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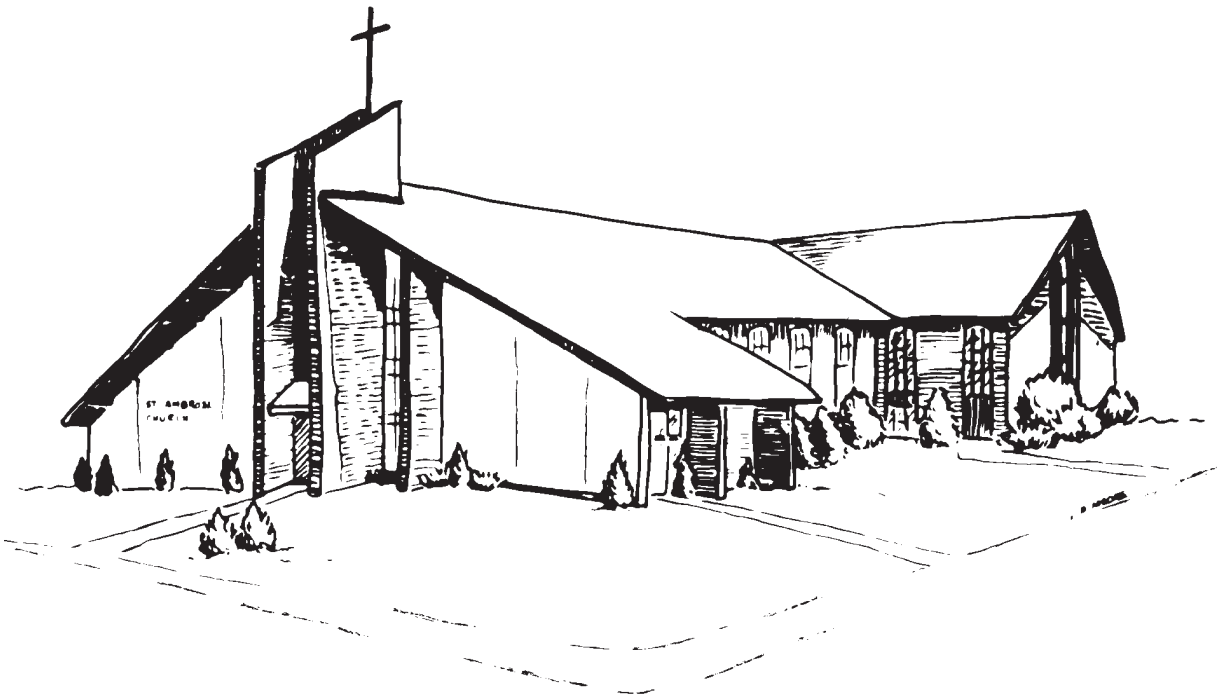

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor
Fr. Michael King, retired - in residence
Rev. Mr. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Carol Renner - Housekeeper
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

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

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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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Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday we light the **pink candle** on the Advent wreath. Gaudete is Latin, meaning "to rejoice". It is a command ordering us to rejoice! In these days of penance and preparation leading up to the feast of our Savior's birth, it reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Jesus.

In Advent, we not only celebrate the first coming of our Lord, but eagerly prepare for His Second Coming as well, when the restoration of all things takes place. Too often many of us shudder at the thought of our Lord's coming in glory, as if it were a frightening event—and certainly it will be for those who knowingly rejected Jesus. But for Christians who persevere it will be our great deliverance from the troubles and trials of this world. All the world will bend the knee—some in terror—but as for God's friends, they will bend the knee in joyful adoration as Jesus takes His place as King. The earliest Christians cried 'Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!' expecting Jesus to come at any moment. So should we—we should long for His return with our lamps trimmed and our souls ready. It is indeed something to celebrate—and prepare for. Advent turns our hearts and minds to this reality.

If commercialism or the evils of the world get us down, we need to look at the Advent wreath with its candles burning down patiently, a new one each week, as we light the pink one this week which fills us with joy that we are getting closer and closer to the coming of the Lord. We can place ourselves on the hillsides with the shepherds in the silent chill with patient anticipation of the unknown until the angel told them. We can imagine the three wise men silhouetted in the brightness of the Christmas star. And then we can meditate on being in that stable with the smell of straw, animals, and a beautiful Newborn who is our hope. We can let our burdens drop away at the foot of the manger when He smiles at us. We can receive Him into our arms and hearts as Mary holds Him out to us as the gentle Joseph looks on. This Child is our victory.

REJOICE !

The DAWN OF REDEEMING Grace

Tuesday, December 13 – St. Lucy
8:00 am – for the Indigenous People of Canada
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ AURORA CALCAO – her family
+ FERNANDA daSILVEIRA – her family
+ ANITA FIGUEIREDO – her parents
+ MARIA ISABEL & MANUEL CANTO – Virginia
- for the intentions of Bernadette
- for the intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, December 15
8:00 am + TADEUSZ NAWROT – his family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, December 16
8:00 am + ILUMINADA PASAMBA – Meija family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 17
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + JOHN BATISTA - Kathy
+ EDUARDO TAVARES – his family
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – her family
+ ERMELINDA SOUSA SOARES – Ines Camara
+ DECEASED PEREIRA & deALMEIDA FAMILIES
+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – his Godparents
+ MARK COSTELLO
+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – wife and family

Sunday, December 18
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + DECEASED PSIURSKI & PIASECZNY FAMILIES
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

St. Ambrose Parish

Christmas Mass times:
December 24 at 6:00 pm;
8:00 pm; and 12:00 Midnight

December 25 at 9:00 am and 11:00

Sacrament of Confessions:
Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (all day)
Tuesday, December 20 - 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Wed, December 21 – 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm;
and 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Thursday, December 22 – 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Friday, December 23 – 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Saturday, December 24 – 9:00 am to 11:00 am;
and 5:00 – 5:45 pm

Third Sunday of Advent

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit http://hamiltondiocese.com

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RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive – A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support, and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to St. Ambrose Parish!
Several parishioners have been using the online donation portal called "CanadaHelps". The link to this portal can be found on our parish website.
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-ambrose-parish/

2023 Charitable donation Envelopes are ready to be picked up from the back of the Church for those who have used envelopes this year.

If you would like to order envelopes to use for 2023, please contact the parish office to have this arranged. Those who use church envelopes are provided with a charitable donation receipt to use on their tax returns.

Evenings With His Excellency – Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
It is held on the **second Friday of each month** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann Catholic Parish, Ancaster **YouTube** channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

Living With Christ subscriptions can be purchased so that these missalettes are mailed directly to your home each month. Each missalette includes the daily and Sunday Mass readings. To purchase the monthly subscription service offered by Novalis, please visit their website: **livingwithchrist.ca** Or phone 1-800-387-7164

Prayers for the Sick at St Ambrose Church
Weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
Please enter the church using the side door on South Street (the Adoration Chapel entrance)

Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society can be placed in the box beside the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are provided. Donations will assist families and individuals both at Christmas and throughout the year.

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"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you." **– Mother Teresa**

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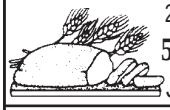

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