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
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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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the "true model of life" (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.

The Family of Nazareth thus traces the journey of many persecuted people and refugees down through history. At the same time, it recalls the powerful hand of God who knows how to liberate His people.

The experience of the family of Nazareth cannot but make us think of the many families today who are also "in movement" – certainly of those families forced to leave their homes and their own land in search of peace, serenity and work, but also of those families who live with the apprehension and anxiety of not making ends meet, of unstable marital situations, the fear of illness…

In the family of Nazareth, our families, as well as the human family, can learn to allow ourselves to be guided by God's powerful hand. If it is true on the one hand that in many situations people feel like "refugees", "strangers in their own homes", or in the heart of a dear one, it is also true that every obstacle, every difficulty can be transformed into an opportunity to "depart", an opportunity for a "journey toward conversion" which alone can lead to serenity, peace, stability.

Today, the Holy Spirit still continues to guide all peoples, all couples", all parents. But we need to listen to the Spirit who speaks in us. If the Son of God came to live with us as a child, and only the eyes of faith can perceive His presence, how important it is to remind ourselves that everyday things are never of little importance, that daily occurrences are never useless or purely coincidental. The eyes of faith are necessary to grasp the hidden and the beyond. Everything becomes a "place" to encounter or reject God's presence. Everything is a sign for those who believe.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 31 – Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary
5:00 pm + DOUG AND FRANCES WILSON

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00 am- for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + PAULO FERREIRA – Deb and Mark

Tuesday, January 2 – St. Basil and St. Gregory
8:00 am + DECEASED ANCESTORS – Theresa Tran
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, January 3
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome.
Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ SOUL OF MARY – John Pham
+ KATHY NOVIK – Claire Tinsley
- for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, January 4
8:00 am – for the intentions of Lucia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, January 5
8:00 am + JUANA ORIO – her family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, January 6
8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + DOMENIC BELLISSIMO – his wife
+ TINA FERNANDES – Trish and Matt Gerth
+ VINCENZO ALAIMO – Rita and Gaetano
+ MARINO & LOUISA CORVAGLIA - Alba

Sunday, January 7 – Feast of the Epiphany
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + TERESINHA ANDRADE - Manuel
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Sacramental Meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students

Meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students, regarding the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be held on Thursday January 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm, in our Church. Mark your calendars!

Here we go again…

With New Year's Eve - **Sunday December 31st** - also being the vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we want to reminder everyone that it is not a 2 for 1 Mass weekend! The usual weekend Masses will be held for the weekend of December 30/31, and then in the evening of December 31st we will have our 5pm Vigil Mass, and then January 1st will be 9am and 11am Masses. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada.

Be A Man men's group will resume their weekly gatherings on Saturday January 13, 2024 at 7am, in the church hall. Coffee & donuts provided. All men, 18 years and older, are welcome!

LADIES - Save the Date:

St. Ambrose Parish ladies' group, *Daughters of the King,* invite you to attend a presentation about "Mary and the Mass" to be held on Tuesday January 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

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New Altar Servers

Come, serve at the altar of the Lord…

Our parish is in need of more altar servers. It is a honour to serve at the Lord's table during Holy Mass. **Parents**, please speak to your son or daughter about becoming an altar server. Students in Grade 4 and older are welcome. Please contact the parish office for information.

This bulletin is for two weeks. There will not be a printed bulletin for the weekend of January 6/7.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

No Mass on Monday

Tuesday, January 9
8:00 am + PIERINA MAGLIOCCO – Nick & Teresa
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, January 10
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ ESTEBAN & MERCEDES ESPINOZA
+ RICK OLIVEIRA, MARK CHAVES & DALIA – Maria Correia
- for the intentions of Bernadette
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, January 11
8:00 am + LOUIS FONTES – his sister
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, January 12
8:00 am – Intentions of Romeo & Cleofe Daza
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, January 13
8:00 am **–** Healing of the Family Tree Mass
2000 Hail Mary Devotions will be held all day in the church.

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + FERNANDA daSILVEIRA – her parents
+ MARIO GREGORIO & AURORA CALCAO – Mario
+ DECEASED FAMILY OF MARIA & SILVINO CHAVES

Sunday, January 14 – Baptism of the Lord
9:00 am MARIA CONCEICAO & ANTONIO FIGUEIREDO – Manuel & 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

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