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.

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a powerful demonstration of His divine nature and the manifestation of His glory, which Jesus possessed prior to coming to earth in the human form.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. While praying, His personal appearance was changed into a glorified form, and His clothing became dazzling white. Prophets Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about His death that would soon take place. Peter, not knowing what he was saying and being very fearful, offered to put up three shelters for them. This is undoubtedly a reference to the shelters that were used to celebrate the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, when the Israelites dwelt in shelters for 7 days (Lev. 23:34–42). Peter was expressing a wish to stay in that place. When a cloud came over them, a voice said, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen, whom I love; listen to Him!" Then cloud lifted, Moses and Elijah had disappeared, and Jesus was alone with His disciples who were still very much afraid. Jesus warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after His resurrection. The three accounts of this event are found in Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36.

The purpose of the transfiguration of Christ showing His heavenly glory was so that the "inner circle" of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. The disciples, who had only known Jesus in His human body, now had a greater realization of the divinity of Christ, though they could not yet fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets. But God's voice from heaven – "Listen to Him!" - clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus. The One who is the new and living way is replacing the old – He is the fulfillment of the Law and the prophecies in the Old Testament. Also, in His glorified form they saw a preview of His coming glorification and enthronement as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The disciples never forgot what happened that day on the mountain and no doubt this was intended. John wrote in his gospel, "We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only" (John 1:14). Peter also wrote of it, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18). Those who witnessed the transfiguration bore witness to it to the other disciples and to countless millions down through the centuries.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 27
8:00 am – for the intentions of Lucia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, February 28
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – Thanh
+ JOE PENNEY – Kay
+ CHRISTINE BORGES – Ilda
- intentions of Lourdes and Rafael Daza
- Intentions of Bice Rinaldi – Helena and Kevin
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, February 29
8:00 am + WILFRED ORIO – his family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, March 1
8:00 am + SOUL OF MARIA – 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, March 2
8:00 am **–** Healing of the Family Tree Mass

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + EDWARD OUD – Dave Johnston
+ JOSE GOULART – DeAlmeida family
+ RICHARD JAMES FERRERI – Lirusso family
- intentions of Reggie Weidinger – from Anneliese & Klaus
- for those suffering emotionally, physically or spiritually

Sunday, March 3 – 3rd Sunday of Lent
9:00 am + HARRY & JOSEPHINE STRYBOSCH – Doreen & Tony
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

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**
The upcoming date of **Wednesday, February 28**, 2024

Step/Blended Family: Smart Steps for Building Family

Are you a parent or step-parent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street - **Saturday, March 9, 2024**, 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: $50 per person (includes lunch). Register on line at **hamiltondiocese.com** and look under Upcoming Events, or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

St. Agnes Parish in Waterloo "Education Café"

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the "right words" to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the "St. Agnes Education Cafe" talk: **"Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free".** Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, **Sunday March 3rd**, 1:30pm, St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St N. in Waterloo.

The Fine Art of Being Happily Married

In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, *"A good marriage must be created*" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Saturday, May 4th from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at the Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster. Cost is $50 per couple and includes lunch. Register on the website **hamiltondiocese.com** and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

Parish Lenten Mission

Join us as we continue our parish Lenten Mission, with Holy Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 pm.
Bishop Lobsinger will be our celebrant.

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at website **hamiltondiocese.com**

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

Was your Wedding not within the Church?

A wedding in the Catholic Church is a Sacrament and as such, is celebrated within the Catholic church setting.
For Catholics, who are already married outside our faith for whatever reason *(such as a civil wedding; a destination wedding; a wedding in a non-denominational chapel; or in another faith church)* the appropriate course of action is to speak to their parish priest regarding the possibility of having your marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Some people call this having a marriage "blessed" but the proper term is a "Convalidation." A convalidation and Sacrament of Confession would be required before any Catholic person who was married outside the Catholic faith may present themselves for Holy Communion. Please speak to Father Gary if you have questions about having your marriage convalidated.

"If we had a minute of silence for each of the 4.5 million children killed by abortion in Canada between 1969 and 2020, we would be standing in silence for 8.5 years". Let us pray for an end to abortion ~ CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE

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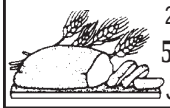

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