

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.

Solemnity of the Annunciation – March 25th

As early as the middle of the 6th century in the East, and the 7th century in Rome, there is evidence of this Feast celebrated on 25 March. Since this feast is connected with the Lord Jesus and to His entry into history, the revised liturgical calendar gave this feast the title of the “Annunciation of the Lord”, over the more popular Annunciation of Mary. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a Christmas feast even though it is not celebrated during the Christmas Season. Nine months before we celebrate the Lord’s birth, we celebrate His incarnation in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Annunciation is the Feast celebrating the Lord’s incarnation in Mary’s womb, initiating a new history. It is interesting to notice that God does not send the angel to the Temple in Jerusalem, but to Galilee, a despised region, considered a haven for unbelieving pagans. Nazareth is a city that is never mentioned in the Old Testament.

On hearing the Angel’s message, Mary reflects, she enters into dialogue with herself and with the angel, asking what his message meant and how it would happen. Mary does not allow herself to be overcome by her emotions. She appears as a courageous woman, who remains in control of herself even though she is faced with something unheard of. In the end, she evaluates and makes a decision in God’s light.

Mary’s Yes!

Mary’s “Let it be done to me” transforms the humble house of “just herself” into being into God’s House, becoming a Tabernacle of the Most High Jesus. All it took was her “Let it be done to me”, a sign of her willingness, knowing she could trust in the action of the Holy Spirit. And God entered into history, accepting to “make” history in the lives of those who have said and who would say over and over again, “Let it be done to me”.

Mary’s first characteristic is her faith. She believes and entrusts herself to God, certain that nothing is impossible for Him. God is not afraid of our moments of confusion, of reflection, of trying to understand. God does not force our freedom, but teaches us how to be free so that each one of us can say our own “Let it be done to me”.

The second characteristic is that she accepted God’s time and pace—His time requires our time, it requires that we live more profoundly. God asks for our “yes”, but He also asks that we assume go at His “pace” and “time” which is not simply the ticking of the clock. God’s time is the right time, the fullness of time, the opportune moment, the moment of grace.



Tuesday, March 25

8:00 am– Intentions of Sandra and Javier Posada and family

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Wednesday, March 26

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

Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Doreen Lehnen

+ AURORA CALCAO – her family

+ MANUEL CAETANO PEREIRA – his wife and family

+ MARIA ROSE DeSOUSA – Carmen

+ ANNA NGUYEN – Theresa Tran

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, March 27

8:00 am – for the intentions of Bill and Sonya Black

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, March 28

8:00 am – for the intentions of Rick Lau

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 29

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + UWE USLAR – Anneliese and Klaus

+ NANCY FERNANDES – Holy Spirit parent council

+ JOSE MONTEIRO & FAMILY – Fatima

+ TESS JONES – Frances Oram

+ MARIA & JOHN MELO – Their family

Sunday, March 30 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am + SABINA NAPOLI – Cetra family

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

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



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. Me, or one of the local on-call priests, will do our best to respond as soon as possible.

Cambridge Right to Life

"Some insist that the definition of when life begins is impossible; that the question is a theological or moral or philosophical one, anything but a scientific one. Fetology makes it undeniably evident that life begins at conception and requires all the protection and safeguards that any of us enjoy. As a scientist I know, not believe, I know that human life begins at conception" - *Bernard Nathanson*

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. Their donation boxes will be at the church exits – March 29/30.



Share Lent 2025 Development and Peace. This year's campaign in Canada is "**Turn Debt into**

Hope" which invites us to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Development and Peace, Caritas Canada is currently working in 34 countries through a network of 66 local partners, as well as the Caritas network, providing immediate humanitarian aid and longer-term development and peace-building projects. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. **This annual collection will be held on April 5/6.**

Just a reminder – There is now a main floor accessible washroom at the back of the church. It also has a baby change table, to assist parents with their little ones.

Do you know someone who could use some food assistance? Our **Society of St. Vincent de Paul can help.** Their phone number is 51-623-8764 and leave a message on their voicemail.

Washing of the Feet is a custom of the Catholic Church at Holy Thursday evening Mass, April 17th. Parishioners are invited to have a foot washed in symbolic remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples.



We are in need of 12 people who will participate in this small ceremony at Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm. Please leave your name with the parish office 519-621-2013 or email stambrose@golden.net

Living With Christ weekday missalettes:

Parishioners are encouraged to purchase their own monthly subscription to the "Living with Christ" missalette, which is mailed directly to your home, for under \$50.00 a year! Inside each missalette is a subscription form, **OR** visit their website livingwithchrist.ca to subscribe.

"Daughters of the King" St. Ambrose Parish Ladies' group will next meet on Tuesday April 1st and Tuesday, April 15th, at 7pm in our Parish Hall.

The **Mass of Chrism** will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 2:00 pm on **Monday, April 14, 2025.** Cathedral doors open at 12:30 pm. Limited parking. Bishop Crosby will consecrate Sacred Chrism and bless Oil for the Sick and Catechumens which is for use in the Sacraments during the coming year. The Bishops and Priests will renew their Ordination promises. All are welcome.

Catholic Young Adults Night – April 5th

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

St. Ann's Church at 120 Sherman Avenue North, in Hamilton, Saturday, April 5th, 2025:

- Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm)
- Social with food
- Praise night with Vocations testimony
- Compline (9:00pm)

For more information, please email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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