

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

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 of Our Lady of Sorrows – Sept 15th

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, *This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare* (Luke 2:34-35) These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. The prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her words... *let it be done unto me according to Thy word...* first uttered at the Annunciation.

This Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in the 12th century, although under various titles. By the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the feast and devotion were widespread throughout the Church.

In 1668 the feast in honour of the Seven Sorrows was set for the Sunday after September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814, and Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows). We recall our Blessed Mother standing faithfully at the foot of the cross with her dying Son: the Gospel of St. John recorded, Seeing His mother there with the disciple whom He loved, Jesus said to His mother, *'Woman, there is your Son.'* In turn He said to the disciple, *'There is your mother.'* (John 19:26-27).

Focusing on the compassion of our Blessed Mother, Saint Pope John Paul II, reminded the faithful in 1980, Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. *'And thy soul too a sword shall pierce.'* Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Therefore, she has a specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us!



Tuesday, September 17

8:00 am + BILL GROTHENHUIS – his family

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, September 18

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

Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ JORGAINA MELO & FAMILY – Tina

+ ADELINA & JOHN SOUSA – their family

+ MARK CASTELO – the Castelo family

+ MARIA BRAGA ANDRADE – Rosa Figueiredo & family

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, September 19

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, September 20

8:00 am – intentions of Arsenio and Estrella Pontalba

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, September 21

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + RAY BENNETT – Linda and Beth

+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Gerry

+ ALANDRINHA FIGUEIREDO – her family

+ ALBERT KRUSVAR – Michelle

- In thanksgiving to Saint Padre Pio – Teresi family

Sunday, September 22

9:00 am – intentions of Antonio & Emily Reis & 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



Please join us for our weekly prayers for the sick as well as other special intentions, on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Church. Please enter from the parking lot side of the church, entrance beside the ramp.



September 25 to
November 3, 2024

Please register for your weekly hour online at
40daysforlife.com/kitchener

We invite you to join together with a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

This peaceful vigil will be held across the street from the entrance to Freeport Hospital in Kitchener, between 7am and 7pm, daily. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a Canadian law needs to be enacted to stop the killing of innocent babies.

The Opening Rally will be Tuesday, September 24 at Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener, with Mass at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups to follow Mass.

Welcome, Rose Capistrano, our new Youth Minister

To reach Rose, please email youth@stambrosecambridge.ca. More information will be forthcoming about the first Youth Group, which will be held October 7th, in the Church hall.

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "Daughters of the King" will gather on **Tuesday, September 17 at 7pm** in the Church Hall. All ladies welcome!

For queries, email myra@stambrosecambridge.ca

Be A Man men's group will resume their weekly gatherings on Saturday mornings on September 21st at 7:00 AM in St. Ambrose Church hall. Coffee and muffins provided. Join us for prayer, reflection and discussion.

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their Christian communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes October 25th and can be found at hamiltondiocese.com



Living With Christ Missalettes for weekday Masses

Due to rising costs, the parish is no longer be providing these free monthly missalettes. Parishioners are encouraged to purchase their own yearly subscription, which you would receive mailed directly to

your home, each month, which is very handy! This is only \$48.54 a year. (about \$4.00 a month)

Visit their website livingwithchrist.ca to subscribe. If you need a paper subscription form, please contact the parish office.

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

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Cambridge Right to Life

Walk for Life – September 21

Please sponsor our Deacon, Paul Klaassen, who will participate. His sponsor sheets are at the back of the Church.

Thank you !



Ushers Required for our Masses: Ushers kindly assist with seating people and collecting the offertory at Masses. We could really use more men and women to assist at the Mass you regularly attend.

Please contact Barb at the parish office for more information. Since you are at Mass anyway, please offer to help! Thank you

Children's Liturgy has resumed at 11:00 am Mass. Children JK to Grade 2 are welcome. (By grade 3 the children should be attending Mass in the church with their parents.) The children will be invited to join the facilitator at the beginning of Mass, then everyone will proceed downstairs to the Children's Liturgy room. They will return upstairs at the offertory part of the Mass and sit as a group in the front pews. No sign-up required.

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