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. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Rose Capistrano - 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.

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.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is **Feb. 2**, which is also the *feast of the Presentation of the Lord*. Celebration of this day of prayer allows parishes and parishioners to highlight the gift of religious life and pray for those discerning a religious vocation.

St. John Paul II established the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the symbolic lighting of candles. "Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers.

What is Consecrated Life?

In responding to their baptismal call, some men and women join religious communities in order to consecrate their lives to God as a way of seeking holiness. To consecrate something means to set it aside or devote it to a holy purpose. When a man or woman decides to accept Christ's invitation to leave everything and follow Him in a more radical way, they make vows to live like Jesus in poverty, chastity, and obedience. They participate in a ceremony in which they make this commitment, much like a married couple exchanges their vows on their wedding day. They promise Christ that they will live the rest of their lives dedicated exclusively to Him. These vows help them to live simply, to be more open with God, and to depend totally on Him.

For most Catholics, the religious community is the most familiar form of consecrated life. In addition to the elements common to all consecrated life, religious life requires that those who have professed their entire life to living in community, sharing all they possess and engaging in the common apostolic works of their religious community. The Church recognizes many religious institutes, commonly called religious orders, congregations or societies. A religious man may be a monk, friar, or brother, and may or may not be ordained as a priest. A religious woman may be a cloistered nun or an active Sister.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 4
8:00 am – Intentions of Nonya Ngwaba
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, February 5
1:00 pm **–** Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome.
Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ JORGIANA MELO & DECEASED FAMILY – Tina
+ PETER TRAN – Theresa Tran
+JOSE AUGUSTO DaSILVA – Ilda
- for the intention of Carmen DeSousa
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, February 6
8:00 am – the intentions of the Scarfone family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, February 7
8:00 am + SOUL OF ANDY – Doreen Lehnen
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, February 8
8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass
2,000 Hail Mary Devotions will be held all day, beginning after 8am Mass. You're welcome to join in any time during the day.
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Margie
+ SR. CELESTE SWAN – Bev Bayus
+ JAMES, TED, STAN and JOHN KENNEDY – Genevieve
+ ANNE RENAUD – Teresa and Nick
+ ALBERT & KATHERINE DUFFY – Gert and Les
+ FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife
+ QUINTINO CORVAGLIA – Trish and Matt

Sunday, February 9
9:00 am + DECEASED CANTO & BIZZARIA FAMILIES
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Information Meeting for Parents Regarding Sacrament of Confirmation
Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm
In St. Ambrose Church

Parents of Grade 7 students of our parish schools are asked to attend this meeting to register their child and receive more about the Sacrament.

Youth Nights for High School Students

St. Ambrose Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 11 @ 6pm to 8pm

Please enter through the side door of the church on the parking lot side.
For information please email Rose, coordinator of Youth Ministry at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

Elementary Youth Group – ages 11 to 13 is held on the first and third Monday nights at St. Ambrose Church 6pm to 8pm, on the first and third Mondays of the month. Next date is **February 4th.**
(but will not held on Feb 17th – Family Day)

Society of Saint Vincent De Paul
(SSVP) **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, Please**

Parishioners, 18 years and older, are welcome to join SSVP as volunteers. As a Vincentian, there is the opportunity to use your unique talents and gifts to participate in charity works that uplift our neighbours who are in need. For more details, please contact Joe at 519-241-6070 or leave a message on the SSVP line 519-623-8764 and someone will call you back.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE - During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers (lectors, extraordinary ministers) to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of *Liturgical Ministers of Hope*. Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **OR** Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 5, 2025, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.

Pro-life Prayer Vigil - Thursday, FEBRUARY 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, in Kitchener, to pray for babies being aborted, and their mothers.

Attention: Knights of Columbus

Membership fees for the year 2025 are now due, as we will have State and Supreme per capita assessments and insurance premiums to pay in January.
Regular members – $50; Honorary Members – $20
Cheques should be made payable to:
Knights of Columbus, Galt Council # 2184
We ask that you address an envelope to KofC 2184 and place it in the collection basket at church.
Please ensure that your name is included, as well as any changes in address or email contact. In addition, our new Grand Knight, Deacon Terry Osmar would be happy to welcome you to our meetings, now held on the last Wednesday of alternate months, **beginning in January** at 7:00. Thank you for your support. (*date correction from last week)*

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "*Daughters of the King*" will meet on **Tuesday, February 4th** in the Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm. You're welcome to invite a friend to join us! All ladies are welcome.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK takes place from **Sunday, February 2 to Saturday, February 8**, 2025. This week celebrates Catholic health institutions and organizations across Canada united in a 400-year healing mission inspired by a Spirit-led calling to care for all people with compassion and humanity in body, mind and spirit. This year's theme, "CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME", celebrates the interconnectedness of all creation and inspires us to work toward environmental sustainability and human health and well-being in our homes, workplaces, and communities. In Canada, Catholic healthcare serves over 5 million Canadians each year and employs over 88,000 people – something to celebrate!

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in Your Son's Kingdom as Sisters, Brothers, religious Priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of You, and send Your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to Your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

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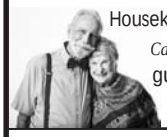

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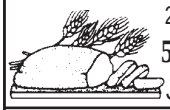

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