

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.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Our Blessed Mother is recognized and celebrated in a special way on Dec. 8, 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Since Dec. 8 falls on a Sunday this year, and because all Sundays take precedence, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this year will be celebrated on Monday, Dec. 9.

Born without Original Sin, and chosen by God to bear His only Son, Mary plays an essential role in Christmas, and in our salvation. Her Motherhood made possible a pathway to Heaven for all the faithful, and She still intercedes on our behalf, drawing the faithful closer to Jesus, and to God, through prayer.

One of the most often confused Doctrines of the Catholic Church, many people, including Catholics, mistakenly think that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event is in fact celebrated as the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25, nine months before Christmas.

The Immaculate Conception, which is celebrated on Dec. 8, refers to the condition that the **Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.** The Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sept. 8, nine months after the Immaculate Conception. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception dates back centuries, declared as doctrine by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1854.

Pope Francis said with great joy that on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception the *“Church contemplates the one who is ‘full of grace’... This is how God saw her from the very beginning in His plan of love. He saw her as beautiful, full of grace... Mary the Immaculate is inscribed in God’s plan; she is the fruit of the love of God that saves the world.”*

On the Solemnity Pope Francis said the faithful must take time to contemplate *“our beautiful Immaculate Mother; in Her we also recognize our truest destiny, our deepest vocation: being loved, being transformed by love, and being transformed by the beauty of God... Let Her look at us so that we can learn how to be more humble, and more courageous too in following the Word of God, in welcoming the tender embrace of Jesus his Son, an embrace that gives us life, hope and peace.”*



Tuesday, December 10

8:00 am + KOZDRON, SALINITRI, GORBARCZYK and ORGANISCIAK FAMILIES

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, December 11

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

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Maria Correia
 + MARIA FITA – Luis and Anna Pereira
 + MARIA dosREIS CABRAL – Anna & family
 + ROBERT RANN – Kay Woznuk
 + MARY RYAN – Mary Fitzpatrick
 - intentions of Nonya Ngwaba

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, December 12

8:00 am – intentions of Tammy Seeley

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, December 13

8:00 am + FERNANDA SILVEIRA – her parents

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, December 14

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass

5:00 pm + ANITA FIGUEIREDO – Her parents
 + DECEASED FAMILY of Maria & Silvino Chaves
 + RICARDO and DALIA OLIVEIRA – Ilda
 + EUGENIO & PALMIRA PEREIRA – Maria
 + TINA SOUSA & PARENTS – Maria and John
 + MILDRED KAVANAGH – Colleen Harney

Sunday, December 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am + STEPHEN GUETH – Mary Horvath

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

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



For 2025:

Parishioners who are using Church donation envelopes can pick up their 2025 box at the back of the church. Please only use your new envelopes beginning in 2025. Those who recently ordered the sets, can also find them at the back of the church.

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)

Day of Mercy – All Day Confessions
will be held:

Saturday December 21st from 9am to 4pm
At St. Ambrose Church

Father Gary and Father Michael King will alternate throughout the day to hear individual confessions.



St. Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas "Giving Tree"

Again, this year the "Giving Tree" is located in the Sanctuary. Donations to assist the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society can be placed in the box beside the tree. Envelopes are provided. Donations will go toward providing Christmas hampers and store vouchers for families and individuals in need.

Christmas Offertory Sign-up

Parishioners are invited to sign-up to take up the offertory gifts at the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the Church.

Church bulletin advertising

Liturgical Publications, who prints our weekly bulletin free for the parish, will be renewing the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2025. If you have a business that would like to advertise on the back of our bulletin, please contact their office directly at 1-800-268-2637.

BAKE SALE



Sunday December 15, 2024

St. Ambrose Youth Ministry will be having a bake sale fundraiser on Sunday, December 15th in the church hall after the **9am and 11am Masses**. Come enjoy a cup of coffee, and purchase some goodies, while supporting youth programming! (*Free coffee and tea*)

Donations of baked goods and raffle prizes (new items only or gift cards) will be appreciated! Baking/prizes can be brought to the church hall on Saturday, December 14th in the afternoon, or before Sunday Masses. Kindly label items that that have nuts/peanuts/gluten free. Thank you!

De Mazenod Door Outreach Centre in Hamilton is kindly asking for the following, in order that they can prepare gift bags for those in need:

New socks, gloves, scarves, hats, and soap bars – for men/women/children, as well as \$10.00 Tim cards or grocery store cards. Donations can be dropped off at St. Ambrose office or church. Deadline for donations is Thursday December 12. (*please label your donation*)



The **Blessing of the "Bambinelli"** is a tradition, celebrated by the Pope each year on the **third Sunday of Advent**.

Parishioners are welcome to bring their Baby Jesus figurine from their family nativity scene to the Church **on Sunday, December 15th to the 9am Mass or 11am Mass**, and Father Gary will bless them.

(Bambinelli means little children in Italian)

Emergency Pastoral Ministry at Cambridge Memorial Hospital If you or a loved one need a priest for Emergency Ministry (Anointing of the Sick) please call our parish office. After hours emergency on call ministry can be accessed by calling 519-404-5344. After an emergency visit please let our office know when someone is in hospital so that we can arrange a visit, bring communion, or help to facilitate this ministry. Be assured of our parish's support in every moment of need, we or one of the local on call priests, will do our best to respond as soon as possible.

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