

# 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



### Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation from Jesus can be found in her Diary entry 699:

*“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.”*

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

The Feast of Mercy is especially for people to be open to receive Christ's forgiveness and grace because they know that they need it so much. This Feast is for the lost, that they might be found; and for those struggling to grow in faith, hope, and love, that they might be refreshed and strengthened.

Whether we are showing mercy to the materially poor, or to the spiritually poor, we are sharing divine mercy with those whose plight is ever closer to the compassionate Heart of our Saviour.

Thanks be to God that we are invited to this great banquet of mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday!



### Tuesday, April 29

8:00 am + MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE - Margie

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

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

### Wednesday, April 30

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

**7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – Fatima**

+ AURORA CALCAO – her family

+ JOSEPH CSERGO – Ildiko and Robert

+ MARIA NGUYEN – Theresa Tran

- intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges and family

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

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

### Thursday, May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 am – in thanksgiving from Theresa & Marie DeSouza

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

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

### Friday, May 2 – St. Athanasius

8:00 am + MARIA PHAM – Theresa Tran

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

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

### Saturday, May 3 – Sts. Philip and James

8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass

1:00 pm – First Communion Mass for St. Vincent de Paul grade 2 students

**CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

**5:00 pm + BARBARA HILLER – Anneliese & Klaus**

+ EVAN WIEDEMAN – the Cove family

+ JOAO & MARIA CHAVES & FAMILY

+ MANUEL deVARGAS – Maria

+ MARIA and CARLOS VICENTE – her family

### Sunday, May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter

**9:00 am + ADELINA & JOHN SOUSA and 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**

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**Happy Birthday to Father Michael King on  
May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

APRIL 27, 2025

## Thank you to our Volunteers

On behalf Father King and our parishioners, thank you to our choirs, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers, ushers, those who had their participated in the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, and decorators, for volunteering many hours over the course of Holy Week and Easter weekend. We are blessed to have such beautiful liturgies through the coordinated effort of so many people.

*Fr. Gary*



## Divine Mercy Hour: TODAY - Sunday, April 27

**3:00 pm in the Church.** Join us for music and praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone welcome!

## “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass.”

Join us for this series, which begins May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, in St. Ambrose Church Hall.

This study is published by Ascension Press and narrated by Dr. Edward Sri, a respected theologian, international speaker, and author.

The program spans five weeks and will provide an in-depth examination of the Mass, focusing on the Eucharist, scripture readings, prayers, and gestures.

The cost for the textbook and workbook is \$40.

Please register by Sunday, April 25, so we can order the books for you. To register, please contact Barb at the church office or Deacon Paul and provide your contact information.



Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope 2025

## Special Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer

Obtain a Plenary Indulgence as you make your pilgrimage to the Holy Door at

**St. Basil's Church, 50 Palace St,**

**Brantford on: Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00 pm -  
Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction, and Mass**

**Pro-Life Prayer Vigil - Thursday, MAY 1, 2025,** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

## First Millennial Saint - Carlos Acutis

### canonization as a Saint on Sunday, April 27, 2025

Pope Francis and the Consistory of Cardinals voted in July 2024 to approve the canonization of the first Saint from “Generation Y”, those born between 1981 and 1996, commonly known as millennials.

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, England though his family moved to Milan shortly after. From a young age, Carlo seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren’t especially devout. His mom said she had been to Mass only for her First Communion, her Confirmation, and her wedding but young Carlo's unique and unexplained devotion led to her deep conversion. The priest promoting his cause for sainthood noted that Carlo *“managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily.”* What an inspiration for a child to model faith witness to a family!

He was known for his devotion to Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed.

*“To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan” – Carlo Acutis*

## WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND: AUG 2-9, 2025

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days! Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to [www.ignatiusguelph.ca](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca) (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 30 2025.

**The Carmel of St. Joseph**, is hosting their **annual retreat** at the **Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha, Ontario** on Saturday, May 24.

The theme of the Retreat is “Hope”. The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year.

A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please see the poster for more details on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca)

**Registration is required**, and space is limited. RSVP before May 16 either by phone: 519-884-6700 or email: [saintagatha@thecarmel.ca](mailto:saintagatha@thecarmel.ca)



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