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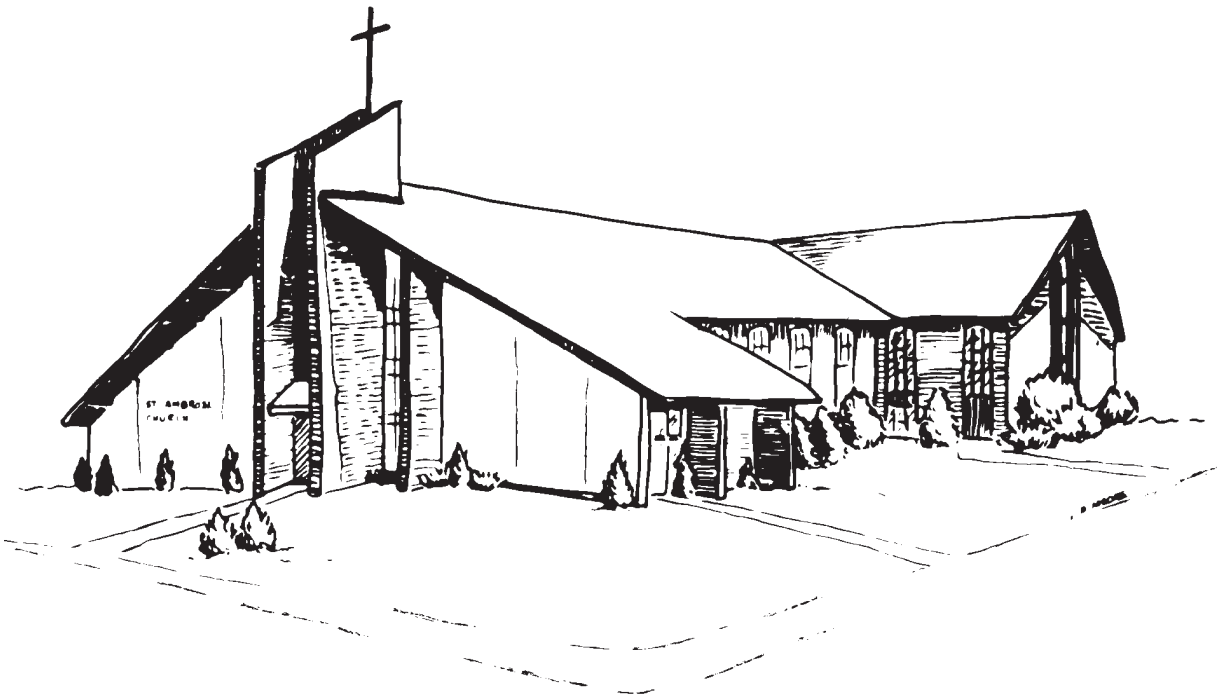

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today, we celebrate "**Gaudete Sunday**," the Third Sunday of Advent. The Latin word *Gaudete* means "Rejoice!" On this Sunday, we take a short break from the mostly penitential, somber nature of Advent and rejoice in the nearness of the celebration of Christmas. To signal this, rose vestments may be worn by the celebrant, instead of the typical violet for Advent. One may also note that the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose colored. Rose signifies joy. Therefore, today's second reading calls us to "rejoice always." Christian joy goes beyond a mere emotion and, therefore, supersedes circumstances. The joy we have in Christ can remain regardless of what challenges we are facing in life. That is because we know God is in control of our circumstances. He is "faithful," as Paul says. Therefore, we can "rejoice always" and "in all circumstances give thanks" because we have hope in God. Still, in order to experience the fullness of this joy, the Apostle Paul indicates that we must obey God. We must listen to the Spirit of God and "refrain from every kind of evil." We are called to be "perfectly holy." This is the true path to joy: sanctity. Following God's will and allowing His grace to transform us leads to true happiness. Let us, therefore, seek Him, trust Him, and obey Him to find the deep joy that can only be found in God.

On this Gaudete Sunday, reflect on what you are thankful for. This week, consider the things in your life that cause you to rejoice. Then, thank God for those blessings.

True joy ultimately comes through following God's will for our lives. It is only in obedience to God, who knows what is best for us, that we will find true fulfillment. In what areas of your life do you need to listen more carefully to God and follow His will more fully? Take action today!

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart:

"*Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain*" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

Tuesday, December 14
7:00 pm + FERNANDA daSILVEIRA – Ana and Manuel
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, December 15
7:00 pm + ANITA FIGUEIREDO – her parents
+ CARLOS SOARES – his wife
+ MANUEL & MARIA LOURDES MEDEIROS – Maria DaSilva
+ MARIA ALICE and ANTONIO GASPAR – their family
- for the intentions of Bernadette
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, December 16
7:00 pm + JOHN BATISTA – from his family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, December 17
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
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, December 18
8:00 am Mass before 2,000 Hail Mary devotions

CONFESSIONS all day from 9am to 5pm

5:00 pm + MANUEL daSILVA – Maria G. Silva
+ ALHANDRINA FIGUEIREDO – Maria & John Correia
+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – his parents
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Gerry
- for the intentions of Grace Cha – Carmen and Simon

Sunday, December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 am + DECEASED FRIENDS & FAMILY – Marie & Theresa
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Thank You for continuing to support St. Ambrose Parish both prayerfully and financially. It's been a difficult time for almost two years and the support of our dear parishioners is greatly appreciated!

St. Ambrose Church
Christmas Masses

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Christmas Eve - December 24th
6:00 pm
8:00 pm
12:00 midnight

Christmas Day - December 25th
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

First come, first seated.
Due to physical distancing, seating is limited.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confessions will be heard all day
Saturday, December 18 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Regular Weekly Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: from 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
Friday from: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm (***not Dec 24th***)
Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 pm (***not Dec. 25 or Jan. 1***)
Sundays: 8:00am to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

There will be NO CONFESSIONS heard on
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

IMPORTANT – With Christmas and New Year's on a Saturday, there will be **NO 5:00 PM MASS** on Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1.

Prayers for the Sick at St. Ambrose Church
Weekly on Wednesdays

Myra Klaassen will be leading prayers for the Sick, as well as the Rosary, on Wednesdays beginning at 1:30 pm. Please use the church side door Chapel entrance on South Street.

Church Donation Envelopes for 2022

Donation envelopes for 2022 are available at the back of the Church for those who have actively used Church donation envelopes this year and with the same envelope number. If you ordered an envelope set, these are also at the back of the Church.

If you would like to begin using Church donation envelopes in 2022, please contact the parish office by email or phone to have this arranged stambrose@golden.net 519-621-2013

2,000 Hail Mary devotions – Saturday, December 18 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.

Donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be gratefully accepted in the box beside the "Giving Tree" which is placed in the Sanctuary of the Church. Donation envelopes are available to use.

Do you have a new phone number or a new address? Help the parish office keep our files updated by providing your new phone number and/or address.

Many people are opting to use only cell phones now, and we've noticed that some parishioner contact info is not up to date. Thank you

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Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Do you need some quiet time in your life? Some time for quiet prayer and reflection? Please consider being a volunteer for 1 hour a week at our Adoration Chapel, to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You are also welcome to drop into the chapel during the day for some quiet prayer time. We ask that there be no more than 4 people in the room at a time, due to physical distancing requirements. Please respect others health by wearing a mask. Thank you!

Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) is back in operation after work being suspended due to COVID and the lack of overseas shipments. They are accepting food items such as dried beans, rice, cookies, cereals, canned meats, pasta, flour, iodized salt, vegetable oil.

They are also accepting pots and pans in good condition, cutlery, good new and used clothing, fabrics, curtains, medical supplies, and much more. Items can be brought to the Church and please label the box or bags "CFFC".

For a full list of needed items please visit:
https://canadianfoodforchildren-ck.com/wishlist/

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can **prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth**. It is a time for every Christian to remember, through prayer, reflections, Sacrament, and good deeds what is the true meaning of Jesus' birth. ***Come Divine Messiah!***

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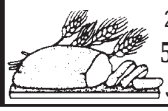
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