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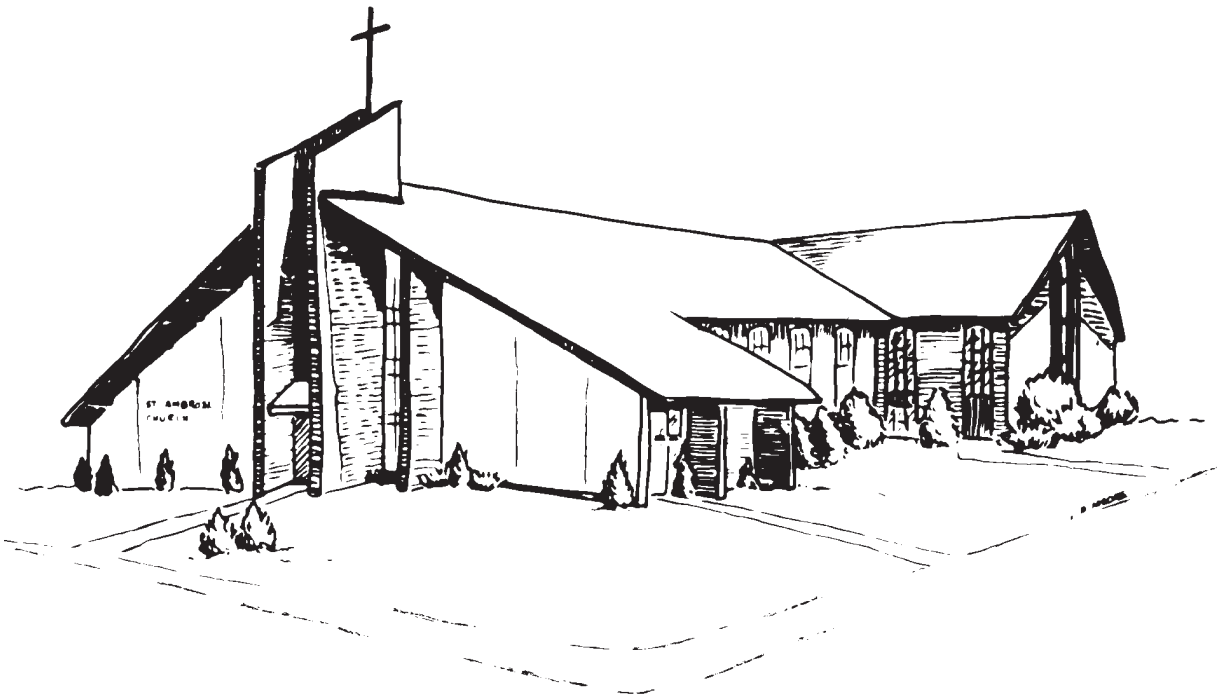

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SUNDAY MASSES

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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Easter Vigil Mass,
The most sacred night of the Church year

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church, which marks the beginning of the Easter season.

1) Service of Light The atmosphere in the Church is different: The Holy water fonts are empty, all the lights dimmed, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the Church or at the back of the Church. A ceremonial new fire is lit and blessed. The Paschal Candle is prepared while the priest marks the candle.

The candle is then processed through the church, with the deacon lifting the candle at three different times, singing: Christ our light (*Lumen Christi*) and the congregation sings in reply: Thanks be to God (*Deo gratias*). Everyone lights their individual candle from the Easter candle and continue until the whole church is alight. The Paschal candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: The *Exsultet* (Easter proclamation). "This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter; it tells of man's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us". This is usually sung by the deacon or choir leader.

2) Liturgy of the Word During the Easter Vigil, nine readings, (seven Old Testament and two New Testament) are provided. Not all are required to be read due to time constraints, but at least three Old Testament readings must be read. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. The Gloria is sung before the reading of the Epistle of the Romans, and the Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

3) Liturgy of the Baptism During this time the Easter water is blessed, new members who have been studying Catholicism in the RCIA program are welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, and the faithful are blessed with the new Holy Water and renew their baptismal promises.

4) Liturgy of the Eucharist The Mass resumes, with the special prayers inserted during the Eucharistic Prayer. The whole congregation is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through His death and resurrection. The Mass ends with the glorious… *The Mass is ended, go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.* Response: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia

Tuesday, April 4
8:00 am – in thanksgiving for God's grace and blessings for Andrea and family
(No morning Confessions today)
Confessions tonight from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, April 5
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 – Rosemary Johnston
+ BRUNA COCCA – her family
+ FRANCESCA TUDISCO – her family
+ JORGIANA MELO, SPOUSE AND FAMILY - Tina
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm and 7:30 to 8:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Holy Thursday, April 6 (no morning Mass)
7:00 pm – For all deceased priests, especially those who ministered at St. Ambrose Parish
Sacrament of Confession from 8:15 pm to 9:30 pm

Good Friday, April 7
See schedule on opposite page….

Holy Saturday, April 8 – Easter Vigil Mass
See schedule on opposite page….
(There is no 5:00 pm Mass today)

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday
9:00 am + DECEASED CANTO & BIZZARIA FAMILIES
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Elementary Youth Group Information Session
For Parents and Students (Grades 6-8)

Parents with their child(ren) in Grades 6 to 8 are invited to an information session for the Elementary Youth Group on **Thursday, April 13th at 7pm** in the church hall.

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper

On this night we commemorate Jesus gathering together with his disciples for the Passover Meal. The Last Supper marks the institution of the Eucharist that we continue to celebrate today. This night also marks the institution of the priesthood.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Church Hall immediately after Mass until 10:00 pm.

Sacrament of Confession from 8:15 pm to 9:30 pm

Traditional Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
Friday, April 7 at 12 noon and 3:00 pm

Today's liturgy is somber and restrained. There is no Mass, no flowers, the altar is bare and the tabernacle is empty. We participate in the reading of the Lord's Passion.

"Behold the wood of the cross."

We will venerate the cross as a sign of our Lord's suffering for us.

The Good Friday rites conclude with a simple Communion service with the Eucharist that was consecrated at Holy Thursday Mass, and then we depart in silence, reflecting on the death of our Lord. (Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence)

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena at 7:30 pm

Blessing of Easter Food
Holy Saturday, April 8 at 12:00 noon in our Church

Blessing of the Easter food is an Eastern European tradition on Holy Saturday. Baskets containing a sampling of your Easter foods are brought to the church to be blessed. Everyone welcome.

Saturday night April 8
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m.

(An approximately 2-hour Mass)

This is the most sacred night of the year. Adult catechumens and candidates who have been preparing to receive the Sacraments will be receive into the fullness of the Catholic faith.

(There is NO Saturday 5pm Mass today)

Easter Sunday Masses
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Novena - Please join us in prayer for the Divine Mercy Novena, which will be held at our parish:

Good Friday, April 15 at 7:30 pm
Holy Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 am

Parishioners are encouraged to pray the novena on their own for the remainder of the days, until Divine Mercy Sunday – April 16.

"***ON GOOD FRIDAY, THE HOLY SEE*** *asks more fortunate Christians to remember and support their brothers and sisters who feel more greatly the weight of Christ's Cross. May they, by our solidarity, experience something of the blessings Christ in his glory has brought to all of us*." In a letter addressed to Bishops across the country, Fr. Bob Mokry, o.f.m., President of the Commissary of the Holy Land, invites Catholics to remember **the Holy Land at the special collection on Good Friday, April 7, 2023**. Please be generous! "*Your contribution assists the Church in the Holy Land to retain possession of and maintain the holy places that have existed since the time of Christ, and are so important to Christians throughout the world*.

Be A Man men's group will not be held on Holy Saturday. The group will meet again on Sat. April 15th at 7:00 am

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Our next Parish Ladies' Group will meet April 4th and 18th for scripture study, prayer, reflection and sometimes watch a film. We will support each other, our families, our parish, and our community, as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit. 7pm until 9:00 pm in the Church Hall. Join us as we deepen our relationship with the Lord.

Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We are preparing to get youth ministry programming off the ground, and we need a team of volunteers! There are several activities that will need volunteer support:

Elementary Youth Group – Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm
Vacation Bible School – July 24th-28th

There are roles to suit any comfort level and to make use of each person's unique gifts!

High school students are most welcome!

Depending on the role, adult volunteers may be required to provide a police record check with vulnerable sector screening.

If you are interested, please contact the parish office or email **youth@stambrosecambridge.ca**

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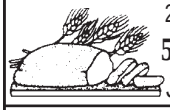

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