil in daily life. Oil was used in cooking, particularly in the making of bread, a basic food for nourishment; as a fuel for lamps; and as a healing agent in medicine. Also, with oil the Jews anointed the head of a guest as a sign of welcome; also used to prepare a body for burial. The Jews would also use olive oil in their religious practices. The use of oil was clearly a part of the daily life of the people.

Given this history, the early Church adopted the use of olive oil for its sacramental rituals. The **Oil of Catechumens** is used in connection with the sacrament of baptism. In the baptismal liturgy, the priest offers the prayer of exorcism and then anoints the person to be baptized on the chest, saying, "We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior; may He strengthen you with His power, who lives and reigns forever and ever."

The **Oil of the Infirm** "*Oleum Infirmorum*" is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Apostolic Tradition of St. Hippolytus recorded one of the earliest formulas for blessing the Oil of the Infirm. Also, in the early Church, a priest (or several priests) would bless this oil at the time it was to be used, a tradition that has been retained in the Eastern Churches. However, in the Latin Rite, at least since the time of the Middle Ages, priests have used oil blessed by the bishop. Presently, the priest, anointing the forehead of the person, says, "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit," and then anoints the hands, saying, "May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up."

Holy Chrism "*Sacrum Chrisma*" is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. This oil is linked with the sanctification of individuals. In the Old Testament times, the priest, prophets and kings of the Jewish people were anointed. This oil is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and holy orders, since they impart an indelible sacramental character. The blessing of the Holy Chrism is different from that of the other oils: Here the bishop breathes over the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the character of the sacraments for which it is used. (Recall how our Lord "breathed" on the apostles on the night of Easter, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:22).)



Tuesday, March 12

8:00 am – In thanksgiving from Paul and Myra

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, March 13

1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick – CANCELED FOR TODAY.

7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ JOSHUA ALMEIDA – Deb and Mark

+ ANTONIO HIGINO GONCALVES – Libiana

+ MRS. VU – Theresa Tran

+ DECEASED ANCESTORS – Thanh

- for the intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, March 14

8:00 am + MANUEL AMARAL – Theresa and Manuel

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, March 15

8:00 am – for the intentions of Lucia

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 16

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + BILL NORMORE – Shawn and Paula Paterson

+ JOSEPH ARSENAULT – Anneliese and Klaus

+ CLAUDE CLEMENT – his wife

+ MANUEL BRAGA – his family

+ EUGENIO & PALMIRA PEREIRA – deAlmeida family

+ DRAJAN STOJAK – his family

Sunday, March 17 – 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 am + EMILIA & MANUEL MOREIRA - Rosa

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

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



**Day of Mercy – All Day Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Ambrose Parish**

Saturday, March 23 from 9am to 5pm

Fr. Gary and Fr. Michael King will alternate throughout the day, hearing individual confessions.

9:00 am to 11:00 am – Fr. Gary

11:00 am to 1:00 pm – Fr. Michael

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Fr. Gary

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Fr. Michael

Upcoming special collections:

In March, there will be two Diocesan collections – Share Lent on March 16/17, and Needs of the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29th.

Share Lent 2024 campaign is called “Reaping our Rights”.

Development and Peace Caritas Canada works for dignity, solidarity, justice and peace by assisting in developing countries. Every year, their campaigns unite Canadians and forge links between us and those in need throughout the world. Together, we work to build a world of justice and fight the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality.

“So, let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” — Galatians 6:9

Needs of the Holy Land – This collection was initiated by Pope Paul VI fifty years ago and is held on Good Friday.

Funds are used for the protection and upkeep of shrines, basilicas and churches and to help with pastoral work, Catholic schools, and the needs of convents and social assistance as the proportion of the minority Christians is ever dwindling in the Holy Land. The Franciscan Community are the custodians of the Holy Land and sincerely thank everyone for the support.

“The Chosen” video series continues Sunday, March 10 and Sunday March 24, at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome!

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, March 27, 2024.

Washing of the Feet is a custom of the Catholic Church at Holy Thursday evening Mass, March 28th.



Parishioners are invited to have a foot washed in symbolic remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples.

We are in need of 12 people who will participate in this small ceremony at Holy

Thursday Mass at 7:00pm. Please leave your name with the parish office 519-621-2013 or email stambrose@golden.net

Lenten Healing Ministry Vigil

March 13 at 7:00 pm with Fr. William Trusz

St Michael Parish, 80 University Ave W. Waterloo

The outline for the evening:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Exhortation. (Sacrament of Confession will be available)
- Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Anointing of the Participants with Blessed Oil.
- Celebration of the Holy Mass

Living With Christ weekday missalettes:

Our parish has been purchasing 50 copies per month for use at weekday Masses. These are often taken home by parishioners who attend daily weekday Masses. However, this subscription does cost the parish \$1,610.00 a year.

Due to rising costs, we will no longer be providing these free monthly missalettes.

We encourage parishioners to purchase their own monthly subscription which you would receive mailed directly to your home. This is only \$48.54 a year.

Inside each missalette is a subscription form, or visit their website livingwithchrist.ca to subscribe.

If you would like to have your own monthly missalette and really can't afford the subscription, please talk to Father Gary.

"Taste of Diversity" Dinner at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph, Ontario! Come for a wonderful night of bountiful food, community spirit, and making a difference! We are thrilled to present the revitalized Taste of Diversity dinner.

April 9, 2024. Prices: \$100 pp. Mass at 5pm, followed by dinner at 6pm. Find out more at ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519-824-1250 ext.241. Space is limited

The St. Ambrose High School Youth Group will meet on Tuesday, March 12th and 26th from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall. Young people in Grades 9-12 are invited! Hope to see you there!

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