# 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:**
Monday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
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 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
Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian



**PARISH SCHOOLS:**

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| St. Anne School | 519-621-8920 | St. Vincent de Paul School | 519-740-0678 |
| Holy Spirit School | 519-621-8973 | 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.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In the gospel today we see two disciples discussing the events that had happened during the past days, as they travel down the road to the town of Emmaus. They thought Jesus was the "One"; but, then, he died on the Cross. This broke their hearts. Then they heard a woman say that he is alive. Is that even possible? Out of nowhere, a man joins them in their walk – it is Jesus, but they did not recognize him. He explained from Moses and the prophets how it was necessary for the Messiah to die and to rise again. When they stopped for the night, they invited Jesus to have supper with them. All of a sudden, this supper takes on a two-fold meaning. It is an act of hospitality, but the description is also that of the Mass: Jesus "took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." Hospitality and liturgy are both communal actions, and in this way, they recognized the Risen Jesus.

The resurrection of Jesus is more than a casual event. It must have been a wonder to behold! It is difficult to comprehend it at first. It was their whole community – people talking together, questioning, reassuring: Did you see what I saw? Is it really true? Am I seeing things? What has happened? What does this mean? Is this my destiny? The two disciples returned that night to Jerusalem, to the community of the Eleven and others, to share what had happened to them and to learn what happened to the others. It must have been bewildering to them all!

For us, it is a connection with others of our faith, as it was with the disciples. We really need to *share* the Word of God; to *proclaim* the Word of God; and *listen* to the Word of God. This keeps us aware of the living Christ. At Mass, listen and reflect on the homily and take it to heart. Or you might even consider calling someone who is alone, such as a senior, and to read the scriptures with that person, and reflect with one another. (if that person is willing). We really need to connect with each other in this Easter season and to connect with the Word of God – connection in communion. And then maybe it is our destiny that our hearts will truly be open!

This is the Easter season. It is a time of grace. It is a season of new life, spring flowers, leaves on the trees, and birds building their nests. St. Augustine said that we are "Easter people."

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, April 20**
7:00 pm + DECEASED FAMILY OF SILVINO & MARIA CHAVES
*Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm*
*Catechism video program after Mass.*

**Tuesday, April 21**
8:00 am +KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI FAMILIES, and DIANE AND VICTOR - Stella
**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**
***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am***
**2:30 pm** – Prayers for the Sick. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church. Please use the parking lot side door.

**Wednesday, April 22**
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel
+ JORGIANA MELO & DECEASED FAMILY
+ SILVINA GALVAO – Maria and John Correia
**CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**
***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm***

**Thursday, April 23**
8:00 am + EUGENE KELLY and ANNE & FRANK DeSOUZA and FAMILY - Marie & Theresa
**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**
***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am***

**Friday, April 24**
8:00 am + ALEXANDER & ROSALIA ANGI – Ildiko & Robert
**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**
***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am***

**Saturday, April 25**
**CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**
**5:00 pm** + MARIA ALBUQUERQUE
+ DIMAS DIAS – Suzy
+ DON ARTHUR – Phyl and Michael
+ JAN JAGIELLOWICZ – Yolanta
+ BART MOORE – Carol and Vince Kelly

**Sunday, April 26 – 4th Sunday of Easter**
**9:00 am** – for the intentions of all parishioners
**11:00 am** + SEBASTIANO & MARIA DOMENICA RINALDI – From their family
**CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am**

## 29th Annual National March for Life: "Follow Me"

Join thousands of Canadians on Thursday, May 14, 2026, as we gather on Parliament Hill to be a voice for the voiceless. Inspired by this year's theme, "***Follow Me***," we are called to witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. The day includes the Rally on the Hill, the March through downtown Ottawa, and the evening Rose Dinner Gala.

Let us stand together to demand legal protection for the unborn and the vulnerable. For a full schedule of the week's events, including the Candlelight Vigil and youth summit, please visit the National March for Life website: marchforlife.ca

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## Every Life is Precious !
## Protect Mental Health by supporting Bill C-218

Write your member of parliament to support the "Right to Recover Act". This legislation would amend the criminal code to ensure that MAiD (*medical assistance in dying*) is NOT extended to individuals whose only underlying condition is mental illness. Without this amendment, MAiD will be available for mental illness alone, beginning in March 2027. A parliamentary vote is due to take place in April 2026.

Our Catholic faith teaches that every human life is a sacred gift from God. We are called to accompany those who suffer; to uphold their dignity; and to ensure they receive care, compassion and hope – not to abandon them, or offer death.

Let us raise our voices in faithful witness to the Gospel of Life.

Visit www.helpnotharmcanada.ca

Our local Cambridge MP is Connie Cody 519-624-2828

Email office@conniecodymp.ca

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**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

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**HIRING FOR OFFICE POSITION:**

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in Cambridge, is looking for a full-time bookkeeper/secretary.

Please visit the Diocese of Hamilton website for the job posting and application process.

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**Mom & Tots Pray & Play:** Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready, leave them to enjoy supervised play time with other children for the remaining time while you pray alone. This is 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 Please register for the upcoming date of Monday, April 27th

## World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, South Korea
## July 31 – August 9, 2027

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world.

The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to attend a virtual information night on Thursday, April 23 @ 7:30pm. Register your attendance through: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

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## St. Ambrose Youth Nights
## April 20, 28 / May 4, 12, 26 / June 1, 9, 15, 22

Join with parish youth for conversation on life, faith and purpose! 6pm to 8pm on the dates listed above, in the parish hall.

For more information, please email Rose at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

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**Young Adults Forum - St. Clement Parish, Cambridge**

Father Mark Morley, Vocations Director, invites young adults to discuss topics with other young adults, especially difficult or polarizing topics, at St. Clement's, Cambridge in a new semi-regular series. Each Young Adults Forum will follow the 4:30pm Sunday Mass, and start at 6:00pm. It will include a social with food, a short presentation, small group discussions, and finally live music to close the night before Compline. The topic for April 26th is *Treasure in Heaven.* Those who participate in these discussions will be asked to make suggestions for our topics in May and June. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office. For more information visit: https://www.stclementcambridge.com/

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DID YOU KNOW… Children in our parishes benefit from the **Catechetical Correspondence Program** (*home study program)* each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. This in particular for students who attend public schools. Needed are volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com

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