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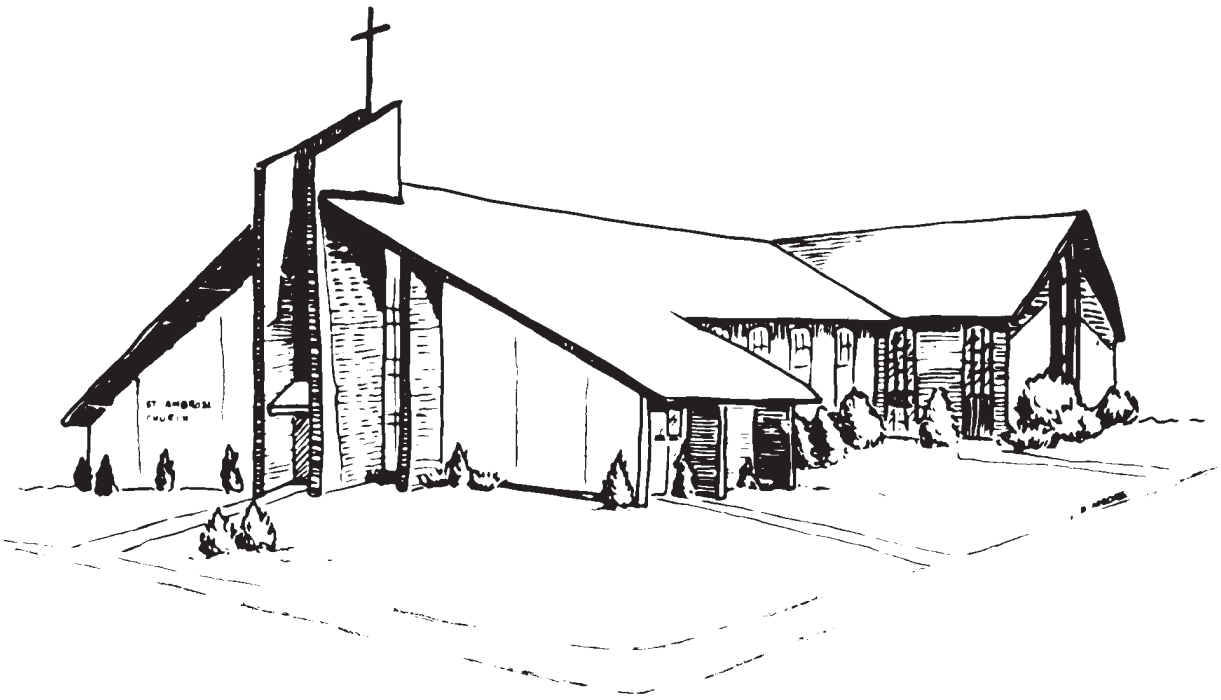

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SUNDAY MASSES

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.

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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.

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Excerpt from Pope Francis' speech of about the Nativity scene and Christmas Tree:

The tree and Nativity display are two signs that continue to charm young and old. The tree, with its lights, reminds us of Jesus who comes to illuminate our darkness, our existence often closed up in the shadow of sin, fear, and pain. And it suggests to us a further reflection: like trees, people too need roots. Because only if it is rooted in good soil can it stay firm, grow, "mature," and resist the winds that shake it, becoming a point of reference to those who look at it. But, dear friends, without roots none of this can happen; without firm foundation it remains unstable. It is important to safeguard the roots, in life as well as faith. In this regard, the apostle Paul reminds us of the foundation in which to root our lives in order to remain firm: he says to remain "rooted in Jesus Christ" (Col 2:7). This is what the Christmas tree reminds us of: to be rooted in Jesus Christ.

And so, we come to the Nativity scene, which speaks to us of the birth of the Son of God who became Man to be close to each one of us. In its genuine poverty, the Nativity scene helps us to rediscover the true richness of Christmas, and to purify ourselves of so many aspects that pollute the Christmas landscape. Simple and familiar, the Nativity scene recalls a Christmas that is different from the consumerist and commercial Christmas: it is something else; it reminds us how good it is for us to cherish moments of silence and prayer in our days, often overwhelmed by frenzy. Silence fosters contemplation of the Child Jesus, helps us to become intimate with God, with the fragile simplicity of a tiny newborn baby, with the meekness of his being laid down, with the tender affection of the swaddling clothes that envelop him.

Roots and contemplation: the tree teach us about roots, the Nativity scene invites us to contemplation. Let us not forget these two human and Christian attitudes. And if we truly want to celebrate Christmas, let us rediscover through the Nativity scene the surprise and amazement of smallness, the smallness of God, who makes himself small, who is not born in the splendour of appearances, but in the poverty of a stable. And to meet Him one must reach Him there, where He is; one must lower oneself, one must make oneself small, leave all vanity behind, to arrive where He is. And prayer is the best way to say thank you before this gift of free love, to say thank you to Jesus who wishes to enter our homes and our hearts. Yes, God loves us so much that he shares our humanity and our lives. He never leaves us by ourselves, He is at our side in all circumstances, in joy as in sorrow. Even in the worst moments, He is there, because He is the Emmanuel, the God with us, the light that illuminates the darkness and the tender presence that accompanies us on our journey.

Tuesday, December 20
8:00 am – for the intentions of Anna Kassimatis
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 21
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ OLIVIA OLIVEIRA – her family
+ MANUEL & MARIA ISABEL CANTO – Isabel Custodio
+ TINA SOARES – Lucia Silva
+ ANTONIO SILVEIRA – Zelia B
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Eva and Gus Silveira
+ WILLIAM AND PAULINE McKAY – Charlene Zammit
- the intentions of Antony Joseph and Thresiamma Antony

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

Thursday, December 22
8:00 am- Living and Deceased family and friends of Ann and Frank DeSouza
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, December 23
8:00 am + Deceased KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK and ORGANISCIAK FAMILIES – Stella and Richard
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
CONFESSIONS at 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm
6:00 pm – MILDRED KAVANAGH - Dale
8:00 pm – for the intentions of Stanley Ngwaba
12:00 midnight – for the intentions of all parishioners

Sunday, December 25 – Solemnity of Christmas
9:00 am + LUDOVIT HORVATH – his family
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

St. Ambrose Parish

Come home for Christmas!

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:
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

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1st 2023
(Holy Day of Obligation)

In Canada, **January 1st**, New Year's Day, is celebrated as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - a day devoted to our Blessed Mother.
Masses will be:
December 31st **5:00 pm**
January 1, 2023 **9:00 am**
11:00 am

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). Prayers will NOT be held on December 28th.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to Come Home for Christmas? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community.

Does our parish office have your email address? If you have not been receiving our parish emails, please send us an email (*see front of the bulletin*) and you'll be to our list of contacts.
Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Please keep the parish office updated on any changes for our parish database. Thank you!

The Kids' Bulletins are a resource for Catholic kids who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings for the Sunday Mass every week. They are made by a mom in Canada who is happy to share them with anyone who can use them to help learn or teach about the truth and beauty of the Faith.
https://thekidsbulletin.com/

Registration for the Sacraments of Confession and First Communion have been held over the past month. However, if your child in Grade 2 has not been registered at the parish office, please do so as soon as possible.

Prayer for a Special Favour

O glorious and compassionate St. Teresa,
You, who when on earth, received from your Divine Spouse that wonderful promise that He would grant you whatever you asked, I beseech you, now that you are with Jesus in Paradise, to intercede for me and obtain for me the special favour which I so earnestly desire, if it be for the glory of God and the good of my soul. Amen.

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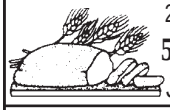

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