

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:

Monday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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 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. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

PARISH SCHOOLS: St. Anne School 519-621-8920
Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678
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.

FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

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.



Candlemas Day – February 2

Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus to the temple for the "rites of purification and dedication" as prescribed by the Jewish Torah. According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a Jewish woman bore a male child, she was considered "unclean" for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised. The mother continued to stay at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified. After the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice — a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves. Note: Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor as mentioned in Lk 2:24.

Also, Joseph and Mary were obliged by the Torah to "redeem" their first-born son: "The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me'" (Ex 13:1). The price for such a redemption was five shekels, which the parents paid to the priest (rabbi). This "redemption" was a kind of payment for the Passover sacrifice, by which the Jews had been freed from slavery.

Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the Messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, was inspired to come to the temple. He held baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying, "Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel" (Lk 2:29-32). Simeon, thereby, announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner.

He then blessed the Holy Family, and said in turn to Mary: "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed — and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword — so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare" (Lk 2:34-35).

He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, therefore the term "Candlemas."

As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, "Christian." We, too, received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest said, *"You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom"* (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Therefore, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ. Also, we must realize that we, too, will be "a sign that will be opposed," especially on issues of the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family.



Monday, February 2 – Presentation of the Lord

7:00 pm + EMILIA RAPOSO & DUARTE CANTO

Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm

Catechism video program after Mass.

Tuesday, February 3 – St. Blaise

8:00 am + PETER DOAN - Theresa Tran

CONFESIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

2:30 pm – Prayers for the Sick. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church. Please use the parking lot side door.

Wednesday, February 4

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel

+ JOAN O'DACRE – Ildiko and Robert

+ TERSINHA ANDRADE – her husband

+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria

CONFESIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, February 5 – St. Agatha

8:00 am – intentions of Leila Galera & family - Bernadette

CONFESIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki and companions

8:00 am + JOAO SOARES CABRAL – Anna Dias & family

CONFESIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, February 7

8:00 am – Mass for Healing of the Family Tree

CONFESIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + STEVEN WEHRLE – MaryEllen

+ MARIA MOURA – John and Maria Amaral

+ KHUONG DOAN

+ JOAO PAULO MONTEIRO & MARIA LOURES – their family

+ ELLA & WALTER NAWROT - Maria

Sunday, February 8 – 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 am + DECEASED BIZZARIA & CANTO FAMILIES

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

CONFESIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski 10th Bishop of Hamilton Diocese

The Installation of His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, as the 10th Bishop of Hamilton will take place on Monday, February 2, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton.

This is an invitation-only liturgical celebration. The Mass will be livestreamed with a link on the website hamiltondiocese.com allowing the wider community to participate prayerfully from home.

Please keep our new Bishop in your prayers as he begins his episcopal ministry among us.



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family

Let's honour and celebrate The Holy Family together by joining us in the church hall after the 11 AM Mass **on Sunday, February 15th**. There will be fun & activities for the whole family. **Please use the SIGN-UP SHEET** at the back of the church so we have an idea of how many people will be coming. Pizza will be served, and we kindly ask each family to please bring a side dish OR dessert to share! Everyone is welcome!

February St. Ambrose Youth Group Gatherings Grades 7 to 12 welcome!

Games, activities, uplifting prayer, and always snacks. Join us for the February evenings in the Church Hall - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (enter through side door on the parking lot)

Monday, February 2; Tuesday, February 10;

Tuesday, February 24

Contact Rose for info youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

Blessing of Throats will be held at the 8am Mass on Tuesday, February 3rd – Feast of St. Blaise!

Knights of Columbus Membership Dues

The Knights of Columbus Council # 2184 would like to request that members submit the annual dues for 2026. Cheques should be made payable to 'Knights of Columbus Council 2184' with your membership # and cash payments should include your name and membership #. **The current 2026 dues for members are \$50 and \$35 for honorary members.** Thank you.

Parish Youth – Ages 12 to 18, Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 – Youth Rally

Join other youth for an unforgettable day, as we lift the name of Jesus together! **Saturday, March 14th** in Toronto. Spots are limited, so don't wait—secure your seat today! Purchase your own youth conference ticket through their website www.ljhr.ca and then contact Rose to register for the bus (\$10). youth@stambrosecambridge.ca



Let's worship, celebrate, and experience His presence together. Invite a friend and be part of something powerful!

(QR code for ticket link)

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "Daughters of the King" will meet on **Tuesday, February 3, 2026** in the Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm. You're welcome to invite a friend to join us! All ladies are welcome.

The Serra Club meets at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo on the second Thursday of the month. Join us at St. Agnes for a Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction at 6:00 and Mass at 7:00. There will be a brief meeting and fellowship in the parish hall following evening Mass.

Serrans are lay Catholics dedicated to promoting vocations. Serra International is formally recognized by the Holy See as the only global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church.

Masses for 2026 are February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 19, October 8, November 12, December 10, 2026.

The Rosary on ZOOM every Monday at 7:00 pm. ZOOM Address: 891 4699 8295, Pass Code GvsW9U

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