

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.



The Ascension of the Lord

Forty Days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Acts of the Apostles records Jesus' ascension into heaven. The ascension is an important Christian feast celebrating the reality of Christ's returning to the Father,

The Resurrection, Ascension and gifts of the Holy Spirit are all one mystery looked at from different angles. The great mystery of reconciliation, the union between God and His creation, is split up for us in liturgical time to enable us to celebrate it. The Ascension is not different from the Resurrection, rather we are asked to dwell on a partial aspect of the Resurrection.

The Ascension means essentially that Jesus is with His Father, "*I go to the Father*"; and this is His supreme joy, His goal, His reward. "*If you loved me, you would be full of joy because I am with my Father.*"

The first aspect of the Ascension is joy that no person can take away from us. The Father at last has all He wants—an open heart into which He can pour His love without hindrance. Jesus is the recipient of that blissful love, and we rejoice in Him and for Him.

Secondly, Jesus has entered heaven as our pioneer. He has blazed a trail. More, He is our representative; in a real way we are there with Him. The great work of reconciliation has been accomplished. The massive walls that human beings, through their wrong choices, had built up against the love of God have been demolished. We have only to stand in the way of these flood waters and not fly from them as though fleeing from death.

"*Abide in my love.*" How do we abide in His love? Jesus tells: "*If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love, as it is by keeping my Father's commandments that abide in His love.*" What we have seen Jesus doing in relation to the Father, we must do. Jesus has shown us the Father and what the Father wants of us; has shown us how we must live to be in truth His children. We have to be living embodiments of Jesus as He is of His Father. And this, says Jesus, is my joy in which you must share.

How the thought of the Ascension should lift our lives above our petty, selfish concerns, to live with Jesus where He is now—in the glory of the Father! That we are *able* to do this, able to enter into the mystery of Jesus, to receive His life and live by it, is the mystery of Pentecost.

Just as in Advent, the Church invites us to assume the attitude of those to whom the Lord has not yet come, and to yearn for that coming, in the time between Ascension and Pentecost. We are invited to put ourselves with the waiting disciples. Our willingness must quicken the coming of the Spirit, the Power from on high, who will enable us to live the very life that Jesus wants for us.



Tuesday, June 3

8:00 am – intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, June 4

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

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ MARIA NGUYEN – Theresa Tran

+ DONALD TRACY – G.S.

+ STELLA KOZUCH – Yolanda

- intentions of Ben and Christine McCabe

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, June 5

8:00 am + ANTONIO NORDELLO & MARIA BRAGA

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, June 6

8:00 am + SILVINO CHAVES – Joe and Ilda Chaves

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, June 7

8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + DECEASED CORREIA & REGO FAMILIES

+ MARC and RITA VILLENEUVE – Margie

+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Carmela & Tony Chaves

+ BRIAN CLEMENS – Michelle

+ BARB HILLER – Cambridge Right to Life

Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost

9:00 am + WILHELMINA DONKERS – Doreen & 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





Vacation Bible Week for children

Dear parishioners, in August we would like to host a vacation bible week for children, at our parish, the week of **August 18 to 22, in the afternoons**. We would require sufficient volunteers to facilitate this program. If you would like to help or have questions, please email our youth coordinator: Rose at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca
Grandparents and high school students welcome as volunteers!

"Daughters of the King" ladies' group will hold their gatherings on Tuesday, June 3rd and Tuesday June 17th at 7pm in the church hall.

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to St. Ambrose Parish! Several parishioners have been using the online donation portal called "CanadaHelps". The link to this portal can be found on our parish website.

OR go to the website www.canadahelps.org/en then search for **St. Ambrose Cambridge**. (There are other churches named St. Ambrose, so please add our city in the search)

Manitoba Service Project For Boys entering grade 11 and 12

Join other boys in participating in the Manitoba Service Project from August 4 to 11, 2025. The Manitoba Project will take place in Berens River Manitoba on a First Nations reserve where we will assist Fr. Messia Vallapadesu in supporting a local Catholic parish. Located on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, the participants will help with repairs and construction around the parish, as well as tutor local youth in English, Mathematics and Catechism. This trip offers participants the opportunity to gain insight into the reality lived by many peoples who belong to Canada's First Nations communities, as well as make a positive impact for good in the lives of others, make new friends, and grow in faith. The cost is \$450.00 plus airfare. If interested, please contact Fr. Gary at the parish office.

Volunteers are the lifeline of parishes. Without the time, effort and gifts of volunteers, the Church would not be able to fulfill its ministry to help those in need, as well as to facilitate our parish liturgies. We may not say it often enough, so **thank you** to all our parish volunteers!

Pentecost Healing Retreat Igniting Faith through the Holy Spirit Saturday June 7 at 8:00 am

St. John Parish at 45 Victoria Rd N. in Guelph

Free to attend. Lunch provided.

Facilitated by Father Bill Trusz, Missionary of Mercy and Father Valetine Onwunjiogu, Spiritual Advisor to the Spiritan Prayer Group.

8:00 am - 8:30 - Greeting and Registration

8:30 am - Rosary

9:00 - Introduction and Welcome - Father Valentine

9:10 - 9:30 - Praise and Worship

9:30 - 10:15 - Mary, Woman of the Holy Spirit - Father Bill

10:30 - 10:50 - Break

10:50 - 11:00 - Praise and Worship

11:00 - 12:00 noon - Baptism in the Holy Spirit; praise & worship

12:00 noon - Lunch

12:45 - 2:30 - Holy Hour with benediction, healing of memories, inner healing (inner healing experience); procession with the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 - Holy Mass

Please register your attendance by phoning Ana at 519-824-8456

Young Adult Pilgrimage at Martyrs' Shrine in Midland June 20 to 22 (Age range 18 to 35 approx.)

Camping out – rain or shine! \$50.00 for the weekend with most meals provided. Please email canvacations@jesuits.org for information and to register.

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Diocese of Hamilton is currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2025! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills.

For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>

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