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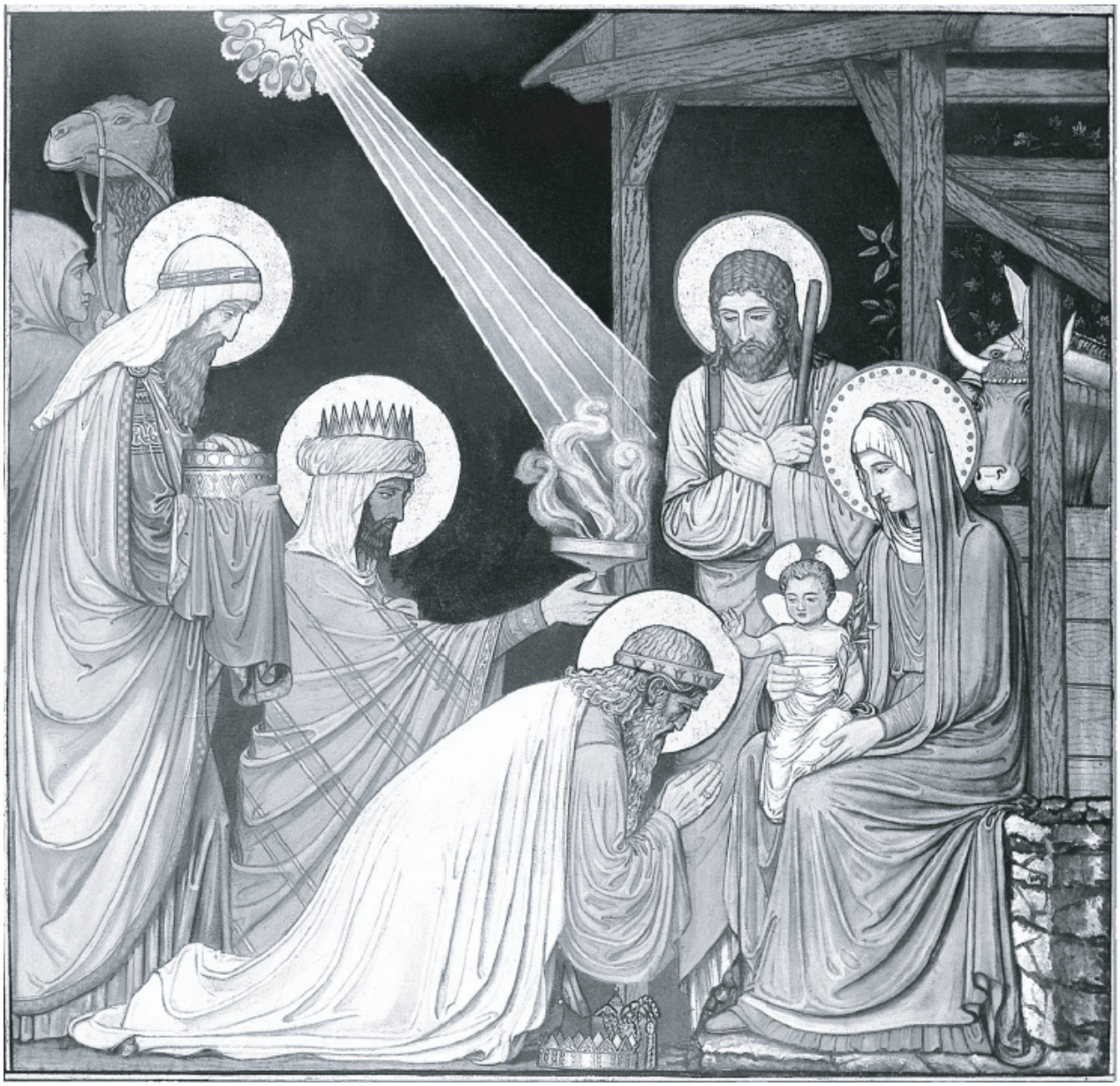

Feast of the Holy Family

Jubilee 2025
Pilgrims of Hope

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Catholic Church also begins the celebration of the **Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**

The first Sunday after Christmas, on the liturgical calendar, celebrates the Holy Family. Pope Leo XIII instituted this feast in 1892. He established this feast day to remind families of the sacredness of the family and to provide the faithful with a model upon which to structure their own families. In 1974 Pope Paul VI wrote:

On the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Church meditates with profound reverence upon the holy life led in the house at Nazareth by Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Man, Mary His Mother, and Joseph the just man (cf. Mt. 1:19).

It is fitting that we begin the Jubilee Year by celebrating as a "family of God" on this Feast of the Holy Family.
Part of the Jubilee experience is to make a pilgrimage to sacred places, where prayer is offered, the Sacraments are celebrated, and a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the remission of punishment due to our sins. While going to Rome and the Vatican would be a wonderful way to mark the Jubilee year, not many people will be able to do so. Therefore, certain churches throughout the world, will be designated as "Pilgrimage Churches".

In our Diocese, Bishop Crosby has designated six pilgrimage churches. These will welcome pilgrims during the coming year and mark this Jubilee with special events. More information will be provided as these are planned.

1. St. Basil Church, 50 Palace St, Brantford
2. Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa
3. St. Andrew Church, 49 Reynold St. Oakville
4. Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 714 King St W in Hamilton
5. Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph
6. St. Mary Church 56 Duke St. West, Kitchener

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

No Mass on Mondays

No morning Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 31st

Tuesday, December 31
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + RITA KENNEDY – Genevieve & family
+ TERESINHA MOITOSO – Maria Pamira Peixoto
+ MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Emilien and Francine
+ MARIA PHAM – Theresa Tran
+ DOUG & FRANCES WILSON
+ GENNARIO CHERRI – Lillian Crane

Wed., January 1, 2025 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00 am + BOB RANN – Mary Crowder
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

Thursday, January 2
8:00 am + for the unborn and world peace – Maria Correia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, January 3
8:00 am –Living and Deceased family of Joe and Ilda Chaves
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, January 4
8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + LUIS MARINO CORVAGLIA – Alba
+ RICARDO AND LUIGI INCITTI – Mrs. Incitti
+ DOMENIC BELLISSIMO – his family
+ DOREEN LANGLOIS – Doreen
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Julie Harney
+ EDUARDA LOPES – Teresa and Nick

Sunday, January 5 - Epiphany
9:00 am + STEPHEN GUETH – his mom and dad
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1st 2025 *(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Masses will be: December 31st 5:00 pm
January 1, 2025 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

On behalf of the Sisters of the Holy Trinity Mexico Mission, thank you for the generosity given through our monthly collection. These donations enable the Sisters to provide the girls in their care an education and a home, ensuring their safety and future success.

Feliz navidad y próspero año nuevo!

Que Dios bendiga a los feligreses de San Ambrosio.

Domestic Church Christmas Social

Please join the Domestic Church for a Christmas party on **Saturday January 25 after 5pm Mass**. Come share in the joy of the season with potluck, social, and fun. This event is organized by the domestic church and is open to both Domestic Church families and St. Ambrose parish community. Please RSVP on the sheet in the sacristy.

Meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students, regarding the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation – Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm, at St. Ambrose Church. Mark your calendars!

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 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 30th**.

St. Ambrose Parish
"Daughters of the King" Ladies' Group
Tues. January 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm

At St. Ambrose Church Hall - All ladies are welcome to join us for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth.

If you have any questions, please email Myra at myra@stambrosecambridge.ca

Thank you!! On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, thank you to those who assisted with delivering the Christmas hampers on December 14th. *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

Youth in grades 6 to 12 are invited to gather for St. Ambrose Youth Group on **Mon. December 30th, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** in the church hall for a Christmas party! **Join us** to grow in faith, make new friendships, and have fun! For information, please email Rose at **youth@stambrosecambridge.ca**

Our great appreciation to parishioners who donated baked good and prizes for the recent bake sale and raffle table. A profit of $1075.10 was raised, and will go toward St. Ambrose youth group activities. Thank you to the volunteers and youth for assisting at the sale. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! God is great!

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 4th** at **Annunciation of Our Lord - 280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton**, ON. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

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FYI - Church Donations received after December 29th will be included in next years 2025 donation receipts.

As we begin a new year…

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence."

- Saint Augustine

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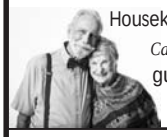

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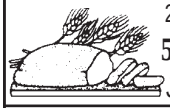

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