

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



On Mother's Day, Catholics recognize the mothers in our lives as well as Mary, Mother of God. In celebration of all that mothers do, here are some quotes from saints and other Catholic figures on the beauty and significance of motherhood:

St. Thérèse of Lisieux:

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."

St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein):

"To be a mother is to nourish and protect true humanity and bring it to development."

Pope Francis:

"A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. ... Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for who you are in your family and for who you give to the Church and the world."

St. John Paul II:

"Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life."

St. Teresa of Calcutta:

"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!"

God Bless All Mothers!

God our Heavenly Father, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.



No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

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

Wednesday, May 14 – St. Matthias

1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome.

Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Theresa Tran

+ HENRY & ELFRIEDE BERGMAN – Barb Andrade

+ MARK & ANTONIO CHAVES – Maria and John

+ MARIA Do CARMO FIGUEIREDO – Carmen

+ FERNANDA da SILVEIRA – her parents

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, May 15

8:00 am + KOZDRON, SALINITRI, GORBARCZYK, and ORGANISCIAC FAMILIES - Stella

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, May 16

8:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY OF SILVINO & MARIA CHAVES

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, May 17

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + JOSEPH CSERGO – Ildiko and Robert

+ FR. STROHMEYER

+ MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Margie

+ FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife

+ WALTER SOUSA & STEPHANIE

+ TERESA VARAO – her family

+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his family

Sunday, May 18 – 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am + MURIEL & JAMES HERTNER – their 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

National Family and Life Week!

Dioceses and parishes across Canada are celebrating National Family and Life Week (NFLW) from **May 11 to May 18th**. The theme for this year is *"Abound in hope!"* – a powerful message from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. As we journey together as "Pilgrims of Hope" in this Jubilee Year, let us reflect on the gift of hope God gives us through our families. Family and life are intricately linked; it is in the family we first come to know love and where we learn how to love – love is what gives hope. This is a week to celebrate, to remember your own family members and others and to focus, not just during this week, but all year round, on the importance and power of family in each person's life.

Prayer for Family and Life Week

Heavenly Father, we place our trust in you.
You have given us the precious gift of life
and entrusted us to care for, nurture, and sustain it.
Help our families to be sanctuaries of joy and light,
where both young and old are cherished and embraced,
and where your gifts of faith, hope, and love may flourish.
May your tender loving care inspire all families to abound in
hope so that we may live out our call to holiness
as missionary disciples in the service of life and peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.



ROSES FOR LIFE TODAY!

The Knights of Columbus, Galt Council 2184, will be offering Roses for Life after each Mass on **Saturday May 10 and Sunday May 11, 2019** (Mother's Day). All offerings received from this activity will be donated to pro-life groups. Thank you for your support.



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** (Level C) provided by HeartZap Safety Training on Saturday May 31, 9am to 5pm.

Upon completion of this program, you will be confident to assist when someone is injured, choking, or experiencing a heart attack. **Registration deadline May 20.** Contact the parish office to register. **Current parish volunteers will receive a discounted price.**

Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation?

You're not alone! Join the award-winning musicians Critical Mass for an inspiring two-day retreat, where music, testimonies, and faith-filled discussions will guide you toward hope and healing. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with your faith and find strength in community—space is limited to 25 participants, so register early! **We are offering a choice of two retreat weekends:** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on May 23/24 or St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton on May 30/31. Friday evening from 6:45- 9:30 PM and Saturday from 8:45 – 4:00 PM. Register now by emailing davefromcm@gmail.com or calling 519-572-6962 or visiting <https://www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates>. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch; early bird special by April 30th of \$100.

Vacation Bible Week – Volunteers?

Dear parishioners, in August we would like to host a vacation bible week for children, at our parish. 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

Conversations in the Spirit:

The Accompaniment of Youth

May 13, 2025 **OR** May 21, 2025

The Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting conversations in the Spirit focused on the accompaniment of young people in our parish communities. These conversations are open to parish ministers, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, catechists and anyone accompanying young people in our parish. Our conversation will focus on the accompaniment of young people, and how as a community we can best be walking with those we serve. We will begin each gathering with a meal with conversations to follow.

May 13th, 2025: 6:00-8:30pm at the Chancery Office, Hamilton, In Person or via Zoom **OR**

May 21st, 2025: 12:00-2:30 pm at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph. **Registration required.** Visit the website, hamiltondiocese.com then go to the "vocations" tab on the left side of the opening page.

Did you know? St. Clement Church, 745 Duke Street, Cambridge (Preston area) offers a Sunday afternoon Mass at 4:30 pm. This fulfills your Sunday Mass obligation.

Main floor washroom – Just a reminder that we have our new accessible, main floor washroom for all to use. For security reasons, access to the basement washroom is limited, or closed at certain times.

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