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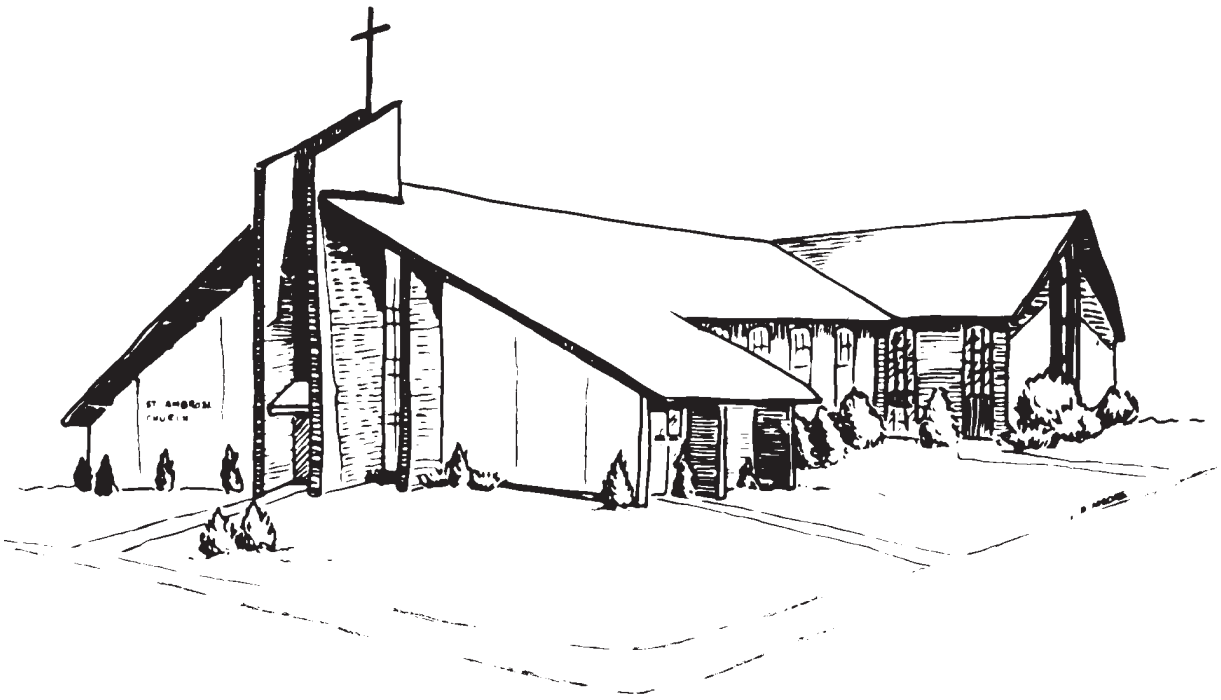

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Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
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Carol Renner - Housekeeper
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on the baptism preparation program, which is required before a date is booked.

MARRIAGE

Adequate preparation including Marriage Preparation Course is required.
Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please inform us of hospitalization or confinement to home due to illness.

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Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

JESUS, I TRUST IN THEE! Jesus appeared to St. Faustina on February 22, 1931, *"with His right-hand bestowing blessings and His left hand pointing towards His Sacred Heart, which emitted two rays: one pale; the other a bright red. These rays represent the Water and Blood that came out of Jesus' pierced side while on the Cross. This symbolizes the purifying virtues of Baptism and Confession and the regenerative virtue of the Holy Eucharist."*

THE EUCHARISTIC PIETY OF ST. FAUSTINA

Among most Catholics today, the mention of St. Faustina is associated immediately with the feast of Divine Mercy, the chaplet, and the novena, and for good reason. These were the primary tasks given to young Maria Kowalska as Jesus began to reveal His plans for her life. However, when one reads the Diary of St. Faustina, it's easy to get the impression that there was something else even more central to her life and mission, namely, the Eucharist. Contemporary Catholics would do well to follow the logic of Faustina's life and see that there is no competition between the Eucharist and Divine Mercy, and rather that it was precisely because Faustina was grounded in a coherent and consistent Eucharistic piety that she would be able to fulfill the other dimensions of her calling – the Divine Mercy devotion.

"God usually chooses the weakest and simplest souls as tools for his greatest works; that we can see that this is an undeniable truth, when we look at the men He chose to be His apostles; or again, when we look at the history of the Church and see what great works were done by souls that were the least capable of accomplishing them; for it is just in this way that God's works are revealed for what they are, the works of God." *Diary of St. Faustina, section 464*

Trusting Jesus in the Eucharist

"Eventually, Jesus revealed to her that this decision was actually a source of pain for him: 'Know, my daughter, that you caused me more sorrow by not uniting yourself with me in Holy Communion than you did by that small transgression.' Diary of St. Faustina

"I find myself so weak that were it not for Holy Communion I would fall continually. One thing alone sustains me, and that is Holy Communion. From it I draw my strength; in it is all my comfort. I fear life on days when I do not receive Holy Communion. I fear my own self. Jesus concealed in the Host is everything to me. From the tabernacle I draw strength, power, courage and light. Here, I seek consolation in time of anguish. I would not know how to give glory to God if I did not have the Eucharist in my heart." Diary of St. Faustina

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 18
8:00 am + MARK COSTELLO – his family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 19
1:00 pm – *Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through the Chapel side door on South Street.*
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – Lucia Cekan
+ ISIDORA SILVA – Connie Silveira
+ Living and Deceased friends of Theresa Tran
+ JOHN, MARIA, JASON & BRIAN CORREIA – John & Maria
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, April 20
8:00 am + ANITA FIGUEIREDO – her parents & family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, April 21
8:00 am + MARCELINA & LEONIDES FRANCISCO – Connie & Ernie
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, April 22
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + JOANNE CARRUTHERS – Phyl Arthur
+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Antonio & Maria Chaves
+ DON ARTHUR – Phyl and Michael

Sunday, April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel and family
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Donations to our St Vincent de Paul Society are accepted at the Church exits on the last weekend of each month. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to those in our community who occasionally need assistance.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Collection:

In living out a commitment to accompany our Indigenous sisters and brothers who are suffering, the Diocese of Hamiton has established the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This fund, which is part of a Canada-wide $30 million commitment, will support Indigenous-led initiatives of healing and reconciliation. Both the Diocesan and national fund will be overseen by a board comprised of Indigenous members.

This collection will be taken up next weekend **April 22/23, 2023.** Donation envelopes are available at the church today.

THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY was the topic of a joint statement by the Vatican Dicastery for Culture and Education and the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, issued on March 30, 2023, from Vatican City. A statement from the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops accompanied the Vatican Joint Statement. The Joint Statement affirms: "*In no uncertain terms, the Church's magisterium upholds the respect due to every human being. The Catholic Church therefore repudiates those concepts that fail to recognize the inherent human rights of indigenous people, including what has become known as the legal and political 'doctrine of discovery'*." The statement emphasizes that the 'Doctrine of Discovery' is not part of the teaching of the Catholic Church and that the papal documents under scrutiny by some scholars have never been considered expressions of the Catholic faith

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"I Have Called You by Name" **St. Ambrose Ladies' Group** will meet again on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. Join us for prayer, reflection, and friendship. For information, please contact the parish office.

Be A Man men's group in St. Ambrose Church Hall Saturday mornings from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

IMPORTANT – if you have old envelopes from 2020, 2021 or 2022, please <u>do not use</u> them for your current donations. Please contact the parish office to obtain 2023 donation envelopes.

In most cases, the envelope number for your file has now been given to a different parishioner.

Divine Mercy Sunday - today April 16 at 3:00 pm At St. Ambrose Church

To celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday everyone is invited to join as we pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy.

In 2000, Pope John Paul instituted Divine Mercy Sunday which is celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. It arises out of a series of apparitions which Saint Faustina received.

Beyond the Pew – What Now?

Come, join us as we take the dialogue to the next level. In our winter speaker series, we heard from local speakers, with boots on the ground, about homelessness, addiction, mental health, our youth. What did these mean for you? To your Parish? To our community?

Father Ed Hinsperger will guide us through a process that will help us emerge with a clear vision of action.

Whether you wish to be part of the solution with a group, with your family, or on your own, these conversations will help determine positive action steps forward in faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, and in the company of like-minded people.

Whether you attended the <u>*Beyond the Pew*</u> sessions, or not, you are welcome. The only requirement is that you wish to work towards a more just and caring community.

Tuesday April 18, 2023 6:30 - 8:30 pm at St Clement Parish, 745 Duke St, Cambridge. Contact the office to register 519-653-6123 or stclements@rogers.com

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Are you Separated or Divorced? Looking for some learning, support, and fun on a Friday evening? Join RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive group held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person at the Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office - 700 King St. W, Hamilton, or by Zoom. No registration required. For Zoom contact Sarah: familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you

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A WARM WELCOME to all new parishioners, and visitors to our Parish Community! We invite new parishioners to register with our parish office.

If you are a current parishioner who has moved; has a new phone number or email address please let us know by contacting the parish office. Thank you

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