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.

Bishop Crosby's Lenten Message 2024

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent is upon us – a time to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ and seek inner transformation through fasting, prayer, and acts of generosity. The Church assists us by providing many supports. Throughout Lent we are invited to participate in community celebration of the Holy Eucharist – on Sundays and at daily Mass during the week. Reading and reflecting on the Scripture passages of the day is an excellent practice, as is any reading that guides you closer to the Lord.

Throughout Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in your Parishes. If you are unable to find a convenient time, contact your Parish Priest who will be happy to find a time suited to your schedule. Most Parishes pray the Stations of the Cross as a faith community. Or you can pray them privately at your Parish church. The Holy Rosary is always a prayer that promotes inner peace and closeness to the Lord.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace / Caritas Canada provides a variety of ways to offer "alms" to brothers and sisters in need through the Share Lent campaign. Create Hope is the central theme of this campaign for the coming five years. The specific theme this year is Reaping our Rights, echoing Pope Francis' recent reflections in Laudate Deum, "Everything is connected" and "no one is saved alone"! We are invited to uphold the rights of peasants, human rights, and environmental rights, ensuring respect for all.

The Cross traced on our forehead on Ash Wednesday reminds us that "we are going to die"! If we know we are going to die, we must decide "how we choose to live"! On Easter Sunday we renew our Baptismal Promises and are sprinkled with Easter water – washing away the ashes, and renewing the assurances of our faith! We choose to live by faith in Jesus Christ – who saves us and lifts us up!

We enter the Lenten Fast committed to make a difference in our own lives, in the lives of those we love, and in the lives of brothers and sisters in the Global South. Please be generous on Solidarity Sunday, March 17, 2024 – the Fifth Sunday of Lent. May God bless us all as we begin this sacred journey.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton Diocese

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 13
8:00 am + KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI and ORGANISCIAK FAMILIES
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, February 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY
8:00 am Mass + SOUL OF PETER – John Pham

1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.

7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ JORGIANA MELO & FAMILY – Tina
+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Ilda
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel
+ JOAO LUIS & ALDA BENEVIDES – Deb and Mark
- for the intentions of Bernadette
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, February 15
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

Friday, February 16
8:00 am + SOUL OF ANNA – John Pham
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 17
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm – the intentions of Colleen and Michael
+ DIMAS DIAS – Suzy
+ KATHRYN PADGET – Carmen and Simon
+ MARGARIDA MARIA CHAVES – her family
+ DECEASED CORREIA & REGO FAMILIES

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + JOAO & MARIA FITA – Deb and Mark
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. ***Fasting*** is for those who are 14 to 60 years of age. Fasting means reducing our food intake and no snacking, unless a person has a medical condition which prohibits fasting. ***Abstinence*** (no meat) for those 14 years of age and older. (medication is always permitted)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed Friday nights during Lent at 6:30 pm.

For those parents who did not attend the January meeting:

A meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students, regarding the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation on **Tuesday February 13, 2024** at 6:30 pm, in the Church. We kindly ask that at least one parent attend this meeting please. Registration forms will be handed out. *If you attended the January meeting, no need to attend this one.*

The Church office will be closed on Friday Feb 16 and Monday February 19.

COFFEE SUNDAY – February 18 after the 9am and 11am Mass. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the church hall and maybe a sweet treat!

The St. Ambrose High School Youth Group will meet on Tuesday, February 13th and 27th from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall. Young people in Grades 9-12 are invited! Hope to see you there!

"The Chosen" video series

The next gathering for the viewing of the video series "The Chosen" is tonight, Sunday, February 11th at 6:30 pm in our Church Hall.

2023 Charitable donation tax receipts are available to be picked up at the back of the Church. If you can not find yours, please contact the parish office.

St. Ambrose Parish Lenten Mission February 24 to 27

We are pleased to announce that **Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger**, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton Diocese, will be our facilitator this year.

Bishop Lobsinger will be the homilist at all weekend Masses on February 24/25, and then there will be Masses on the evenings of Feb 26 and 27 at 7:00 pm, at which Bishop Lobsinger will give the homily.

Retreats at Loyola House!
Ignatius Jesuit Centre

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence or a directed retreat? Interested in learning something new? Visit the website at **loyolahouse.com** (under "Events") for information on upcoming retreats & programs. Loyola House is located in Guelph, Ontario

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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 an 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 (Grade 4 and older) who would like to be altar servers are asked to contact the parish office.

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

2024 Church Envelopes – if you are still using previous years envelopes, please do not do so, as your envelope number may have changed on the computer system. Please contact the parish office to obtain 2024 envelopes. Thank you

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A WARM WELCOME to all new parishioners, visitors and the faithful to our Parish Community! We invite new parishioners to register with our parish. Please contact the parish office to register as a new parishioner. If you have moved, have a new phone number or email address please let us know by contacting the parish office. Thank you

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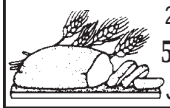

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