

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:

Monday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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 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. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

PARISH SCHOOLS: St. Anne School 519-621-8920
Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678
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.

FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

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.

**Join us for the celebration of
Christ's birth!**

Masses will be:

December 24 at 6:00 pm
and 12:00 Midnight

December 25 at 9:00 am
and 11:00 am

A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible:

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

On behalf of myself, Father Michael King, and the parish staff, we pray that everyone will have a blessed Christmas, surrounded by the love of family and friends, as we celebrate the Birth of our Lord!

Thank you to all our volunteers who are very dedicated to our parish!

Fr. Gary

This bulletin is for 2 weeks .

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 22

(Canceled for tonight – NO Mass, NO Confessions, NO catechism)

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 am + DECEASED ANCESTORS - Thanh

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

(no afternoon prayers today)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Masses

6:00 pm - REGINO DOMINGO – Eva and Leo

12:00 Midnight – For the intentions of all parishioners

Thursday, December 25 – Solemnity of Christmas!

9:00 am – ANA ROCHA – Mary Crowder

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

Friday, December 26 – St. Stephen

8:00 am + FILOMENA TEIXEIRA – Maria DaSilva

+ FRANKIE TORALBA – Rose Capistrano

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 27

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + MARIA ALBUQUERQUE

+ JOAO & MARIA CHAVES and FAMILY

+ OLIVIA OLIVEIRA – her husband

+ EVAN WEIDEMAN – his family

- the intentions of Klaus and Anneliese Steden

Sunday, December 28 – Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + TERESINHA ANDRADE – her husband

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

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed December 24 to December 28, and then December 31 and January 1st.

Emails will be checked regularly.

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Monday, December 29

7:00 pm + MARIA POCK – Ilda and Joe Chaves

Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm

Catechism video at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 am – Intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

2:30 pm – Prayers for the Sick. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church. Please use the parking lot side door.

Wednesday, December 31 – Vigil Mass for Jan. 1st

5:00 pm + DOUG AND FRANCES WILSON

+ HAYES McDERMOTT – Carol Mertens

Thursday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am – RICHARD DIETRICH – Bernadette & Todd

Friday, January 2

8:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY OF SILVINO & MARIA CHAVES

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, January 3 – First Saturday

8:00 am – Mass for Healing of the Family Tree

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + LUISA & MARINO CORVAGLIA – Alba

+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Colleen

+ ANDY CARRIERE – Michael and Nancy

Sunday, January 4, 2026 – Feast of the Epiphany

9:00 am + STEPHEN GUETH – his parents

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

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

Emergency on-call priest for the hospital – please phone 519-404-5344 for “anointing of the Sick / Last Rites”.

For non-emergency ministry to the sick, please phone the parish office to make arrangements for Father to visit.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2026

Celebration of Holy Mass will be:

December 31 at 5:00 pm

January 1, 2026 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

(In Canada, this solemnity is a holy day of obligation)

Spirit of Hope Collection

We always knew our parishioners are very generous, and once again, it was exemplified by the donations to the Spirit of Hope collection. \$5,109 was collected and provided to our parish Society of St Vincent de Paul. This will go a long way to assisting those in need in our parish area, not only at Christmas, but into the new year!

A BIG THANK YOU! Our parish youth group would like to say thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and raffle prizes! Total funds raised will be announced in January!! We wish everyone a truly blessed Christmas! \$1,200.00 was raised for youth programs.



Church Donation Envelopes for 2026.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX from the back of the Church. These have been re-issued to parishioners who have actively used donation envelopes for 2025, or who have ordered envelopes.

Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready, leave them to enjoy supervised play time with other children for the remaining time while you pray alone. This is held the LAST Monday 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 **Monday, December 29th**

Children's Liturgy is canceled for December 27 and January 4th. See you all in the new year!

Our deepest appreciation to the ladies who facilitate this program. Their dedication is doing God's work!

**Happy Birthday to Father Gary on
December 31st!**

May our Lord continue to bless you for your ministry to our parish!

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