

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.



Pentecost

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life.

Because we are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The colour of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day.

All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and His own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us, . . . and makes all appear as one in Him. For just as the power of Christ's sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, we, in the same way are one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity!



Tuesday, June 10

8:00 am – in thanksgiving from Maria Correia

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, June 11

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

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ JORGIANA MELO & DECEASED FAMILY – Tina

+ SOUL OF MARIA – Thanh Nguyen

+ JOSEPH TRAN – Theresa Tran

- intentions of Amaka Ngwaba

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, June 12

8:00 am – Living and Deceased friends and family of Theresa and Marie

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua

8:00 am – intentions of Theresa and Manuel Amaral & family

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, June 14

8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass

2,000 Hail Mary devotions will be held all day in the church, beginning after the 8am Mass.

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + DIMAS DIAS – Suzy

+ FRANK and MARIA PEREIRA – Manuel and Elsa

+ TOM COWPER – a friend

+ JOAO and MARIA CHAVES & FAMILY

+ JOSE BENTO – Zelia B.

Sunday, June 15 - Most Holy Trinity

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + TERESINHA ANDRADE – her husband

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



Potential Threat to Religious Organizations' charitable status:

In December 2023 the Federal Government's Standing Committee on Finance made recommendations for the 2025 budget. The 2025 budget is on hold due to the recent federal election. However, of concern to religious groups are:

- Recommendation 429 – no longer provide charitable status to anti-abortion organizations.
- Recommendation 430 – amend the Income Tax Act to change the definition of a charity which would *remove* the privilege of status of "advancement of religion" as a charitable purpose.

This could mean no tax deductions people who make donations to religious organizations! While these are recommendations, they are a big concern! Let your federal MP know how you feel about this, in the event it becomes an imminent threat to charities.

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.

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 drop them off to enjoy supervised play with other children for the remaining time while you adore 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 Please register for the upcoming date of **Monday, June 30**.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi St. Ambrose Church, Sunday June 22nd 11am Mass, followed by an outdoor procession

Join us at the 11:00 am Mass for the celebration of Corpus Christi. This solemnity celebrates the Body and Blood of Christ which is truly present in the Eucharist – His body, blood, soul and divinity! We will have an outdoor procession around the Church and invite everyone to attend.



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!

Camp Brebeuf in Rockwood, Ontario Summer camp for kids!

Catholic Youth Organization "Camp Brébeuf" offers a variety of activities and facilities to provide children with a memorable camp experience. Day camp and overnight camp available. View their website campbrebeuf.ca

If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Church, in what we believe and how we seek to live our faith in Jesus Christ, or if you would like to take steps to join us in faith, you are invited to contact Father Gary at the parish office.

Those who have little knowledge of the Catholic faith and have not been baptized, are invited to participate in a process of formation in our parish which will take several months, culminating with the reception of the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the annual Easter Vigil. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This begins in the Fall.

Those who are already baptized in other valid Christian denomination, but who would like to enter into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church, generally follow a similar process. Those already baptized complete their Christian initiation in the Catholic Church by celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact the parish office.

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