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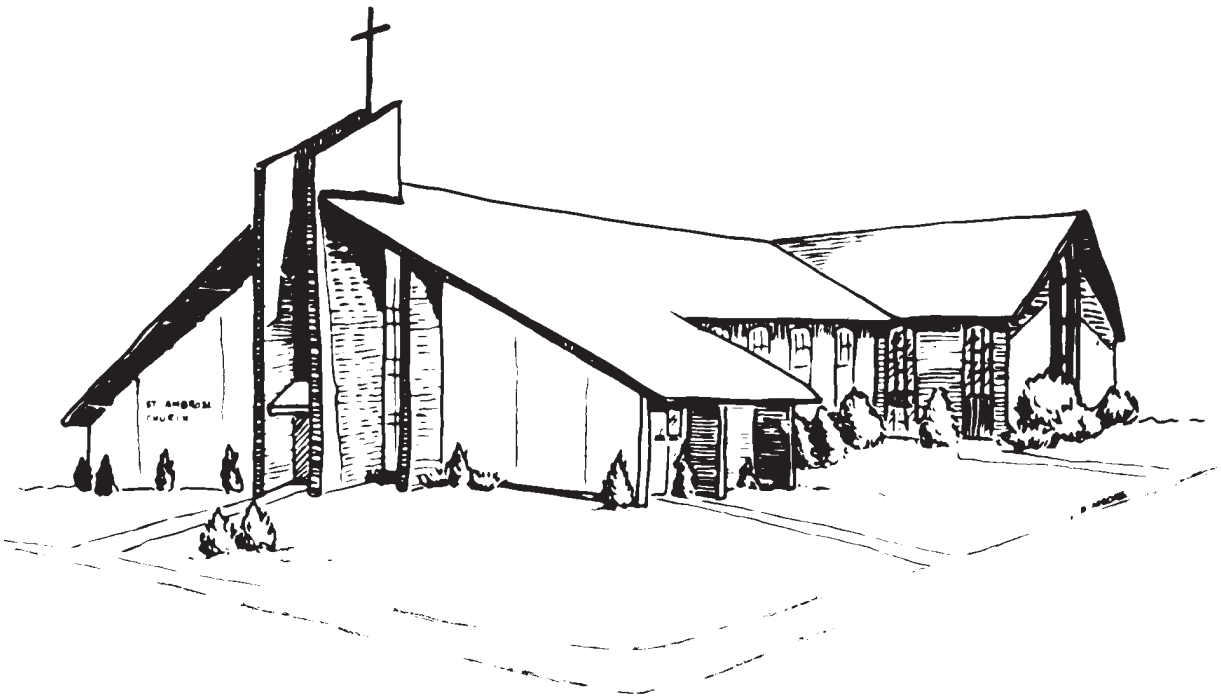

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor
Fr. Michael King, retired - in residence
Rev. Mr. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Carol Renner - Housekeeper
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

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.

SCHOOLS

St. Anne	519-621-8920
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Msgr. Doyle High School	519-622-1290
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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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

(519) 623-8764 - for assistance with food, clothing, etc.
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April 25th – Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

Saint Mark was born in the early 1st century in the year 5 AD in Cyrene, present Libya in Africa. He is well known for being the author of the gospel according to Mark, and founder and bishop of the Church of Alexandria, Egypt. St. Mark passed away in the year 68 AD in Cyrene, present Libya. He was canonized pre-congregation and he is celebrated on the 25th of April every year which is his feast day. He is recognized as one of the early bishops who became Saints.

Saint Mark, according to an tradition, is a cousin to one named, Barnabas, an early prominent Christian in Acts 14:14. Other sources also identified as one of the seventy disciples Jesus sent to spread the gospel according to Luke 10:1, in Judea.

He was believed to have been imprisoned before being murdered as a martyr. It was said that his neck was tied with a rope and dragged from Alexandria to a little port in Bucoles according to sources in the year 68 AD. Attempts to burn him were in vain and so his fellow Christians claimed his remains and they were buried in a church he founded in Alexandria, The Church of Alexandria. His relics were stolen and transferred to Saint Mark's Basilica, Venice, Italy. Saint Mark the Evangelist died at the age of 63.

Saint Mark's religious journey was believed to have begun when he encountered Saint Peter the apostle where he was converted and taken as a companion and an interpreter. Mark wrote sermons of Saint Peter thus composing the gospel according to Mark before he left for Alexandria in the third year, that is in the year 43 AD.
According to Acts 15:39, he went to Cyprus with Barnabas after the council of Jerusalem. Then in 49 AD, Saint Mark the Evangelist founded the Church of Alexandria and became the first bishop of Alexandria. He is honored as the founder of Christianity in Africa. He also set up a Christian school in Alexandria. He is also said to be the founder of Anchorites, people who withdraw from secular life to lead a prayer-intensive life, as illustrated by Saint Jerome.

The winged lion symbol is associated with St. Mark because according to ancient legend, while taking refuge from a storm in the city of Venice, Mark was visited in a dream by an angel in the form of a winged lion. The lion exclaimed in Latin "*Pax tibi Marce Evangelista meus, hic requiescet corpus tuum*" ("Peace to you, Mark, my Evangelist. Here will rest your body"). Mark later died in Egypt, but in the 9th century two Venetian merchants offered the relics of St. Mark to the Doge of Venice. A grand basilica which still stands today was built next to the Doge's palace to house the relics and the winged lion of St. Mark became a symbol of the city.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist
8:00 am + ANN & FRANK DeSOUZA – Marie and Theresa
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 26
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 – Ilda & Joe Chaves
+ MARIA BRAGA MONTEIRO & ANTONIO NORDELO
+ JAN JAGIELLOWICZ – Jolanta
- For the intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges & family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, April 27
8:00 am + DECEASED KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK & ORGANISCZAK FAMILIES
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, April 28
8:00 am + Deceased ancestors of Theresa Tran
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, April 29
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + DECEASED ANJI FAMILY – Ildiko and Robert
+ ANTONIO LOPES – Mary and Joe Lopes
+ ALBERT LEWIS – St. Anne school staff
+ DIMAS DIAS - Lucy

Sunday, April 30 – 4th Sunday of Easter season
9:00 am + SABBINO 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

Looking for employment? Visit the website of the Diocese of Hamilton for current positions:
https://hamiltondiocese.bamboohr.com/careers

High School Youth Group

In collaboration with Monsignor Doyle CSS, St. Ambrose Parish will be hosting a youth group for students in Grades 9-12. Wednesdays from 2:50pm-4:00pm beginning March 1st at Monsignor Doyle CSS, 185 Myers Rd. Please meet in the Chapel.

To join us, please register your son/daughter or if you would like to know more, please email Sarah Kwiecinski, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

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SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are inviting interested Parishioners 18 years and older to join SSVP as volunteers. As a Vincentian, you will have the opportunity to use your unique talents and gifts to participate in charity works that uplift our neighbours who are in need. For more details, please contact Joe at 519-241-6070 or leave a message on the SSVP line 519-623-8764 and someone will call you back.

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

Do you seek some peace and quite for time of reflection and prayer? Please, remember we have an **Adoration Chapel** in which to sit in the presence of the Holy Eucharist.

"Come to me all who are weary, and I will give you rest."

Evenings with His Excellency - **Bishop Lobsinger** invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. The sessions the held on the **second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster.** It is also **available by livestream** on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society are accepted on the last weekend of each month, at the church exits.

St. Ambrose Elementary Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Students in Grades 6 to 8 are invited to our weekly Elementary Youth Group **Thursdays 6:30 pm to 8pm** in our church hall.

Young Adults Night – May 6, 2023

Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 6th, at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton Ontario. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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MARCH FOR LIFE – OTTAWA THEME: "STAND FIRM"

We have to continue advocating for life from conception until natural death.

Please consider joining us for the Mark for Life in Ottawa on Thursday May 11, 2023. A coach bus will be leaving from the Basilica of Our Lady parking lot, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph at 6:00 am and depart Ottawa at 4:00 pm to return to Guelph. Cost: $30.00 *Students Free*.
Payment is due May 1, 2023
Contact CRTL at 519-623-1850 to book a seat.

Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass

Our Children's Liturgy program, held at the 11am Sunday Mass, welcomes children from JK to grade 2. The children wait with their parents in the congregation until Father Gary invites them to come forward at the beginning of Mass**.** With the adult facilitator, they then go downstairs to the children's room to hear the Word of God in simplified language and discuss what they have learned.

More volunteers – We welcome high school students and adults. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Barb at the parish office.

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