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.

What are you doing for Lent?

Here we are already in the liturgical season of Lent. It seems like we just finished the Christmas season. Some people see this as an opportunity to renew themselves through self-sacrifice, and prayer. Some have "given up" something they enjoy as a sacrifice. Some may "do something extra" to make their Lent more significant. Whatever you choose, we pray it will reinvigorate your faith!

The three pillars of Lent are – penance, fasting and almsgiving. These are typical ways of preparation for Easter.

Fasting can mean more than reducing food intake. Fasting can be from words of criticism and negativity; from irresponsible behaviour and unkind words. **Almsgiving** is giving to those in need, perhaps by giving money, but also by donating one's time to organizations that can use volunteers or using your time to visit a lonely relative, friend or neighbour. **Penance** by way of an act of self-denial or an act of piety or charity done out of sorrow for our sins helps to remind us of those who are not so fortunate as we are. Also receiving the Sacrament of Confession will reconcile us, to bring us closer to God.

How is Lent and Easter determined?

Each year, the Lenten season is determined by the liturgical observance of Easter Sunday, which is a "movable" Christian solemnity. The date can't be fixed, since Easter Sunday always occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon, after the Spring equinox. The first full moon after the equinox for this year is on March 25th, therefore making Easter on March 31.

Technically, Sundays are not part of Lent. Although we celebrate them liturgically as part of Lent, the Lord's Day cannot be a day of fast and abstinence. Six weeks of Monday through Saturday gives you 36 days. If you add to them Ash Wednesday and the three days after it, you get the 40 days of Lent.

Lent comes to an end before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Then begins the Triduum, the three most holy days.

Tuesday, February 20
8:00 am + THERESA RENAUD - Libiano
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, February 21
1:00 pm **–** Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY and for the intentions of Carmen and Simon
+ MARIA daGLORIA PINHEIRO – Zelia
+ GREG PIERZCHALA – Carmen and Simon
+ JOAO PAULO MONTEIRO & FAMILY
+ ANTONIO HIGINO GONCALVES – Libiano
- intentions of Cesar and Nena Francisco
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, February 22
8:00 am + Living and Deceased family of Joe and Ilda Chaves
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, February 23
8:00 am + SOUL OF JOSEPH – Theresa Tran
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 24
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + MILDRED KAVANAGH – Dale
+ MARIA USSEL HINERMAN – Katherine McLean
+ MARY & JOSEPH STOYLES – the family
+ MARIE HILTS & DECEASED D'ARCY FAMILY
+ ANTONIO CHAVES – Ilda Chaves
+ JASON PENNEY – his family

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 am – for the intentions of Rosemary Johnston
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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FOR LENT – there are videos for both adults, children and families to view.

Just a reminder… on the last weekend of each month the St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their donation boxes at the church exits. This will be Feb 24/25. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated!

"Daughters of the King" parish ladies' group will meet on Tuesday, February 20 from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for prayer, discussion and friendship.

Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration? Do you need some quiet time praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If so, this program is for you. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready you can drop them off to enjoy supervised play with other children for the remaining time while you adore alone. This will be held the LAST Wednesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am in the Adoration Chapel and Children's Liturgy room at St. Ambrose Church. Registration is required, please email **momtotsprayplay@gmail.com** Please register for the upcoming date of **WED., FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT Saturday, March 2 in Hamilton

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent, as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, music, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 2nd at St. Ann Roman Catholic Parish at 120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON.

Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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.

Monday, Feb 26 Mass at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 27 Mass at 7:00 pm

Bishop Lobsinger will be the presider and homilist.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2024

Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed.

Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 9 AM - 5:30 PM

Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)

Adult Tickets $ 30 / Youth Tickets $ 15

The bus will be leaving from Guelph at 7:00 AM and returning at approximately 7:00 PM. Bus details concerning cost and departure location are incomplete at this time. For ticket information call Tina 519-222-6283

15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday March 23, 2024

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill Toronto Event Venue

21 Old Mill Road Toronto (includes light lunch)

Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins

Speakers:

Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare

Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God

Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer

Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson

(wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson)

Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group

TO REGISTER VISIT www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

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

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

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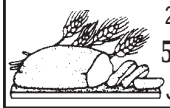

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