

# 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 Thursday

As we approach Holy Week, we'll review the Holy Days of the Triduum, this week and next week.

Jesus shared the final meal with His disciples, called the Last Supper, on the night before he was crucified. The institution of the Holy Eucharist occurred during this meal, as indicated from the gospel excerpt below:

*Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:26-29 RSV)*

Since Scripture and Tradition tell us that Jesus was crucified on a Friday, Jesus shared the important Last Supper with his apostles on a Thursday. The synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) seem to suggest that the Last Supper was a Passover Meal. However, John's gospel suggests that Jesus was crucified *before* the Passover Meal, on the Day of Preparation. Perhaps the Last Supper was done in anticipation of the Passover Meal, or was a Kiddush. The gospel of John does not record the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, while the synoptic gospels do. However, John's gospel records Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Holy Thursday traditions are derived from all four gospels.

Holy Thursday commemorates the **Institution of the Holy Eucharist** and the **Sacrament of Ordination**. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday begins the **Triduum**, which is the three-day commemoration of the heart of the Christian faith: Christ's death and resurrection. The Triduum includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and reaches its high point at the Great Easter Vigil (Saturday night). Various traditions and customs are associated with Holy Thursday, such as the washing of feet, reconciliation and Eucharistic adoration. After the Holy Thursday evening Mass the altar is cleared of all cloths and adornments, the holy water fonts are emptied, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession to a place of repose. Traditionally, the *Pange Lingua* (the last two stanzas which are known as *Tantum Ergo*) is sung during this procession. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an extended period of time is then encouraged. The Consecrated Hosts from Holy Thursday Mass are then used for Good Friday, as there is no Eucharistic celebration.



### Tuesday, March 19

8:00 am + KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI and ORGANISCIAC FAMILIES

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

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

### Wednesday, March 20

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

**7:00 pm** + SOULS IN PURGATORY – Carmen and Simon

- intentions of Carmen and Simon

+ JORGIANA MELO & FAMILY – Tina

+ JOSE MONTEIRO and FAMILY

+ CHRISTINA BORGES – Ilda

+ FRANCISCO FARIA – Manuel & Ada Silveira

+ ANGELO & MARIA LOURDES FERNANDES – Ilda Oliveira

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

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

### Thursday, March 21

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**

### Friday, March 22

8:00 am – for peace in the family – Ha Vu

**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 23

**All Day Confessions – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

(see opposite page)

**5:00 pm Mass** + ADELAIDA & ROLANDO DELA PAZ

+ PAULO FERREIRA – Laudalina

+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Colleen

+ BRUNO BERLINA – Zelia B.

+ NORM WYLIE – Carmen and Frank Formiglio

+ PIERINA MAGLIOCCO – her husband

### Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

9:00 am + DANI CETRA & FRANCESCA NAPOLI – Cetra 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**

**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

Our parish **Holy Week schedule** is now available on our parish website [www.stambrosecambridge.ca](http://www.stambrosecambridge.ca)  
Listed are the Masses, Confessions and Liturgies.

**Marriage Enrichment Day  
Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>**

You're invited to enjoy time with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in a relationship and to deepen the love you already share. This will be held at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish in Hamilton.

For more information or to register, go to the Diocese of Hamilton website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under "events".

Or phone their diocesan office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

Join the **Reel Justice Film Festival March 27, 7:00 pm – 9:00 PM** for the special youth screening of "Island of Lemurs, Madagascar". An insightful documentary for the whole family! Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered. The screening will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>

**"Daughters of the King"** - St. Ambrose Ladies' group will meet on Tuesday March 19 at 7pm in the Church hall. Join us for prayer, discussion and friendship.



Everyone is welcome for coffee/tea/treats in the Church Hall today – March 17<sup>th</sup> – after 9am and 11am Masses.

**Washing of the Feet** is a custom of the Catholic Church at Holy Thursday evening Mass, March 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:stambrose@golden.net)

**Old Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day**

May your days be many and your troubles be few.

May all God's blessings descend upon you.

May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.

May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.

May the strength of God pilot us,

may the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us,

may the word of God direct us.

May your Salvation, O Lord,

be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen

*(Attributed to of St. Patrick)*



**"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](http://www.gofundme.com)**

Donations received are tax deductible.

**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. The next date is **Wednesday, March 27, 2024 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)



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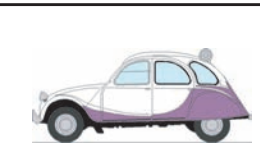
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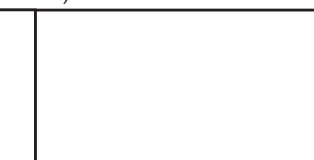
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