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. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian
Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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.

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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
April 21, 2024

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Pray for Vocations!
As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to the vocation of marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation
"*Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit*." ~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

Teach Your Children to Use G.P.S.
Have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using "GPS"—**G**od's **P**ositioning **S**ystem.

PRAYER for VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race.
Pour forth, we beseech You,
Your Holy Spirit upon our families,
that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.
Lord Jesus, give us holy priests:
To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass;
To lead others to You;
To strengthen the faith of believers;
To preach the Gospel to all peoples;
To bring forgiveness to sinners;
To feed souls the Bread of Life;
To comfort the suffering & dying, and
To spread Your Kingdom in our midst.
Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests. Amen

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 23
8:00 am + KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI and ORGANISCIAK FAMILIES
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 24
1:00 pm **–** Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – Simon and Carmen
+ MARIA daGLORIA – Zelia B.
+ ALBERTINA SOARES – Maria DaSilva
+ JOSEPH NGUYEN – Thanh Nguyen
+ RONALD ARTHUR CRAIG – St. Anne Schools
+ DON ARTHUR – Phyl and Mike
- for the intentions of Simon and Carmen
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, April 25
8:00 am + ANITA SEBASTIAN
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, April 26
8:00 am + MARIA & JOAO CHAVES & DECEASED FAMILY
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, April 27
1:00 pm – First Communion Mass for Holy Spirit Gr. 2s
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MARGARIDA & JOSE CORDEIRO – Their family
+ DIMAS DIAS – Suzy
+ BILL NORMORE – Rita Proulx
+ ANNETTE WELCH
+ RUGGERO CHELLI – his family
+ JAN JAGIELLOWICZ - Jolanta

Sunday, April 28
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + TERESINHA ANDRADE - Manuel
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

"Renewed by Love"
Marian Residence Fundraiser

Their fundraising campaign, ***Renewed by Love***, seeks to transform the living spaces of the residents of Marian Residence Retirement Home and nurture an environment at Marian Residence that fosters the five values of their organization: Faith, Compassion, Dignity, Respect and Responsibility.

Your support empowers them to continue the compassionate care and Catholic living that residents experience every day at Marian Residence in Preston.

The Marian Residence Retirement Home, which is a not-for-profit Catholic retirement home in Cambridge, is owned and operated by the **Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate**. Their goal is $500,000.00. To date, $43,000.00 has been raised.

Donation cheques can be made payable to "Marian Residence Retirement Home" and sent to 640 Hillview Rd. Cambridge N3H 5H3.

They also have a GoFundMe page which will provide tax receipts as well. Search for "Renewed by Love" on the, website **www.gofundme.com**

"The Chosen" video series continues Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 pm in the Church hall.

Just a reminder… on the last weekend of each month the St. Vincent de Paul Society have their donation boxes at the church exits next weekend, **April 27/28**. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated! There are requests from families and individuals almost daily asking for assistance with food.

Be A Man men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings, in St. Ambrose Church Hall from **7:00 am to 8:30 am**. April 27, there will be no gathering at St. Ambrose as the men will be attending an off-site retreat.

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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday, April 24, 2024

THE INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND collection took place in Parishes across the Diocese last weekend. All funds collected are added to the Diocese's previous $4 million commitment to the Fund. To this point, our Diocesan IRF advisory group has supported several local Indigenous-led healing and reconciliation projects locally, in addition to a few in remote northern areas of the country. Operating nationally since 2022, the IRF has funded dozens of healing and reconciliation projects across Canada and is on track to exceed its original $30 million national commitment from Catholic Churches.

A PILGRIMAGE WILL MARK THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY of the founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, with the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec. The pilgrimage from the Diocese of Hamilton will take place from July 13 to July 17, 2024. It will include a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica in Quebec City and the Holy Door, and visits to the sites made famous by the sainted founders of the Canadian Church. Visits are also planned to St. Anne de Beaupre, Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois Rivieres, and Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. The five-day pilgrimage will include guided tours exploring Quebec's religious and cultural heritage and will be led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. **Registration deadline is April 30th.** For more information, please see the Diocesan website or contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. Tel. 905-528-7988, x 2339, or visit their website: hamiltondiocese.com

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Abortion is an act of despair – it is not something women do with vindictive hearts. It is something they do when they feel trapped and helpless. Over 70% of women undergoing abortion believe it is morally wrong. They are acting against their conscience because they feel they have no other choice. Let us pray for women contemplating abortion that they choose "life", and let us pray for the many children already lost through abortion.

- Cambridge Right to Life

God of Peace, encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East. Bless their efforts as they work to end their conflicts. Lead those who engage in violence to put down their weapons and to live in harmony with one another. We pray to the Lord. Amen.

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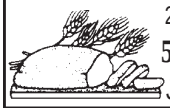

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