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
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian
Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

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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.

Saint Catherine of Siena's Story – Feast Day April 29

Saint Catherine makes central in her short life is the complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learned to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as a cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

Despite Catherine's religious nature, she did not choose to enter a convent but instead she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, at age 18, which allowed her to associate with a religious society while living at home. Fellow Dominican Sisters taught St. Catherine how to read. Meanwhile, she lived quietly, isolated within her family home.

An active public apostolate grew out of her prayerful life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the conviction and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

She became involved in the fractured politics of her time, but was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome and in brokering peace deals during a time of conflict and war between the Italian city states.

She also established a monastery for women in 1377, outside of Siena in Italy. She is credited with composing over 400 letters, her writing "Dialogue", which is her definitive work, and her prayers. These works are so influential that St. Catherine would later be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is one of the most influential and popular saints in the Church. She died in 1380 and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in The Dialogue.

No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday, April 30
8:00 am + ANTONIO HIGINO GONCALVES - Libiano
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome.
Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ RUTH HURTADO
+ MARIA BRAGA MONTEIRO
+ MRS. VU – Theresa Tran
+ YVONNE FROSCH – St. Ambrose Ladies' Group
- intentions of Arsenio and Estrella Pontalba
- intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, May 2 – St. Athanasius
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, May 3 – Sts. James and Philip
8:00 am – In thanksgiving – Marie and Theresa DeSouza
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, May 4
8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + ADELINA & JOHN SOUSA – their family
+ EMILIA & MANUEL MOREIRA – their family
+ JOSE MONTEIRO & FAMILY
+ BILL NORMORE – Carol and Diane
+ DECEASED FAMILY OF MARIA & SILVINO CHAVES
- intentions of the Mahoney family

Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + FILOMENA & VINCENZO ALAIMO – Sam & Elia
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Farewell & thank you from Sarah Kwiecinski
Youth Minister

I would like say farewell, as I have resigned from my position as Youth Minister at St. Ambrose Church, and I have returned to the WCDSB as Chaplain at Resurrection High School in Kitchener. Over the past year, I have been truly blessed by the wonderful relationships I have formed with the young people of the parish, as well as their families, the church staff, volunteers and our pastors and deacons!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a BIG thank you to the community! Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, and financial support of youth ministry. May God bless you and fill you with his grace and peace! The parish will be in my prayers.

God bless! *Sarah Kwiecinski*

"Daughters of the King" St. Ambrose Ladies' group will next meet on Tuesday, May 7 from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. All ladies are welcome.

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Prayer Vigil - Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital at 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour Your power upon all Your children in Ukraine and the Middle East: Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen.

Thank You!

Our appreciation to the teachers, parents, catechists, and all who were involved in preparing the young students who received their First Holy Communion over the past three weeks, at our parish. The children were very excited to receive this Sacrament and were well prepared. We pray that these families will continue to worship with us at Mass.

Thank you also to the ushers and altar server who assisted at the Masses, and Mark for the beautiful music for these Liturgical celebrations.

Cambridge Right to Life: Coffee & Dessert Evening
ROE Canada: The True North in a Post-Roe World

The historic overturning of Roe v. Wade in the United States has emboldened the pro-life movement the world over. "Life" seems to be winning. But could it ever "win" in a country like Canada? Please join us for a screening of this must-see feature length documentary (80 minutes) on **Monday, May 13th** at **St. Ambrose Parish Hall**, 210 South Street 7:00–9:00 pm.

Followed by a Q&A with Josie Luetke & Ruth Robert, the two principal investigators of the film. Donations of free-willing offering accepted. Call CRTL at 519-623-1850 or email cambridgerighttolife@gmail.com to reserve your seat. Please encourage your friends to attend!

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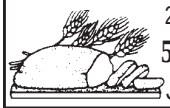

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