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.

St. Agatha, whose feast day is Feb 5th is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family.

From her very early years, Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances toward her.

However, one of the men who desired Agatha, Quintianus, a high ranking diplomat, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge.

He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage. To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned - in a brothel. Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of assaults and efforts to get her to abandon her vow to God and go against her virtue. Quintianus heard of her calm strength and ordered that she be brought before him once again. During her interrogation, she told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom. Enraged, Quintianus sent her off to prison instead of back to the brothel. This did not deter Agatha. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured. He had her stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. This evil man ordered that her breasts be cut off.

He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. Agatha had a vision of the apostle, St. Peter, who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers. After four days, Quintianus ignored the miraculous cure of her wounds. He had her stripped naked and rolled over naked over hot coals which were mixed with sharp shards. When she was returned to prison, Agatha prayed, "Lord, my Creator, you have ever protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer: receive now my soul."

Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251.

She is commonly featured in religious art with shears, tongs, or breasts on a plate.

St. Agatha is the patron saint of Sicily, breast cancer patients, Palermo, rape victims, and wet nurses. She is also considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires. Her feast day is celebrated on February 5.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 6
8:00 am + RODERICK ORIO – his family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, February 7
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick CANCELED TODAY ONLY

7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ SAUL OMAR RAYOFF – Daysi
+ VICKY LYNN JORDA- Natalie and Kathy
+ SOUL OF PETER – Theresa Tran
- Living and deceased family and friends of Theresa DeSouza
- for the intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges and family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, February 8
8:00 am + JUANA ORIO - her family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, February 9
8:00 am + FRANK & MARIA PERIERA – Elsa and Manuel
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, February 10
8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass
2000 Hail Mary devotions will be held in the Church all day, beginning after morning Mass. You are welcome to join at any time during the day!

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass +FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife
+ HARRIET BLACK – Theresa and Nick
+ ART CAMPBELL – Ann and Dan Wilson
+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria
+ RUGGERO CHELLI – his family

Sunday, February 11
9:00 am + ARTHUR BOYD - his family
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

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.

If you would like to use Church donation envelopes, please contact the parish office to have this arranged.

If you are using previous years envelopes, please discard them and contact the office for new 2024 envelopes. Thank you!

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**

Struggling Marriage? Find Hope with Retrouvaille

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy? Does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It has proven positive results for struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. **The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024.** For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com

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St. Ambrose Parish ladies' group, *Daughters of the King,* will gather on Tuesday February 6 and 20th at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. You are most welcome and invited to bring a friend.

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 to join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

Retreat Night at St. Patrick Church

All ladies are welcome to attend a retreat evening in **St. Patrick Church parish hall on Tuesday, Feb. 13th** at **7pm**. The presentation will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Diocesan Family Ministry Office, which will help you to learn to F.L.Y. – **L**ove **Y**ourself **F**irst! When we love ourselves, we are happier, healthier and stronger, which makes us a better person for all the other special loves in our lives!

Mardi Gras Moms' Night Out at St Clement's

Calling all moms of young families! Do you need a fun night out before the penitential season of Lent kicks in?

Come to St. Clement Church in Cambridge on **February 13, 7pm** to meet amazing Catholic moms where you'll laugh, eat some sweets, listen to a New Orleans inspired playlist and casually gander at the different stations set up to give you ideas on how you and your family can observe Lent.

There will be 30 take-home Lent kits available on a first come, first serve basis and a digital guide will be sent out as well.

Please email Andrea Szrejber, Family and Children's Ministry Coordinator at St. Clement Church, Preston, **andreaszrejber@gmail.com** if you plan to attend

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Separated / Divorced Support Group for Waterloo Region Catholics

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 pm – February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18. Feel free to come early and join in prayer at 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

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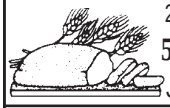

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