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	St. Vincent de Paul School	519-740-0678
Holy Spirit School	519-621-8973	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.

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and is a day of rejoicing, as Christmas approaches.

Significance and Traditions

"Gaudete" (pronounced *gow-DET-ay*) is a Latin word that translates to "Rejoice!". The name comes from the opening antiphon (entrance song) of the Mass for that day, which is taken from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near".*

The traditional liturgical color for Gaudete Sunday is rose (*pink*) instead of the purple used during the rest of Advent. Priests may choose to wear rose-colored vestments, and the third candle of the Advent wreath is a pink candle, which is lit on this day.

Gaudete Hymn:

Rejoice, rejoice!
Christ is born
of the Virgin Mary –
Rejoice!

The time of grace has come—
What we have wished for;
Songs of joy
Let us give back faithfully.

God has become man,
With nature marvelling,
The world has been renewed
By the reigning Christ.

The closed gate of Ezekiel
Is passed through,
Whence the light is risen;
Salvation has been found.

Therefore, let our assembly
Now sing in brightness
Let it bless the Lord:
Greetings to our King.

Listen to the hymn on YouTube by searching:
Gaudete, Christus est natus - Christmas Carol (with lyrics)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 15
7:00 pm – Living and deceased family of Ilda and Joe Chaves
Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm
Catechism video program after Mass. (**no session Dec. 22nd**)

Tuesday, December 16
8:00 am + ANN & FRANK DeSOUZA & FAMILY – Marie & Theresa
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 17
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Thanh Nguyen
+ ANITA FIGUEIREDO – parents and family
+ MARIA NGUYEN – Thanh
+ JOHN BATISTA – Kathy and family
+ FRANCESCO BORSELLINO – Mr. & Mrs. Teresi
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, December 18
8:00 am + KOZDRON, GORBARDZYK, SALINITRI FAMILIES And DIANE – Stella and Richard
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, December 19
8:00 am + MARIA MADELENA ROSA – Maria DaSilva
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 20
CONFESSIONS all day – 9am to 5pm
5:00 pm + PIERINA MAGLIOCCO, SANTA & GIOVANNI
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Julie Harney
+ KAY AND TOM HICKEY – Barb and Dave
+ WILLIAM & PAULINE McKAY – Charlene & Tony
+ EDUARDO TAVARES & FAMILY – Helder
+ TINA SOUSA & PARENTS – Maria & John Correia

Sunday, December 21 – 4th Sunday of Advent
9:00 am + CRISTINA PALLIOTTI – Joanne & Don Searle
11:00 am – For the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

All Day Confessions will be held:
Saturday, December 20th
from 9am to 5pm 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

There are also Confessions available daily at our parish. Please check dates on the Mass schedule on the opposite page.

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

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**.

The following items are collected at the church by a representative of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to be distributed to local groups:
- pop can tabs; milk bags (outer bag only); canceled postage stamps. Place in a bag to leave at the back of the Church.

2026 Church wall calendars $5.00 each, available in the sacristy. Cash only please. 2026 Missals $5.00 available as well.

7 Small Acts That God Treasures That Help Us Grow in Love

Life is composed of countless tiny insignificant moments that are usually overlooked as being unimportant. Yet, they carry great value in God's eyes because it is through these that the heart can be purified, virtue strengthened, love deepened, and the soul can be drawn closer to God. St. Theresa of Lisieux practiced the following 7 actions in her daily life, which lead her to heights of sanctity.

1. Accept without complaint, and offer up with love, the small irritations in life.
2. Choose to be kind, when it feels difficult to do so.
3. Perform our daily duties, as well as we can, out of a desire to please God.
4. Offer small hidden sacrifices with love.
5. Hold back negative and judgemental thoughts.
6. Thank God, especially for things we do not like.
7. Admit, and offer our weakness to God, and trust in His mercy and goodness.

St. Ambrose Youth Candle Fundraiser

The St. Ambrose Youth Group are still selling scented candles after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses at the church, until December 21. All candles are $20 each — beautifully scented and made with 100% soy wax. (cash or cheque)
Cheques payable to St. Ambrose Parish.

"Daughters of the King" St. Ambrose Parish Ladies' Group will gather on Tuesday, December 16 at 7pm in our church hall. This will be the last gathering until the new year!

Mark Your Calendar! A Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St W., Hamilton, on Sunday, **December 28th, at 3 p.m**. It will also be the Mass of Thanksgiving offered for Bishop Crosby's 15-years of service as Bishop of Hamilton Diocese. Priests, Deacons and Parishioners are invited to join in this time of prayer!

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