

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.

What are “last rites; Anointing of the Sick; and Viaticum”?

When a Catholic is close to death, there are a series of Sacraments and blessings that a person can receive. In fact, “last rites” is more of an umbrella term for all the things we try to give someone who may be close to death. If the person is conscious, we offer them the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, which wipes away their sins and brings great peace as one prepares to appear before the Lord. We also offer the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**, which is not limited to cases where someone is imminently dying. In fact, priests would prefer the Anointing of the Sick be administered as soon as possible, when someone becomes ill. It brings peace, comfort, strength, and unites the sick person with the rest of the Church who prays for the sick. It also unites the sick person to Jesus Christ more deeply, who healed the sick and strengthened them. If the person is conscious and can consume it, we will then offer them the Holy Eucharist as “viaticum”, which is their last Holy Eucharist and is Latin for “food for the journey”. Then, we also give someone the apostolic pardon, which is a powerful prayer that offers a plenary indulgence to the person who is in danger of death, which removes all of their temporal punishment due to sin. All of these bring great peace and comfort to the one who receives them, and by extension, to their family and friends. This comfort comes before someone passes, but also continues after we have lost a loved one. Knowing they were prepared to go home to Heaven is an extremely comforting thought and can greatly help someone in the grieving process. The Anointing of the Sick can also be received on its own in other cases – it does not necessary mean that a person is about to pass away – sometimes God even works miraculous healings through this Sacrament. When in doubt, it is always good to have a priest connect with someone who is seriously sick, and offer them these powerful and comforting Sacraments. It is a sign of love and care to ask a priest to come to visit someone who is sick, seriously ill, or dying. Please, never hesitate to contact a priest when you or a loved one could use this sacrament of healing!

Prayer for those who are ill:

Lord Jesus Christ, during Your earthly ministry You healed the sick: look with favour on Your servants... (names of the sick)... who are ill at this time. Give wisdom and insight to those who care for them; and, if it be Your will, restore them to health, so that they may live to praise You for Your goodness and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Tuesday, March 11

8:00 am- for the intentions of Nonya Ngwaba

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, March 12

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

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Carmen

+ MARGERITA MARIA CHAVES – her family

+ SOUL OF ANDY – Doreen Lehnen

+ MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Emilien and Francine

+ ANNA NGUYEN – Theresa Tran

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, March 13

8:00 am + RODRIGUES & CORREIA FAMILIES – Theresa & Marie

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, 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

6:30 pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 15

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + CARMELA FORMIGLIO – Chelli family

+ CLAUDE CLEMENT – Marg

+ DECEASED FAMILY OF SILVINO & MARIA CHAVES

+ REV. WILLIAM McEWEN – Anneliese & Klaus

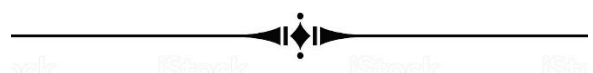
+ STEPHEN GUETH – Peggy Rann

Sunday, March 16 – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + BERTHA deSANDINO – from her family

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



Couples for Christ

Couples for Christ is a Catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian Family Life. Couples for Christ will be conducting a Christian Life Program at St. Ambrose Church. **This 4-session seminar will run every Saturday – March 8, 15, 22, 29 – from 1 pm to 4p in St. Ambrose Parish hall.** These sessions are for adult individuals and couples to help re-focus and deepen their relationship with Jesus as well as strengthen family life. This a free seminary. Coffee and light snacks provided, as well as on-site child care will be available.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE - All Ministers of Music, Ministers of the Word, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Hospitality, and Sacristans, who serve in liturgical ministries are welcome to attend this enriching retreat. Together, let us kindle our spirit of service and hope in this Jubilee year!

3 Dates to choose from:

Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **OR** Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **OR** Saturday, April 5, 2025, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.

To register, visit the website hamiltondiocese.com and look under the “**events**” section.

Domestic Church Retreat

“**Domestic Church**” is a lay movement for Sacramentally married couples that provides Catholic Christian community and lifelong spiritual formation through small groups and retreats.

We warmly invite you to join us for a Family Retreat led by **Father Gary Schlack** and organized by Domestic Church.

This retreat is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with God and one another through prayer, reflection, and meaningful discussions. There will be inspiring talks, engaging activities for children, time to relax and enjoy fellowship with other families who share the same values.

The program will include - Mass, Adoration, and prayer to strengthen our spiritual journey; Enriching talks and discussions for couples and families; Faith-filled activities for children and youth!

The retreat will take place on the weekend from **April 4th to April 6, 2025** at Michaelite Fathers Catholic Retreat Center in Melrose, near London. All sacramentally married couples are welcome to participate! For more details, please see the poster at the church bulletin board. OR phone Richard at 416-859-1583

Lenten Healing Mission

St. Ambrose Parish will host a Lenten Healing Mission from **March 15 to 19, 2025**. It will be led by **Father Bill Trusz, Papal Missionary of Mercy**, and the St. Therese Healing Ministry Team. Father Bill will be preaching at our weekend Masses on the topic of healing. The weeknight **Masses will begin at 7:00 pm** and during each evening a different aspect of healing will be explored:

- Mon. March 17 – Healing from Helplessness
- Tues. March 18 – Healing from Trauma
- Wed. March 19 – Healing of Families *

* **Wednesday evening** will include Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Teaching on Healing of Families, Holy Mass and individual healing prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available:

- Monday March 17 - 10am to 12 noon;
and 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- Tuesday March 18 - 10am to 12 noon;
and 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday March 19 - 10am to 12 noon;
and 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Lift Jesus Higher Adult Rally 2025

Saturday, March 29, 2025 - 9 AM - 5:30 PM
Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)

For ticket information, please call Tina 519-222-6283.

March 14th is the deadline to sign-up is for the bus.

For the Youth Rally information, please email Rose at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

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, March 24th.

ReStart: Moving Forward

SPRING DATES: Monday March 17th to June 9th from 7pm-9pm (no course April 21st & May 19th) will be held at Diocesan Chancery office at 700 King Street W, Hamilton ON .

The 10-week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. Sessions will run on Monday evenings. For information, please contact the Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office at (905)528-7988.

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