

# 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.

**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.

## Praying for Our Dearly Departed



During November we pray for the souls of our deceased. Why do we pray for our deceased? Where is purgatory? Why is there purgatory? Actually, the Church does not speak of Purgatory as a place.

Purgatory is much more like heaven than hell, for the souls detained there are not in Satan's clutches, but ready for God's loving embrace. They have their pains, but they also have their joys. They have their pains, because they cannot see God just yet, though they are so close to Him. Their knowledge that their sentence is terminating builds up the desire for heaven to such a pitch that the pain of deprivation is most intense. But there is a mixed feeling. They also have their joy. St. Catherine of Genoa wrote: "*Apart from the happiness of the saints in heaven, I think there is no joy comparable to that of the souls in purgatory because they know for certain they are bound for heaven!*". Their state is such that it is more correct to call them "holy souls" than "poor souls".

We are all called to be Holy. If we committed even one venial sin prior to entering into Heaven, we couldn't possibly go straight there. We'd take a detour off into Purgatory, to be purified, since nothing unclean can enter into Heaven. Most of us will take that detour. We will suffer because as St. Thomas Aquinas wrote: "*The more one longs for a thing, the more painful does denial of it become. And because after this life, the desire for God, the Supreme Good, is intense in the souls of the just, the soul suffers enormously from the delay.*"

The notion of Purgatory is another way of saying that we not only have faith, we have hope. If ever God offers us hope it is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and the faith response of the Church in calling us to pray for all souls who have passed over from this life into the next. We pray for the dead because we hope. We hope not only for them but we offer ourselves and others around us the gift of hope. Hope is one of the greatest gifts that Christians can give to those around us who think that they live hopeless lives in a hopeless world. The Christian virtue of hope is real because the resurrection of Christ is real and because His amazing miracles are real.

**Holy Mass will be held on Saturday November 2 at 9:00 am**

Pray the "**Eternal Rest**" prayer (Requiem aeternam) to obtain a partial indulgence year-round, when reciting:

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



### Tuesday, October 29

8:00 am + SOUL OF LILAC

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

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

### Wednesday, October 30

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

Please enter through parking lot side door.

**7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY**

+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Maria Chaves

+ FELIX & JULIET and OTTO and SAIMI – Tarja & Elvino

+ ROBERT RANN – Phyl Arthur

+ JENNIFER KRUSVAR – Michelle

- Healing of Patricia and Christine – Maria Corriea

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

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

### Thursday, October 31

8:00 am + ANNE RENAUD – Mary Crowder

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

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

### Friday, November 1 – All Saints Day

8:00 am + ANNIE & JAMES RYAN – Doreen Parsons

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

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

### Saturday, November 2 – All Souls Day

**9:00 am – For all souls in purgatory**

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

**5:00 pm + JOSEPH BOLAND** – Ed and Gloria Snow

+ LEONEL GONGORA ATAREZ

+ SOULS IN PURGATORY and in Honour of the Saints –

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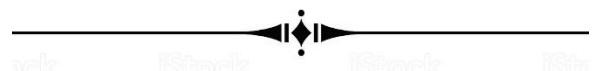
+ DECEASED ALAIMO and RINALDI FAMILIES

### Sunday, November 3

9:00 am + SOULS IN PURGATORY – Mary Crowder

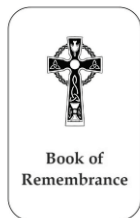
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

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



OCTOBER 27, 2024

## *Book of Remembrance*



During the month of November parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones in our *Book of Remembrance*, located in front of the statue of Our Lady. Those listed will be remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

## St. Ambrose Youth Group Sports Night Monday, October 28, 2024

From 5pm to 7pm at Lang's Community Centre, 1145 Concession Road (Preston). For those ages 12 to 18 yrs.

Join us for some FUN and FRIENDSHIP!

To sign-up, please email [youth@stambridgecambridge.ca](mailto:youth@stambridgecambridge.ca)



### For 2025:

IF you are currently NOT using Church donation envelopes and would like to do so for 2025, please contact the parish office to have this arranged.

Parishioners who are actively donating using Church envelopes will automatically be given a new set to use for 2025. These will be available in early December.

## Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025

### Italy, Croatia, Slovenia

Fr. Joe Selvanayagam of St. Patrick Church in Cambridge, will be the spiritual guide for a jubilee pilgrimage to Italy, Medjugorje, Croatia and Slovenia. He welcomes everyone to join him on the spiritual journey.

August 4 to 17, 2025, departing from Toronto.

Itinerary and costs are available at the back of our Church or by contacting St. Patrick Church 519-623-3773.

**Be A Man** men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings in St. Ambrose Church hall from 7am to 9am. All men, 18 years of age and over, are welcome for fellowship, prayer and reflection.

Visit the Hamilton Diocese website for programs and events:  
[hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)

## Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SSVP) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, Please

Parishioners, 18 years and older, are welcome to join SSVP as volunteers. As a Vincentian, there is the opportunity to use your unique talents and gifts to participate in charity works that uplift our neighbours who are in need. For more details, please contact Joe at 519-241-6070 or leave a message on the SSVP line 519-623-8764 and someone will call you back.

### Attention all Altar Servers:

There will be an **altar server practice** on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm. We ask both newcomers and current altar servers to attend. If you have any questions please contact 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? If so, this program is for you. 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 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, October 28<sup>th</sup>**.

*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](http://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)

### When Life Changes: Grief Relief

Wednesday evenings: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 7:00-8:30pm.

Hamilton Diocese Chancery Office (700 King St. West Hamilton); in-person only.

A 6-week program using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material, this program is intended to help you to understand your grief and provides practical tips for helping you through. In Hamilton, this program is offered twice a year, in the Spring and Fall and all are welcome to attend. Programs are provided by trained facilitators. Visit [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) to register.

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