

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.

Feast of Saint Scholastica – February 10

Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, the Patriarch of Western monasticism. She was born in Umbria, Italy, about 480. Under Benedict's direction, Scholastica founded a community of nuns near the great Benedictine monastery Monte Cassino. Inspired by Benedict, from early youth Scholastica dedicated her life to seeking and serving God. In his Second Book of Dialogues, Pope St. Gregory described the last meeting between these holy twins: "His sister Scholastica, who had been consecrated to God in early childhood, used to visit with him once a year. On these occasions he would go to meet her in a house belonging to the monastery a short distance from the entrance. For this particular visit he joined her there and they spent the whole day singing God's praises and conversing about the spiritual life. When darkness was setting in, they took their meal together and continued their conversation until it was quite late. Then the holy nun said to him, 'Please do not leave me tonight, brother. Let us keep on talking about the joys of heaven till morning.' 'What are you saying, sister?' he replied. 'You know that I cannot stay away from the monastery.' The sky was so clear at the time, there was not a cloud in sight. "At her brother's refusal Scholastica folded her hands on the table and rested her head upon them in earnest prayer. When she looked up again, there was a sudden burst of lightning and thunder accompanied by such a downpour that Benedict and his companions were unable to set foot outside the door. By shedding a flood of tears while she prayed, this holy nun had darkened the cloudless sky with a heavy rain. The storm began as soon as her prayer was over; thunder was already resounding as she raised her head. Realizing that he could not return to the abbey in this terrible storm, Benedict complained bitterly. 'God forgive you, sister!' he said. 'What have you done?' Scholastica simply answered, 'When I appealed to you, you would not listen to me. So, I turned to my God and He heard my prayer. Leave now if you can. Leave me here and go back to your monastery.' This, of course, he could not do. He had no choice now but to stay. They spent the entire night together and both of them derived great profit from the holy thoughts exchanged about the interior life. The next morning Scholastica returned to her convent and Benedict to his monastery. Three days later as he stood in his room looking up toward the sky, he beheld his sister's soul leaving her body and entering the heavenly court in the form of a dove. Overjoyed at her eternal glory, he gave thanks to God in hymns of praise. Then, after informing his brethren of her death, he sent them to bring her body to the abbey and bury it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. The bodies of these two now to share a common resting place, just as in life, their souls had always been one in God." Saint Scholastica died in the year 547. She is the patron saint of convulsive children, nuns, and for protection from rain and storms.



No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am + FRANK & MARIA PEREIRA – Manuel & Elsa

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, February 12

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

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Ha Vu

+ DECEASED FAMILY OF SILVINO & MARIA CHAVES

+ ANNA NGUYEN – Theresa Tran

- Intentions of Bernadette and Todd

- intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, February 13

8:00 am – Living and Deceased friends and family of
-Theresa and Marie

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, February 14

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

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, February 15

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + MILDRED KAVANAGH – Gerry

+ RITA KENNEDY – Debbie Hounslow

+ CARMELA FORMIGLIO – Chelli family

+ ELIZABETH SHEA – Marg

+ ANNA HOOGVELD – Nick and Teresa

+ ROMAN COVE – Gerth Family

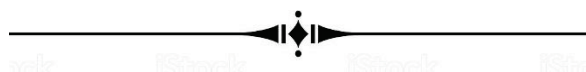
+ ANDREW & THERESA DOBBIN

Sunday, February 16 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am + ANNE RENAUD – Doreen and Tony

11:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners

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



FEBRUARY 9, 2025



Just a reminder... our parish now has a **main floor washroom at the back of the Church**. You are welcome to use it, instead of the basement. Once inside, to lock the door, push the big button with the green light. To open the door, use the big button "open door". The doors are automatic.

2024 Church donation tax receipts are available at the back of the Church. They are in alphabetical bundles. If you can not find your receipt, please phone the parish office during weekdays.

Youth Nights for High School Students

St. Ambrose Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 11 @ 6pm to 8pm

NEW!

Please enter through the side door of the church, on the parking lot side.

For information please email Rose, coordinator of Youth Ministry at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

This is an annual Mass, with the Bishop, for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th plus Wedding Anniversary!

Mass includes a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. A formal invitation (including general information and directions) is mailed to the home of the anniversary couple once registration has been received. **Register online** at the Hamilton Diocese website – look under "events" hamiltondiocese.com

Due to the large numbers of couples who register for the Mass, only those couples married 60 or more years may bring a guest, as there will be no remaining seats to accommodate guests. Registration required!

Be Sober: Have you chosen sobriety or are you struggling with addiction? Or are you a family member of someone who does? The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ offer an ongoing 12-step program to support you. The **Be Sober** meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the basement of St. Ann Catholic Church, 120 Sherman Avenue N. Hamilton. The evening is organized into three key components: prayer, training on the 12 steps and spirituality, and group sharing.

For further information, please contact: (905) 512-8493 or email: besober.skateri@ocaminho.org **All are welcome!**

Christian Life Program

You are invited to a Christian Life Program (CLP) sponsored by Couples for Christ. It is a journey in rediscovering God's Love by reflecting on the basic truths about the Christian Faith, living out an authentic Christian life, and a program focused on individual, family, and church renewal. The CLP is an integrated course intended to lead program participants into a deeper understanding of God's call for them as Christian couples or individuals.

To be held at church hall, Saturdays March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm

For more info and to register:

Eric - ericnpilar.cfc@gmail.com 647.828.0880 OR

Rose Capistrano - maryrosecapistrano@gmail.com

2024 Report from Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

329 homes were visited

427 visits were made to these homes

797 were adults

505 were children

56 families were assisted at Christmas

Donations received for 2024 **\$37,291.95**

Amount spent on those in need **\$35,767.57**

Our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul has dedicated volunteers who donate a great deal of their personal time helping those in need. As you can see from the amount donated, our parishioners have been very generous!

Thank you!

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2025

Saturday, March 29, 2025 - 9 AM - 5:30 PM

Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)

Adult Tickets \$ 39 / Youth Tickets \$ 25

There is bus leaving from Guelph at 7:00 AM and returning at approximately 7:00 PM. Bus cost and departure location to be decided. For information call Tina 519-222-6283

A reminder that the **registration forms for First Communion and Confirmation** are required to be brought to the church office, not to the schools. Please have them to the parish office by the end of February. Thank you.

Visit the Hamilton Diocesan website for all upcoming events:
hamiltondiocese.com/events/

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