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:
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 from 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. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian
Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Joyful Sunday! The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday (*gow-det-ay*). The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad got the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

Saint Peter Canisius - December 21

Peter was one of the most important figures in the Catholic Reformation in Germany.

Peter, at the age of 19 he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced Peter so much that he joined the recently formed "Society of Jesus."

At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life—a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany—from that point on his life's work. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand.

A popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters—filling eight volumes—one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church—yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern.

At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary, until his death in his hometown of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on December 21, 1597.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 19
8:00 am + JOHN FERNANDES - Patricia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 20
(1:00 pm **–** prayers are canceled today (See you on Dec. 27)
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ SOUL OF PETER – John Pham
+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his family
+ WALTER FERNANDES & FILOMENA BAIROS & FAMILY
+ JESSE QUIROZ – Connie & Ernie Daza
+ MANUEL deVARGAS – Maria
+ NARCISA RODRIGUES – Ana & Manuel Silveira
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, December 21
8:00 am – In thanksgiving to God and for peace – Theresa Tran
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, December 22
8:00 am + MARIA VU - Thanh
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 23
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + ADELINA LUZ – her family
+ SEBASTIAN & SANTA CHERRI – Gino
+ PIERINA MAGLIOCCO – her family
+ EDUARDO TAVARES – his family
+ ADRIAN WYNEN – Kay Woznuk

Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent
9:00 am – intentions of the Pokocky & Strybosch families
11:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Christmas Eve 6pm Mass:

Does your child enjoy singing? Children are welcome to join with the choir in the prelude singing before the start of Christmas Eve 6pm Mass. Bring your child to the church hall by 5pm on Dec 24th, so they can have a quick practice beforehand.
All songs will be familiar to the children.

Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration? Do you need some quiet time praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If so, this program is for you. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready you can drop them off to enjoy supervised play with other children for the remaining time while you adore alone. This will be held the LAST Wednesday 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 Wednesday, December 27th!

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "***Daughters of the King***" will meet on **Tuesday, December 19** in the Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm. Please invite a friend to join us! All ladies are welcome. Baby items will be collected to donate to the Dawn Centre. If you have questions, please contact Myra at the parish office.

Be A Man will take a break from our weekly gathering and will resume meeting on Saturday January 13, 2024 at 7:00 am

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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/

Happening in January 2024 – **Meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students, regarding the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation** – Thursday January 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm.
Mark your calendars!

St. Ambrose Parish

Come home for Christmas!

Christmas Mass schedule:
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:

Tuesday, December 19 - 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Wed, December 20 – 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Thursday, December 21 – 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Friday, December 22 – 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Saturday, December 23 – 9:00 am to 11:00 am;
and 4:00 – 4:45 pm

Christmas Mass schedules for all the parishes of the Diocese of Hamilton are available on their website at hamiltondiocese.com

Vocations Mass and Young Adults Night
January 5, 2024 in Hamilton

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2).

Children's Liturgy will NOT be held on Sunday December 24, and December 31. It will resume on January 7, 2024 at 11:00 am Mass.

Church donation envelopes for 2024 are available to be picked-up from the narthex of the Church. Please do so as soon as possible. If you cannot locate your box, please contact the parish office.
If you would like to begin using envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office to have this arranged.

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