

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. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry

Rose Capistrano - 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.

FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

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.

“Mother Knows Best” could be the caption for today’s “wedding at Cana” Gospel story.

The men at the wedding reception may have been enjoying their “cups running over,” or too busy with their important conversations to even notice, or even care, that the wine was running out. **But Mary knew...**and she knew the newlyweds and their parents...and she knew her Son...she knew as she and Joseph raised Him well, that He was bright, He was sensitive, He was obedient.

But know Him she did. Just a few words, “They have no wine.” Imagine the glimpses between them. “How is this my concern? It’s not my time yet...and Mary knew...and simply said to the wait staff...”Do whatever He tells you.”

What if Mary hadn’t noticed? What if she hadn’t gone over to where the men were gathering? What if she hadn’t said “they have no wine.”

She was gentle...and firm...she was compassionate and forceful. She simply saw what had to be done and did it. Just like she did when she visited Elizabeth...just like she did when she and others stood concerned outside the place where Jesus was preaching and so busy that he and his followers had no time to eat...just like she did at the foot of the cross and was given to John (and all of us) as a mother.

So, although Jesus did indeed perform “the first of His signs” at the wedding at Cana, I think we can rightfully think that if it hadn’t been for Mary’s thoughtfulness, the reception could have been a disaster.

And what about us? Where do we dare to quietly enter into a difficult or uneasy situation...not necessarily with a solution but with kindness and compassion.

Paul talks about the gifts given for the greater good. Are we willing to both give the gifts that are ours, as well as receive the gifts that others have to offer. This mutuality is a very important part of being fully human.

Let’s celebrate with the newlyweds, with Mary and Jesus and all the guests. Let us celebrate the gifts we have and the gifts that others have to offer. We each have our own wine to offer as well as the wine that others offer to us. Enjoy the exchange!



Tuesday, January 21

8:00 am – intentions of Julie Ruston

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, January 22

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

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

- intentions of Christine and Ben McCabe
- Intentions of Vanessa Ngwaba
- intentions of Arlete DaSilva
- intention of Juanjose

+ JOSE MONTEIRO & FAMILY

+ MARC AND RITA VILLENEUVE – Michel Chabot & family

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, January 23

8:00 am – intention of Clarisse Anoumedem

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, January 24

8:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY of Silvino & Maria Chaves

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, January 25

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + ANNA HOOGVELD – Willie and Peter

+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his family

- intentions of Nonya Ngwaba
- intentions of Ana Perck
- intentions of Stefanie Usyk
- intentions of Christina Usyk
- intentions of Libby Hopper

Sunday, January 26

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + TERESINHA MOITOSO – Maria Amelia Faria

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



Attention: Knights of Columbus

Membership fees for the year 2025 are now due, as we will have State and Supreme per capita assessments and insurance premiums to pay in January.

Regular members – \$50 , Honorary Members – \$20

Cheques should be made payable to – Knights of Columbus, Galt Council # 2184

We ask that you address an envelope to KofC 2184 and place it in the collection basket at church.

Please ensure that your name is included, as well as any changes in address or email contact. In addition, our new Grand Knight, Deacon Terry Osmar would be happy to welcome you to our meetings, now held on the last Wednesday of alternate months, **beginning Jan. 22** at 7:00.

Thank you for your support. (date correction from last week)

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "Daughters of the King" will meet on **Tuesday, January 21st** in the Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm. You're welcome to invite a friend to join us! All ladies are welcome.

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference Saturday March 22, 2024

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)

Speakers:

Annie Karto: Divine Mercy Flood My Soul

Lisa Canning: Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY

Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI: Being a Priest - Being a Midwife

Dr. Stephanie Kafie: Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out

"Totally Yours"

Dorothy Pilarski: Your Life is Going to Change

Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun.

TO REGISTER GO TO [dwf2025.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca)

Or phone at 1-800-268-2637.

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 to join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

Just a reminder... 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 almost daily from families and individuals asking for help with food.

St. Ambrose Youth Group News

Happy and blessed New Year to all! With a grateful and joyful heart. The **youth ministry** and I would like to thank all the amazing and wonderful supportive parish community for their generosity and presence at the Christmas bake sale. We are in awe of the kindness and care that our parish shows for the young people of St. Ambrose community. And to all the helpers and volunteers, we couldn't have done this without your care, time, and efforts in making this year's bake sale successful. You're such a gift to our community. Thank you all so much. May our Lord Jesus bring you hope, peace, and joy as we say journey together as community of faith in the upcoming jubilee year! Prayers up for 2025! God is good! Our next gathering is Monday January 20th from 6pm to 8pm in the Church hall.

Follow us on Facebook: St Ambrose Cambridge Youth

Rose Capistrano

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

IMPORTANT REMINDER when receiving Holy Communion:

- It is important to place the Host directly into your mouth, before walking back to your pew.
 - If receiving Communion in the hand, please ensure your hands are not carrying keys, etc. Your hands should be clean and empty in order to receive our Lord.
 - Do not have chewing gum/candy in your mouth when receiving Communion.
 - Please stay in the church after receiving Communion, rather than immediately exiting the church. It is important to stay to pray, and to receive the final blessing at Mass.
 - Consider receiving Holy Communion on the tongue to ensure the Host is not dropped on the floor.
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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 Monday 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 Monday, January 27th.

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