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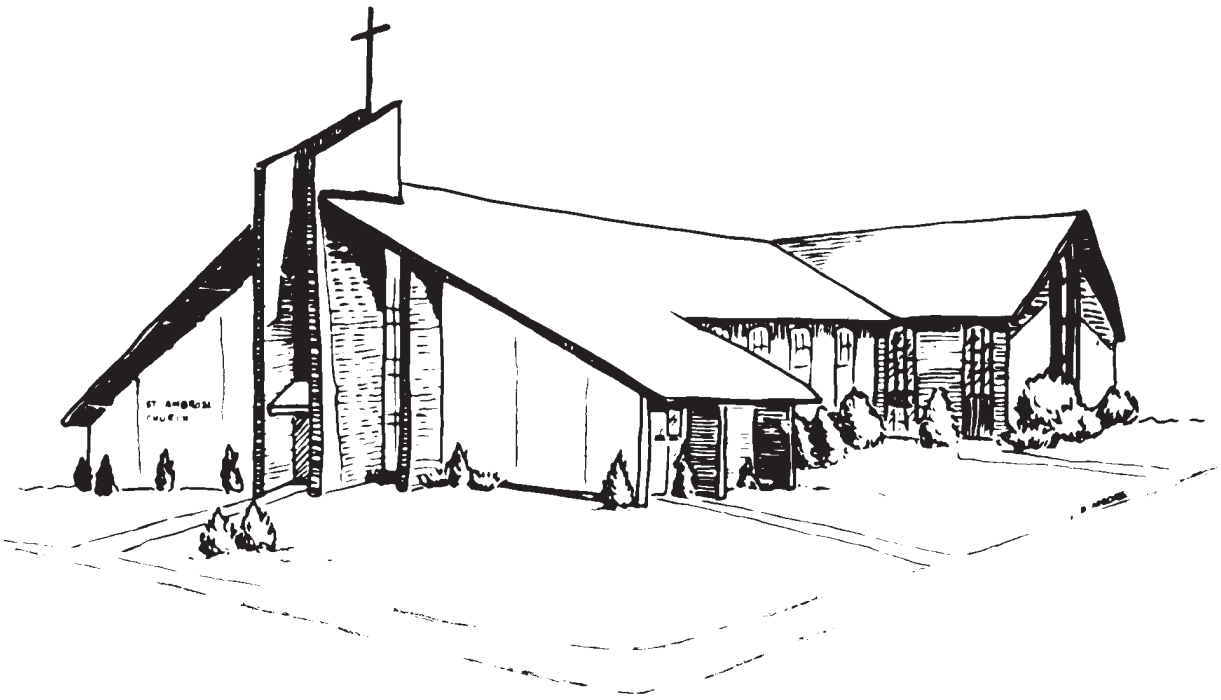

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor
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Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
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Carol Renner - Housekeeper
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

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.

SCHOOLS

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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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

(519) 623-8764 - for assistance with food, clothing, etc.
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Selwyn Langlois 519-621-2580

On December 8, we honour Mary, our Mother. This celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. Pope Pius IX formally defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, INEFFABILIS DEUS, on December 8, 1854. Years later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother gave her name to St. Bernadette at Lourdes stating, "*I am the Immaculate Conception."*

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

I would bet that many Catholics think this solemnity is about the conception of Jesus, not Mary!

The Immaculate Conception asserts that, "*from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin."*

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "*The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."* — Catechism of the Catholic Church

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he or she only can fulfill.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas
8:00 am + MIRANDA PIQUES – Jane & Mike St. Germain
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 7 – Saint Ambrose
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel & family
+ STELLA PIASECZNY – Phyl Arthur
+ BEVERLEY ROONEY – Jacki & Selwyn
+ GEORGE B. ISSAC
- in thanksgiving and birthday blessings - Purita
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception
8:00 am – for the intentions of Desiree Lew
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, December 9
8:00 am + MARY PALINSKI – Kozuch, Bialek, Dryngiewicz families
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 10
8:00 am + DECEASED ANCESTORS – Thanh Nguyen
(Followed by 2000 Hail Mary Devotions all day.)
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MANUEL deVARGAS – Maria
+ SANISLAWA SOCHACKA – Dana Tomczak
+ MARK CHAVES & RICK OLIVEIRA – Maria Correia
+ APRIL MILNE – Dina and Steve
+ MANUEL MEDEIROS – Zelia B.
+ AGNES BONNAR – Janice Reidel

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + JORGIANA MELO, DECEASED FAMILY and ALL SOULS - Tina
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Youth Minister Employment Opportunity

St. Ambrose Parish in Cambridge is looking to hire a full-time **youth minister** (35 hours/week). It will be a 1-year contract renewable year by year. The successful applicant will be required to establish and run a youth group for grade school students and a separate youth group for High School students. The job will also require visiting in schools during the daytime as well as running the youth groups on a weeknight or Saturday evenings. The summer hours will be part-time. This position offers a competitive rate of pay with benefits and requires a commitment to work flexible hours.

For the full list of employment requirements please the Diocese of Hamilton website at

www.hamiltondiocese.bamboohr.com/careers/139

K-W Parishes' Penitential services for the Sacrament of Confession:

- Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6:00 pm
  Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 173 Lourdes St. Waterloo
- Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm
  St. Anne Parish, 268 East St. Kitchener
- Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm
  St. Joseph Parish, 148 Madison Ave. Kitchener
- Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 pm
  St. Aloysius Parish, 11 Traynor Ave.
- Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm
  St. Mark Parish, 55 Driftwood Dr. Kitchener
- Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm
  St. Mary Parish, 56 Duke St. Kitchener

Novena to Infant Jesus

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16th to December 25th, 2022. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus by mailing your prayer intentions along with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Or visit their website www.thecarmel.ca to electronically send your prayer requests. On their website click on the "Reflections" tab on the right, and then "Requests for our prayers."

Over the next few weeks, we will be practicing with our new digital video system camera, which will enable our parish to stream Masses on YouTube. This is in preparation before we "go live."

2023 Church contribution envelopes will be available for pick up this week, at the back of the church.

If you are currently actively using Church envelopes, another boxed set will be automatically provided for you.

To order a box of envelopes please contact the parish office. Those who contribute through church envelopes receive a yearly donation receipt.

2,000 Hail Mary Devotions will be held on Saturday, December 10th, beginning with Mass at 8:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join at any time during the day!

Prayers for the Sick - 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)

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas "Giving Tree"

Donations to assist the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society can be placed in the box beside the tree. Donation envelopes are provided, as they can provide charitable receipts.

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

The Knights of Columbus, Galt council 2184 will be having their annual get together and meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church Hall. All member Brother Knights are invited and requested to attend

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Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be arranging the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2023 and supports the bulletin service – making it free for our parish to have the bulletin printed. Please support the bulletin by advertising your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 to have this arranged.

Frassati Leadership Program

This program is to call forward young Catholic leaders from across the Diocese of Hamilton, to equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The target age group for this program is individuals in grade ten (ages 15-16). For information, please visit the Diocese of Hamilton website at **hamiltondiocese.com**

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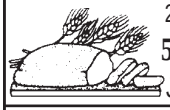

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