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.

Small Imperfections in the Spiritual Life

Small faults can hinder us from growing in our relationship with God. We also need to be cleansed and purified of all our small faults before we can enter heaven. Some of the more common imperfections are provided below. This list is meant to help us make better confessions and grow in our ongoing conversion. Just as a reminder, the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2024 tells us that all Catholics need to confession to a priest at least once a year.

WORK:

- Rushing from one activity to the next without pausing to offer it to God with love.
- Settling for doing a job minimally, rather than doing it as well as we can.
- Wanting my good works to be appreciated and upset when they are overlooked.
- Thinking my work is better than others.
- Failing to express appreciation for the good thing others do.

RELATIONSHIPS:

- Impatient when feeling tired or weary.
- Not wanting to sacrifice my comfort in order to perform a good deed.
- Insisting on having my way in trifling matters.
- Lack of respect for those who have a different opinion.
- Not taking correction graciously and willingly.
- Failing to do what we know would bring joy to another.

PRIDE:

- Choosing to think about the defects of others without a just reason and allowing this to take away our peace and joy.
- Sadness produced by wounded self love.
- Discouragement when things do not work out as we hoped.
- Egoism which leads me to choose what is best for myself.
- Failure to share my beliefs and opinions when requested due to not wanting to be rejected by others.
- Complaining and grumbling to myself when faced with an inconvenience.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 5
8:00 am + DECEASED KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, ORGANISCIAK AND SALINITRI FAMILIES
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 6 – St. Nicholas
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm - In Thanksgiving – Theresa Tran
+ NORMAN ARSENAULT – St. Anne School
+ OLIVE FERNANDES – Patricia
+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Maria & Valentino Pagliaroli
+ SOULS IN PURGATORY and Intentions of Carmen & Simon
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, December 7 – St. Ambrose
8:00 am - in thanksgiving for blessing received - Purita
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception
8:00 am + ANTONIO & MARIA CONCEICAO FIGUEIREDO - Their son and family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 9
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Ilda Oliveira
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Julie
+ DECEASED FAMILY OF MARIA & SILVINO CHAVES
+ MARIANNE WOZNUK LAHEY – Nick and Teresa
+ RAFFAELLA NACCHIA – Mike and Chiara Vasco

Sunday, December 10 – *Second Sunday of Advent*
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + MARK CHAVES – Elvira & Manuel Moura
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Youth Ministry Bake Sale
Sunday, December 17th

St. Ambrose Youth Ministry will be having a bake sale fundraiser on Sunday, December 17th in the church hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. Come enjoy a cup of coffee, purchase baking for your Christmas gatherings, and support youth programming!

Donations of baked goods from parishioners are appreciated! Baking can be dropped off to the church hall on Saturday, December 16th between 12pm and 4:30pm. Kindly label items that are nut-free and/or gluten free. Thank you!

A "new year" begins today….

The church year, or the ***liturgical year***, is a centuries-old way that many Christians have planned the 365-day calendar year. It depends not on the positions of the sun and moon, nor on the start and end of school, or on the government, but rather on key aspects of the life of Christ that are coordinated with the solar calendar. The major holidays ("holy days") in the church year are Christmas, Good Friday and Easter, and Pentecost (seven weeks after Easter). Every other special day or season fits around these crucial days (Advent, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, etc.). Also included in the liturgical calendar are feast days devoted to both our Blessed Mother, and the Saints.

The Liturgical Church Calendar begins every year on the **First Sunday of Advent** and continues through to the Solemnity of Christ the King the following year.

So, Happy New Year!

New Mass Times at
St. Clement's Parish, Cambridge
Begins the weekend of Dec 2/3

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30 pm
Sunday at 9:30 am; 11:30 am; 4:30 pm

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES:

- 30 minutes before each Saturday/Sunday Mass

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 12:15 pm; Wednesday 12:15 pm
Thursday 12:15 pm; Friday 12:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Tuesday to Friday – 15 minutes before each Mass

Advent Retreat at St. Ambrose Church

Advent is a time when we are asked to make spiritual preparations in order to celebrate Christmas with a more open heart. Come to our St. Ambrose Advent Retreat **Saturday, December 2 until Tuesday, December 5.**

Fr. Michael King will be preaching about the importance of having an open heart and what we can do to help our hearts be more open to God and therefore capable of receiving the graces and blessings God wishes to bestow upon us.

Fr. Michael will preach at all Masses on the weekend of December 2/3. He will then celebrate Mass and preach on **Monday December 4 at 7:00 pm; and Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm**. Father Gary will hear Confessions while Mass is held on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Come, prepare yourselves to be able to celebrate this Christmas season with more peace and joy in your hearts, more than ever before!

"**Daughters of the King" parish Ladies' Group** will attend the Advent Retreat Mass, rather than have the regular gathering on December 5th. See you all on December 19th

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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!**

Be A Man men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings, in St. Ambrose Church Hall from **7:00 am to 8:30 am**. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

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