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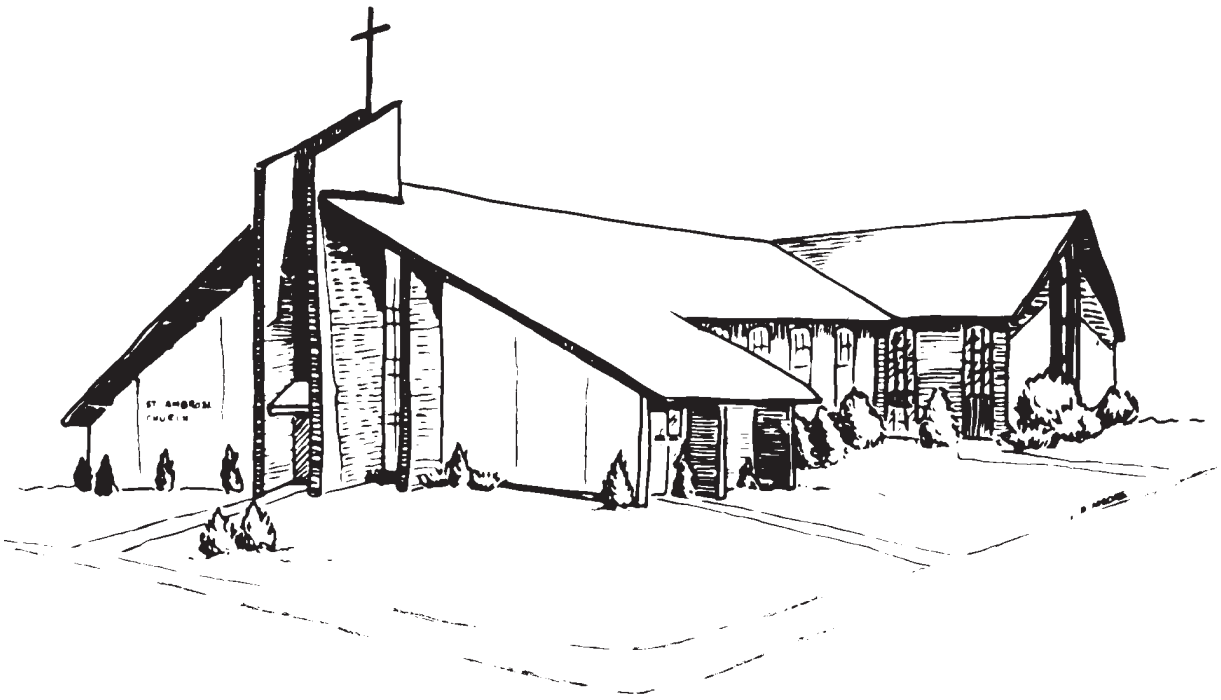

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on booking a Baptism date and the dates of upcoming Baptism preparation meetings.

MARRIAGE

Adequate preparation including Marriage Preparation Course is required.
Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please inform us of hospitalization or confinement to home due to illness.

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Continuing with our series on the days Holy Week …***Traditions of Good Friday***:

On Good Friday, the entire Church focuses on the Cross at Calvary. The congregation comes together to contemplate the events that lead to our Lord's crucifixion.

The Church - stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open - is as if in mourning. In the fourth century the Apostolic Constitutions described this day as a 'day of mourning, not a day of festive joy,' and this day was called the 'Pasch (passage) of the Crucifixion.'

The liturgical observance of this day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death evidently has been in existence from the earliest days of the Church. No Mass is celebrated on this day, but the service of Good Friday is called the Mass of the Pre-sanctified because Communion, which had already been consecrated on Holy Thursday, is given to the people.

Traditionally, the organ is silent from Holy Thursday until the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil, as are all bells or other instruments, the only music during this period being unaccompanied chant or song.

The somber quality of this day reminds us of Christ's humiliation and suffering during his Passion. We can see that the parts of the Good Friday service correspond to the divisions of Mass:

1) Liturgy of the Word, which is reading of the Passion of Christ;

2) Intercessory prayers for the Church and the entire world, both Christian and non-Christian;

3) Veneration of the Cross;

4) and distribution of Holy Communion, which were consecrated at Holy Thursday night Mass.

Our parish will have two **services for Good Friday** in order to accommodate as many parishioners as possible: **12:00 noon and 3:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross will be held Good Friday at 7:00 pm

No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 pm + NELIA VARGAS SILVEIRA – Zelia Bento

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, April 6

7:00 pm + BRUNA COCCA – Anna
+ MARIA CABRAL – Tony Etelvina
+ SOULS IN PURGATORY – Maria Pock
+ RAUL DIONISIO – Fatima and Tony Laranjeiro
+ ROSA ALVES – Julieta
+ SANTINA PAGLIAROLI = Ferdinando Pagliaroli & family

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, April 7 - please note the Mass time change to the morning today:

9:00 am – ESPEDITO MALANA – Espie and family
7:00 pm – CONFIRMATION MEETING for parents

Friday, April 8

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
7:40 pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory at 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 9

8:00 am + MARIA CABRAL – Charamba & Aurelia

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + PAT CURTIN – Carmen and Frank Formiglio
+ ESTERELA, MANUEL & JOSE CARREIRO – Virginia
+ JOAO MEDEIROS – Teresa and family
+ HELENA & JOSE REGO – Maria and John Correia
+ MARIA & EUGENIO PEREIRA – Maria deAlmeida
+ ANA FIGUEIREDO – Filomena Teixeira
+ ESTEVAN ESPINOZA – Maria Mizzi

Sunday, April 10 – Passion (Palm**) Sunday**

9:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Maria & Antonio Chaves

CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Sacrament of Confession

Now that we are quickly approaching the end of the Lenten season, Catholics are encouraged to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

The Simple Steps to Receiving the Sacrament:

a) Examination of conscience. This is not supposed to be a painful session. Actually, our conscience will bring to mind any serious sins we have committed. Even people who have been away from the confessional for many years, even decades, realize that knowing our sins is not the hard part -it's actually owning up to them.

b) Sorrow for sin. If we are serious about going to confession, sorrow comes almost automatically. Sorrow is in the heart and in the will. It is not so much a feeling as it is a determined resolve to try our best not to fall into sin again.

c) Confession of sin. Confess your sins as simply and as honestly as you can. There is no need for great details. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask the priest for assistance.

d) Receive penance given. Listen to the words of the priest as he tries to guide you and remind you of God's love for you.

e) Act of contrition. Making an act of contrition can be very short: "O, God, I am sorry for all my sins, now and in the past, and I will try with all my heart not to sin again."

f) Thanks to God. Leave the confessional and thank God for His forgiveness and pray the prayers the priest gave you for a penance.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available every day, except Mondays. See the schedule on the on the opposite page.

Our parish's complete Holy Week and Easter schedule is available on our parish website, bulletin boards and will be available in next weekend's printed bulletin.

2,000 Hail Mary devotions – Saturday, April 9 at St. Ambrose Church. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 am, then the whole day, until the evening, will be devoted to praying the Rosary. You are welcome to join in at any time – for a few minutes or a few hours.

Share Lent 2022 campaign "Put People and Plane First". This yearly diocesan collection will be held today. **Share Lent** is the annual fundraising campaign of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.
Website devp.org

Lenten Daily Video Reflections, available on your smart phone or computer

During Lent, Dr. Tim Gray, the President of the Augustine Institute, will offer a free video presentation on the daily readings of the Mass. Each presentation is about 4-5 minutes in length and gives an explanation of the Scriptures for the day, as well as concrete ideas as to how to apply them in your life. Dive deeper into the Season of lent. To access the website go to **www.formed.org**
(*If you already previously signed-up, just sign in as usual*)

1. Click "sign up"
2. Click "sign up as a parishioner"
3. Enter "N1R2P4"
4. Click "St. Ambrose Parish"
5. Click "Next"
6. Enter your name and address
7. Click "Sign up"
8. Click on the Search icon (small magnifying glass symbol up in the left corner)
9. Type in "daily reflections for Lent"

Next weekend – April 9/10 – is Palm Sunday

What to do with those old palms? Anything blessed must buried in the earth, or be burned with the ashes buried.

Washing of the Feet is a custom of the Catholic Church at Holy Thursday evening Mass, this year on April 13th. Parishioners are invited to have a foot washed in symbolic remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. We are in need of 12 parishioners, young or old, male or female, who can participate in this small ceremony at Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm. Please leave your name with the parish office 519-621-2013 or email stambrose@golden.net

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***Altar Servers – welcome back or join up**, please.*
Father Gary welcomes back prior altar servers and new children who would like to begin altar serving. Please contact Father Gary or Barb at the parish office stambrose@golden.net or phone 519-621-2013.

Prayers for the Sick – Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Church. Please use the church side door on South Street.

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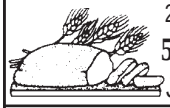

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