

St. Ambrose Church



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Email: stambrose@golden.net Website: stambrosecambridge.ca

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.

Continuing our series on the days Holy Week
...Traditions of Good Friday:

On Good Friday, the entire Church focuses on the Cross at Calvary. The congregation comes together to contemplate the events that lead to our Lord's crucifixion.

The liturgical observance of this day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death evidently has been in existence from the earliest days of the Church. No Mass is celebrated on this Good Friday, and Holy Communion given to the people has already been consecrated at Holy Thursday Mass.

The somber quality of this day reminds us of Christ's humiliation and suffering during his Passion. We can see that the parts of the Good Friday service correspond to the divisions of Mass:

- 1) Liturgy of the Word - reading of the Passion;
- 2) Intercessory prayers for the Church and the entire world, both Christian and non-Christian;
- 3) Veneration of the Cross;
- 4) and Holy Communion.

The Veneration of the Cross

Adoration of Christ's cross does not mean that we are actually *adoring* the material image, of course, but rather what it represents. In kneeling or bowing before the crucifix and kissing it we are paying the highest honor to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation. Because the Cross is inseparable from His sacrifice, in reverencing His Cross we are, in effect, adoring Christ. Therefore, we affirm: *'We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy Holy Cross Thou has Redeemed the World.'*

Washing of the Feet is a custom of the Catholic Church at Holy Thursday evening Mass, April 17th at 7pm. Parishioners are invited to have a foot washed in symbolic remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples.



We are in need of people who will participate in this small ceremony at Holy

Thursday Mass. Please leave your name with the parish office 519-621-2013 or email stambrose@golden.net



Tuesday, April 8

8:00 am + FILOMENA CABRAL CHAVES and FAMILY

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, April 9

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

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Carmen DeSousa

+ ANA FIGUEIREDO – Filomena

+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – her husband

+ SISTER CELESTE SWAN – Pam and Sharyn

- for the intentions of Todd and Bernadette

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, April 10

8:00 am + ANN and FRANK DeSOUZA & FAMILY

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, April 11

8:00 am + MARIA RADWONSKA – Myra and Paul

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, April 12

8:00 am – Mass for the healing of the family tree

2,000 Hail Mary Devotions on April 12th, beginning after 8am Mass. (correction from last week)

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + PIERINA MAGLIOCCO – her husband

+ HANNELORE SPILKER – Anneliese and Klaus

+ FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife

+ DENIS daSILVA – his family

+ JOAO & MARIA CHAVES and FAMILY

Sunday, April 13 – PASSION SUNDAY

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + ROMAN COVE – his family

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



Our parish **Holy Week schedule** is now available on our parish website stambrosecambridge.ca

APRIL 6, 2025



Day of Forgiveness

All day Sacrament of Reconciliation available:

Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Father Gary and Father Michael will alternate:

Fr. Michael King – from 9am to 11am

Fr. Gary Schlack – from 11am to 1pm

Fr. Michael King – from 1pm to 3pm

Fr. Gary Schlack – from 3pm to 5pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The next Knights of Columbus Galt Council # 2184 meeting will be held at **1:00 pm on Friday, April 25** at St. Patrick Church in the parish hall. All men 18 years of age and older are invited to attend.

Save the Date: Saturday May 31 Prepare to Save a Life

St. Ambrose Parish will host a one-day Emergency First Aid with Child/Adult **CPR training course** provided by HeartZap Safety Training on Saturday May 31, 9am to 4pm.

Upon completion of this program, you will be confident to assist when someone is injured, choking, or experiencing a heart attack. Learn to be prepared!

Registration required. Contact the parish office for cost and further information. **Current parish volunteers will receive a discounted price.**

MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – May 22 to May 25, 2025 (Thursday evening – to Sunday evening). It will be held at Kkottongnae Retreat Centre, 6096 Second Line, Orton, Ontario. Cursillo (*kur-SEE-oh*) is a three-day spiritual retreat, designed to help us develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who experience the Cursillo retreat know it is more than just three days of religious instruction, rather it is an effort to change the spiritual environment, to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Cursillo focuses on empowering laypeople how to become effective Christian leaders. The weekend includes talks which are given by priests and by laity. **Please speak to Father Gary** for more information.

Distribution of Palms will be available at the conclusion of weekend Masses, next weekend on April 12/13

For the Intention of the Upcoming Federal Election in Canada

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and all people, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, earthly spouse of St. Joseph, patron of Canada, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to You, our refuge and hope.

Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of Your Son, we humbly ask that You would turn Your eyes upon our country of Canada to bring about its conversion.

We consecrate to You, and St. Joseph, the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of Your Son.

Hear the pleading of the Foster Father of Our Lord, and give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of Your Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and your maternal care, we have perfect confidence that You will take care of us and will not leave us forsaken.

Our Lady of the Americas, pray for us. Amen.

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Cambridge Particular Council** - operates a **Thrift Store** in Galt that has supported those in need for many years. This Spring, our Thrift Store is in need of donations of gently used furniture, housewares (particularly microwave ovens & casserole dishes), and walkers.

The Thrift Store is located at 75 Dundas St. N. in the Canadian Tire Plaza in Galt. We are open from Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 519-629-0103. Come in and say "hi" to our friendly staff, drop off your gently used donations, and browse through our SSVP Thrift Store for interesting finds.

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