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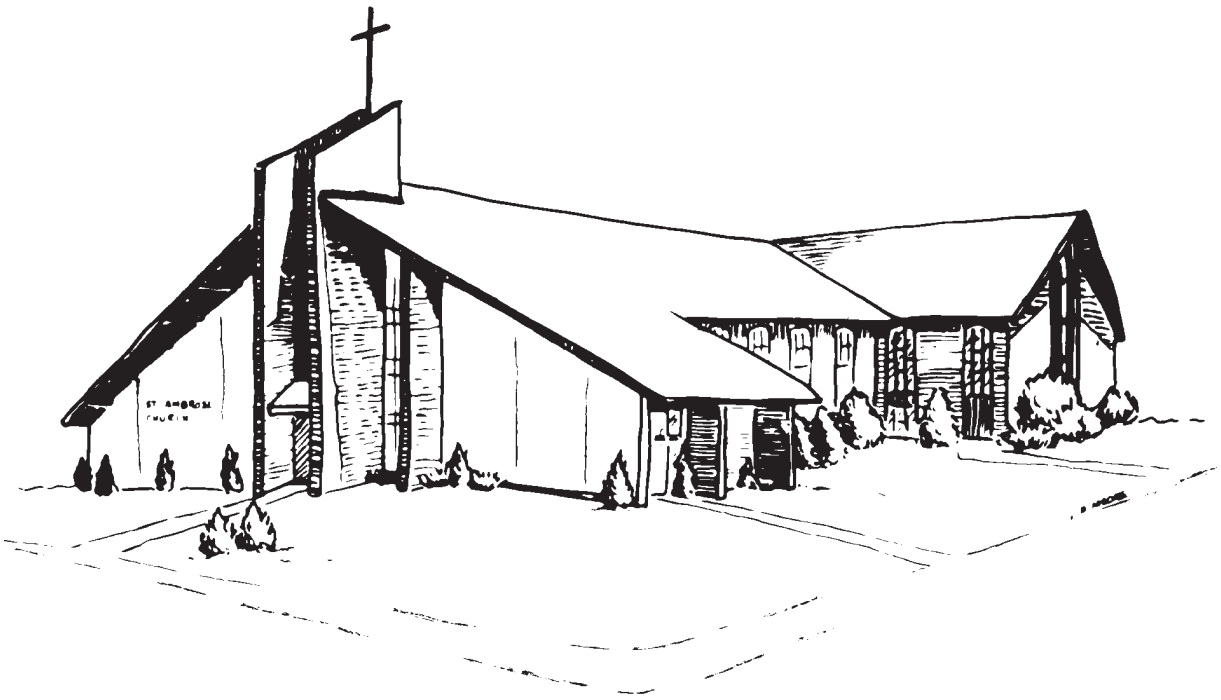

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Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on booking a Baptism date and the dates of upcoming Baptism preparation meetings.

MARRIAGE

Adequate preparation including Marriage Preparation Course is required.
Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

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Please inform us of hospitalization or confinement to home due to illness.

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Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Masses at
9:00 am and 7:00 p.m.

Similar to last year, parishes will distribute ashes during Mass. After praying the blessing of ashes and sprinkling them with holy water, while wearing a mask, the Priest, Deacon, or Minister distributes ashes on those who come forward, SPRINKLING THE ASHES ON THE TOP OF EACH PERSON'S HEAD.

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)

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent, a six-week period (excluding Sundays) dedicated to prayer, fasting, and reflection in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum. The late Henri Nouwen described Lent as a time to re-focus and to re-enter a place of truth. It is here where we find our true identity.

The ancient practice of Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are mortal. It causes us to pause and look at our lives– remember what we are made of, remember where we are going- and encourages us to fully immerse ourselves in the Lenten season.
The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are obtained from the burning of the palms from a previous year's Palm Sunday. The ashes are blessed by the priest during the Ash Wednesday Mass after the homily.

Acts of penance, fasting and almsgiving 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 us to remind us of those who are not so fortunate as we are. Also receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation to bring ourselves closer to God.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop D. Crosby OMI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After significant work at both the national and local levels, I am pleased to provide an update on the participation of the Diocese of Hamilton in the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

In late January 2022, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announced the establishment of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, a charity whose mandate is to receive, manage, and disperse $30 million in collective contributions promised by Canada's Catholic dioceses.

The Diocese of Hamilton, as an enthusiastic supporter of this initiative, will commit $4 million to the fund over the next 5 years. While our Indigenous partners in this program will be determined in the weeks ahead, the funds will be allocated to programs that work toward accomplishing Call to Action #61 of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission: healing and reconciliation projects; culture and language revitalization projects; education and relationship-building projects; and dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth.

Of these funds, $2.1 million will be allocated through partnerships within the Diocese of Hamilton, while $1.9 million will support initiatives in other dioceses/communities of need across the country. The Diocese is committed to fulfilling its $4 million commitment. Parishioners across the diocese will be invited to support this initiative through various means in the coming years.

While the Diocese of Hamilton ran no residential schools, we take seriously our part in supporting the CCCB effort to promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. With Jesus Christ as our model, the Church stands with those who suffer, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. May God, the Creator of all, bless this initiative and the journey toward healing and reconciliation.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Pray for Us!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton Diocese

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 1
7:00 pm – Intentions of Bob and Peggy Rann – Teresa & Nick
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, March 2 – ASH WEDNESDAY
9:00 am + SOULS IN PURGATORY – Filomena Teixeira

7:00 pm – intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges
- intentions of Ernie and Connie Daza
+ STANISLAWA SOCHACKA – Grace
+ JOSE LARAJNEIRO – Fatima and Tony
+ SANTINA PAGLIAROLI – Valentino & Maria and family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, March 3
7:00 pm + DECEASED FAMILY of Paul and Min
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, March 4 – First Friday
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
7:40 pm - *Stations of the Cross*
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory at 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 5 – First Saturday
9:00 am **+** DENISE ARCHEMBAULT - Yolanta

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + MILICA SIMIC – Mila and Slobodan
+ GIUSEPPE MANNI – Gail and Frank Escobar
+ ISABELLE CANTO – Mary Crowder
+ DECEASED SOUTO & MILNE FAMILIES
+ MANUEL and MARCELIAN SILVEIRA – Zelia Bento

Sunday, March 6
9:00 am – intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am – Intentions of Daniela and Frank Cekan and family
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Lenten Daily Video Reflections, available on your smart phone or computer

During Lent, Dr. Tim Gray, the President of the Augustine Institute, will offer a free video presentation on the daily readings of the Mass. Each presentation is about 4-5 minutes in length and gives an explanation of the Scriptures for the day, as well as concrete ideas as to how to apply them in your life. Dive deeper into the Season of lent. To access the website go to **www.formed.org**

(*If you previously signed-up, just sign in as usual*)

1. Click "sign up"
2. Click "sign up as a parishioner"
3. Enter "N1R2P4"
4. Click "St. Ambrose Parish"
5. Click "Next"
6. Enter your name and email
7. Click "Sign up"
8. Click on the Search icon (small magnifying glass symbol up in the left corner)
9. Type in "daily reflections for Lent"

Formation program for Volunteers to the Ministries of the Word (Lector) OR Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

The Liturgy Office of Hamilton Diocese is pleased to offer in-person formation at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Forest Road, Burlington, ON on **Saturday, March 5th, 2022** for the following two Ministries:

- **Minister of the Word 10am to 12:30pm**
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion 1:30pm to 4pm**

Registration is required as space is limited to 40 participants at each workshop. In keeping with the Government of Ontario Covid-19 protocols, we require all participants to adhere to social distance mask wearing protocols while attending the workshop.
Please register at the website:
hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/

Stations of the Cross will be held weekly on Friday nights during Lent, at **7:40 pm** (following 7pm Mass).

"God never tires of forgiving us;
we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."
Pope Francis

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