

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.

Feast Day of Saint Ambrose
December 7th



Ambrose was born around 339 in what is now France, the son of the Roman prefect of Gaul. Following in his father's footsteps, Ambrose embarked upon a career in law and politics and by 370 AD, he had become the Imperial governor of Northern Italy. When the seat of Bishop of Milan became vacant in 374, the people demanded that Saint Ambrose be made their bishop. The neighboring bishops and the Emperor convinced him to accept this call as the will of God, and so the catechumen Ambrose was baptized and ordained first deacon, then priest, then bishop, all in a single week!

This politician-turned churchman was profoundly aware of his lack of preparation for this great responsibility and so set himself immediately to prayer and the study of Scripture. His deep spirituality and love of God's Word married together with the oratorical skill acquired in law and politics made St. Ambrose one of the greatest preachers of the early church.

Around 385, an ambitious professor of public speaking named Augustine came to hear Saint Ambrose preach in order to study his technique, and in the process, was attracted to the Catholic faith. In 386 Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose and went on to become bishop of Hippo in North Africa. Ambrose and his pupil, Augustine, together with St. Jerome and St. Gregory the Great, make up the four original Doctors of the Latin Church. Saint Ambrose, the great bishop of Milan, died on Holy Saturday (April 4) in the year 397 AD. His feast day in the Roman calendar is December 7, the day he was ordained bishop.

From the Roman liturgy for the Feast of St. Ambrose: *"Lord, you made Saint Ambrose an outstanding teacher of the Catholic faith and gave him the courage of an apostle. Raise up in your Church more leaders after your own heart, to guide us with courage and wisdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen."*

*"No one heals himself by wounding another."
~ Saint Ambrose of Milan*

*"Prayer is the wing wherewith the soul flies to heaven, and meditation the eye wherewith we see God."
~ Saint Ambrose of Milan*



Monday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception

7:00 pm + JASON BROWN – Cecilia and Aldwin

Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm

Catechism video program after Mass.

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am + ANTONIO & MARIA CONCEICAO FIGUEIREDO –

From their son and family

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 10

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

- intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges

+ MARIA VU – Thanh Nguyen

+ JACINTO GALVAO – Linda Fitzgerald

+ LAWRENCE LOBSINGER and NATALIE CROSBY

+ DECEASED FAMILY OF SILVINO AND MARIA CHAVES

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am – Intentions of Lucia

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Friday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am – intentions of Lalaine Galera and family

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Saturday, December 13

8:00 am – Mass for healing of the family tree

2,000 Hail Mary devotions – all day in the Church

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Margie

+ RICARDO & DALIA OLIVEIRA – Ilda Oliveira

+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria

+ FERNANDA daSILVEIRA – her parents

+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his family

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am – for the intentions of Bernadette & Todd



**Sunday, December 14th
In St Ambrose church hall**

Parishioners are kindly asked for baked goods for our bake sale! Gift cards and NEW prizes for the raffle table would also be appreciated! Donations can be brought to the Church hall on Saturday, December 13th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Prizes can be also brought to the parish office. Our parish youth group is hosting this bake sale as a fundraiser.

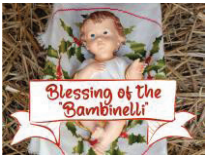
Also at the bake sale:

Knights of Columbus Galt Council 2184 will be offering packages of 25 tea bags for a minimum donation of \$2.00. The product is premium quality high grown Ceylon tea with a refreshingly mellow taste, and proceeds will go toward works of charity in the community.



Church Donation Envelopes for 2026.

Parishioners who have actively used church donation envelopes this year can now pick-up their 2026 box of envelopes now. **If you ordered envelopes for the first time**, yours is also available at the back of the Church.



The **Blessing of the "Bambinelli"** is a tradition, celebrated by the Pope each year on the **third Sunday of Advent**, which is next Sunday, December 14.

Parishioners are welcome to bring their Baby Jesus figurine from their nativity scene to the Church **on Sunday, December 14th** to the **9am Mass** or **11am Mass**, and Father Gary will bless them. (*Bambinelli means little children in Italian*)

"What has happened to the old-fashioned, spiritual Christmas? The church set aside this four-week pre-Christmas season as a time of spiritual preparation for Christ's coming. It is a time of quiet anticipation. If Christ is going to come again into our hearts, there must be repentance. Without repentance, our hearts will be so full of worldly things that there will be 'no room in the inn' for Christ to be born again....We have the joy not of celebration. Which is the joy of Christmas, but the joy of anticipation."

John R. Brokhoff, Preaching the Parables



**Day of Mercy
All Day Confessions
will be held:**

Saturday, December 20th from 9am to 4pm

At St. Ambrose Church

Father Gary and Father Michael King will alternate throughout the day to hear individual confessions.

Fr. Gary Schlack – from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Fr. Michael King – from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Fr. Gary Schlack – from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Fr. Michael King – from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas "Giving Tree"**

Again, this year the "Giving Tree" is located in the Sanctuary. Financial donations to assist the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society can be placed in the box beside the tree. Envelopes are provided. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need!

Can you help deliver food hampers? Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for assistance to deliver their food hampers on **Saturday December 13th**, beginning at **8:30 am**, and should be only for the morning.

If you can help, please phone Joe at 519-241-6070

The parish ladies' group "Daughters of the King" will next be held December 16 **at 7pm** in the Church Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us!

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2,000 Hail Mary devotions will be held on **Saturday, December 13**, beginning after the 8am Mass, and continuing all day. You are welcome to join in for as long as you like, at any time of the day!

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