

# 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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Statement on Bill C-218: No "MAiD" for Mental Illness



The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a statement strongly supporting Private Member's Bill C-218, which seeks to prevent persons whose sole medical condition is mental illness from accessing euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide ("MAiD").

The CCCB has a strong record of opposing "MAiD" and seeking to limit its scope in Canadian society. This statement has been approved by 14 Bishops from across Canada, who together form the Permanent Council, CCCB's most authoritative voice between Plenary Assembly meetings.

The statement's position aligns with the Permanent Council's 2023 Open Letter to the Government of Canada on Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide: "To enable or assist in the suicide for these patients directly contradicts national suicide prevention strategies and reneges on our collective social responsibility to provide persons living with mental health challenges with treatment, support, and hope through therapeutic interventions."

Referencing empirical research and the professional judgment of many mental health professionals, today's statement notes that mental illness is not necessarily irremediable. This implies that access to treatment for mental illness, including palliative care, must be improved.

The Permanent Council concludes with an exhortation to allow parliamentary voting on Bill C-218 to proceed according to their conscience rather than following party line.

To read the complete text, visit their website at [www.cccb.ca/](http://www.cccb.ca/)

Let your local federal representative know that you are against this Bill C-218.

Thomas Jefferson said that "*The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.*"

#### Monday, February 23

7:00 pm + JOSE CHAVES – Ilda and Joe Chaves  
*Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm*  
*Catechism video program after Mass.*

#### Tuesday, February 24

8:00 am + MARY & JOSEPH STOYLES – their family  
**CONFESSIONS 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 25

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY  
+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel  
+ MARIA MARGARIDA CHAVES – her family  
+ BARB & DON MATTHEWS  
- Intentions of the Leila Galera and family - Bernadette  
**CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

#### Thursday, February 26

8:00 am + KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI FAMILIES  
and DIANE AND VICTOR  
**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**

#### Friday, February 27

8:00 am + JOSEPH NGUYEN - Thanh  
**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**  
**6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

#### Saturday, February 28

**CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**  
5:00 pm + NANCY FERNANDES – her family  
+ MARIA ALBAQUERQUE  
+ CHRISTINA PEREIRA – her family  
+ ANTONIO CHAVES – Ilda Oliveira  
+ MARILYN TULK – Linda Fitzgerald

#### Sunday, March 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners  
11:00 am + GILDA FORMICA – Ildiko and Robert  
**CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am**

## Thank you!!

*Thank you* to everyone who join us for our Family Day celebration last Sunday. It was well attended and great fun for the whole family!! Parishioners were very generous with their donations of food and goodies, that were shared.

We hope to have another celebration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll keep you posted!

## Lent as a Time of Conversion

In his message for Lent 2026, Pope Leo XIV reminds us:

*"Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life."*

*Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled."*

Pope Leo's complete Lenten message can be found on the website [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va)

## Catechism Course for the Preparation of the Sacraments for Children/Teens

These programs are interactive parent-child, home study programs, designed to assist families whose children are enrolled in public or private schools, are homeschooled, or for other reasons unable to attend Catholic Schools. There are programs for every age from Kindergarten through to high school, including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please visit the website:

[hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) then the go to the "Evangelization and Catechesis" section for more information on how to register. (Or call our parish office for more info)

**Registration forms** for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion were due last week, at the parish office, for St. Anne and Holy Spirit grade 2s. If you child's form was not provided, please do so as soon as possible.

## Meeting regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation TUESDAY, February 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm At St. Ambrose Church

Parents/guardians of students in grade 7 are asked to attend this meeting to receive information about the Sacrament of Confirmation, and to register their son/daughter. Students are welcome to attend.

## Parish Youth Group!! Join in the fun

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) Tuesday, February 24  
Contact Rose for info [youth@stambrosecambridge.ca](mailto:youth@stambrosecambridge.ca)

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), social with food, vocations testimony, Lenten music concert, and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Ann Church (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON)**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)  
For information, contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Alliance for Life Ontario Youth Conference April 11, 2026 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Guelph Bible Conference Centre Ages – 14-20 years old  
Highlights of Discussion:

- Stephanie Smith and Adrian Faber (CCC) will focus on mental health including healthy relationships and God's design
- Workshops/Discussion will be held following the keynote session, dividing males and females
- Jakki Jeffs (AFLO) will present Wonderfully Made and the Good Samaritan

For information visit their website at:

[Allianceforlifeontario.ca](http://Allianceforlifeontario.ca) then click on "events" at the top of the page.

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