

# 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.

## May 20<sup>th</sup> – Saint Bernardino of Siena

In the year 1400, a young man went to the door of the largest hospital in Siena. A plague was raging through the city, and many of the people who died were those who were needed to care for the ill. This young man brought others with him, to help care for the plague patients. After several months, Bernardino fell ill too, but from exhaustion.

After he recovered, he was back caring for the sick but this time it was his invalid aunt. After his aunt died, Bernardino started to think about where his life should be going. The son of a noble family, he had been orphaned at seven and raised by an aunt. It is told that Bernardino was an immensely moral child and teenager.

Bernardino, who had gone to Siena to study, threw himself into prayer and fasting to discover what God wanted him to do. One might have expected him to continue his work with the sick but in 1403 he joined the Franciscans and in 1404 he was ordained a priest.

The Franciscans were known as missionary preachers, but Bernardino did very little preaching because his voice was weak and hoarse. For twelve years he remained in the background, his energies going to prayer or to his own spiritual conversion and preparation.

At the end of that time, he went to Milan on a mission. When he got up to preach his voice was strong and commanding and his words so convincing that the crowd would not let him leave unless he promised to come back.

This began the missionary life of the one whom Pope Pius II called a second "Paul". As was his way, Bernardino, threw his whole self, body and soul, into his new career. He walked through Italy on foot, preaching for hours at a time, several times a day. We are told he preached on punishment for sin as well as reward for virtue but focusing in the end on the mercy of Jesus and the love of Mary. His special devotion was to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Some who were jealous denounced him to the pope by saying he preached superstition. Silenced for a short while, Bernardino was soon cleared and resumed his preaching.

Bernardine refused several cities that wanted him as bishop but he was unable to avoid being named vicar general of his order. All his energy during that period went to renewing the original spirit of the Franciscan order.

Soon, however, Bernardine heard the call to go back to preaching which consumed his last days. In fact, even when it was clear he was dying, he preached fifty consecutive days. He died in 1444 when he was almost 64 years old.



### Tuesday, May 20 – St Bernardino of Siena

8:00 am + MARIA BRAGA MONTEIRO & ANTONIO NORDELO

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

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

### Wednesday, May 21

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

**7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Theresa Tran**

+ JACINTO LIMA – Maria Gouveia

+ MARIA INES NEVES – Fatima and Tony

+ BARBARA LONSDALE & TADEUSZ WYGANOWSKI

- intentions of Ngwaba family

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

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

### Thursday, May 22

8:00 am – Intentions of Bernadette and Todd

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

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

### Friday, May 23

8:00 am – Intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges

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

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

### Saturday, May 24

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

**5:00 pm + REV. ANTONIO PEREIRA – Zelia B.**

+ MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Michel Chabot

+ RICK OLIVEIRA – Maria and John

+ PAUL CHRISTOPHER QUINLESS – Dietrich family

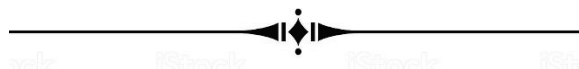
+ JAY PRAKASH SUVARNA - Bernadette

### Sunday, May 25

9:00 am + STEPHEN GUETH – from his mom and dad

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

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



## *Sacrament of Confirmation*

**Saturday, May 24th**



The grade 7 students from our parish schools, as well as the Catechism students, who have chosen to receive the Sacrament will do so next weekend. Please keep these students in your prayers as they receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton Diocese, will be the celebrant.

Saturday, May 24 at 11:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul students

Saturday, May 24 at 1:00 pm - St. Anne school students

Saturday, May 24 at 3:00 pm - Holy Spirit school students

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### **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.

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**Just a reminder... on the last weekend of each month the St. Vincent de Paul Society** have their donation boxes at the church exits. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated! There are requests from families and individuals almost daily asking for help with food. Donations will be accepted next weekend, **May 24/25** at all Masses.

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**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? Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready you can leave them to enjoy supervised play with other children for the remaining time while you pray 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](mailto:momtotsprayplay@gmail.com) Please register for the upcoming date of **Monday, May 26**

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### **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](mailto:youth@stambrosecambridge.ca)

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### **Formed.org**

**Catholic Faith on Demand**

St. Ambrose Church has a subscription for our parishioners to use, it's called **formed.org**

**FREE for parishioners to sign-up.** Your family will appreciate the quality entertainment and the enriching Catholic faith content – movies, podcasts, music, audio, e-books, etc. Go to their website and then click on **“Formed for Parishes”** and then follow the instructions to sign-up for access.

This summer they will have a series called “Summer With the Saints”, which is perfect for all ages.

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### **CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING**

Come join us on **Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Ambrose Parish Hall**, 210 South Street, from **7:00-9:00pm** for the screening of Life on Film: Featuring **Chapter 3** of **“MAiD in Canada – Ethics & Euthanasia”** with the Kooman Bros.

Hear compelling viewpoints from doctors, psychiatrists, bioethicists, legal counsel and more about the medical ethics of euthanasia plus the harrowing true story of Jean Swenson, an inspiring survivor of an accident that paralyzed her from the neck down. **Doors open at 6:45. Free will offering. Please call 519-623-1850 to reserve your seat!** Please encourage others to attend. Thank You.

Please also consider joining us Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> for our mini-Life Chain from 7-8:00 pm on Hespeler Road @ Dunbar, to witness for the unborn.

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**“Daughters of the King” Parish Ladies’ group** will meet on Tuesday, May 20, at 7pm in our Church Hall. All ladies welcome, and bring a friend!

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### **Ontario Knights of Columbus 50/50 draw for 2025**

Tickets on sale now, for the September 1, 2025 draw date.

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont-4>

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