

# 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today, we hear again this mysterious gospel of the **Transfiguration of Christ**. This momentary vision of Christ, in His glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials of their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved Friend would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten journey. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter will be here and the message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in His sufferings, we will share with him in His glory.

This is a truth we all too easily forget that we cannot, and do not, get to heaven in a limousine. Our time on earth is the chance given us by our heavenly Father to earn our eternal reward. This reward surpasses even the wildest imagination of people. We could never earn it, but God accepts the little we can do and provides the rest through His infinite mercy. And yet there are many, far too many, who refuse even that little bit that is asked of them, and are therefore running the risk of not being a part of God's plan for their eternal happiness.

Illness, trouble and disappointment are part of every person's life. These things respect neither wealth, nor power, nor position. The person who knows their purpose in life, and is always trying to reach the goal God's goodness has planned, can and will see in these trials of life the hand of a kind Father who is preparing us for greater things. Sufferings become understandable and more bearable because of our attitude to life and its meaning. People who ignore God and close their mind to the real events of life has nothing to uphold or console them in their hours of sorrow and pain. Yet, sorrow and pain will always be there, try as they will to avoid them, and they can see no value, no divine purpose in these misfortunes.

Christ has asked us to follow Him, carrying our daily cross, and, thankfully, at the end of our journey is not rock of Calvary, but resurrection, the entrance to a life of glory with our risen Savior. Our Lord never said life would be easy, or free of problems and strain! But He will guide us, if we let Him!

Let the thought of the **Transfiguration** encourage each one of us today, to do the little God demands of us, so that when we pass from this life, we may be assured of seeing Christ in His glory, ready to welcome us into His everlasting, glorious kingdom.



**Monday, March 17** – St. Patrick's Day

See Confession times on opposite page...

**7:00 pm – Lenten Mission Mass**

**Tuesday, March 18**

8:00 am + SALINITRI, GORBARCZYK, ORGANISCAK, AND KOZDRON FAMILIES – Stella

See Confession times on opposite page ...

**7:00 pm – Lenten Mission Mass**

**Wednesday, March 19**

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

Please enter through parking lot side door.

See Confession times on opposite page...

**7:00 pm – Lenten Mission Mass**

+ SOULS IN PURATORY

- intentions of Bernadette and Todd Dietrich

- intentions of Nonya Ngwaba

- healing of those who are sick physically, mentally, or spiritually

+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – her husband

+ HENRY AND ELFRIEDE BERGMAN – Barb Andrade

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

**Thursday, March 20**

8:00 am + JOSE MONTEIRO & FAMILY - Fatima

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

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

**Friday, March 21**

8:00 am + MARK CASTELO – Castelo family

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

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

**6:30 pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday, March 22**

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

**5:00 pm** + PAULO FERREIRA – Laudalina

+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Colleen Harney

+ BOB RANN – Kay Woznuk

+ SR. CELESTE SWAN – Mary Cooper

+ ANGELO & MARIA LOURDES FERNANDES – Ilda

- for the intentions of Nick and Tera Cherri

**Sunday, March 23 – Third Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 am** – for the intentions of all parishioners

**11:00 am** + ERMELINDA GASPAR AND ABILIO ROSARIO

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## St. Ambrose Lenten Healing Mission

St. Ambrose Parish will host a Lenten Healing Mission from **March 15 to 19, 2025**. It will be led by **Father Bill Trusz, Papal Missionary of Mercy**, and the St. Therese Healing Ministry Team. Father Bill will be preaching at our weekend Masses on the topic of healing. The weeknight **Masses will begin at 7:00 pm** and during each evening a different aspect of healing will be explored:

- Mon. March 17 – Healing from Helplessness
- Tues. March 18 – Healing from Trauma
- Wed. March 19 – Healing of Families \*

\* **Wednesday evening** will include Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Teaching on Healing of Families, Holy Mass and individual healing prayers.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available:

- Monday March 17 - 10am to 12 noon;  
and 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- Tuesday March 18 - 10am to 12 noon;  
and 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday March 19 - 10am to 12 noon;  
and 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

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**Daughters of the King Ladies group of St. Ambrose Church will NOT be held on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>**, in order to encourage ladies to attend the Lenten Mission Mass being held at 7pm in the Church.

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**Emergency Pastoral Ministry at Cambridge Memorial Hospital.** If you or a loved one needs 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. Fr. Gary, or one of the local on-call priests, will do their best to respond as soon as possible.

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### Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph 28 Norfolk St.

Jubilee Year 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

#### Special Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer:

Obtain a Plenary Indulgence as you make your pilgrimage to the Holy Door at the Basilica Church on:

**Tuesday, Mar 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm** - Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord – Holy Hour at 6pm, and Mass. Everyone welcome! **Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will be the celebrant.**

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## Domestic Church Family Retreat

April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 6, 2025

"Domestic Church" is a lay movement for Sacramentally married couples that provides Catholic Christian community and lifelong spiritual formation through small groups and retreats.

We warmly invite you to join us for a Family Retreat led by **Father Gary Schlack** and organized by Domestic Church.

This retreat is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with God and one another through prayer, reflection, and meaningful discussions. There will be inspiring talks, engaging activities for children, time to relax and enjoy fellowship with other families who share the same values.

The program will include - Mass, Adoration, and prayer to strengthen our spiritual journey; Enriching talks and discussions for couples and families; Faith-filled activities for children and youth!

The family retreat will take place on the weekend from **April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 6, 2025** at Michaelite Fathers Catholic Retreat Center in Melrose, near London. All sacramentally married couples are welcome to participate! For more details, please see the poster at the church bulletin board. OR phone Richard at 416-859-1583

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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? 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 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, March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

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### Enhancing Self-Esteem

This program, brought to you by the **Family Ministry Office of the Diocese of Hamilton**, provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building positive self esteem. Take responsibility for your thoughts and feelings. Behave assertively, setting realistic goals for the future. Join us for a **10-week workshop! Mondays from 7pm-9pm - March 24 to June 9** (no sessions April 21 & May 19) At the Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office, 700 King Street West Hamilton. Cost: \$35 for materials provided. Go to their website to register: [hamitondiocese.com/events](http://hamitondiocese.com/events)



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