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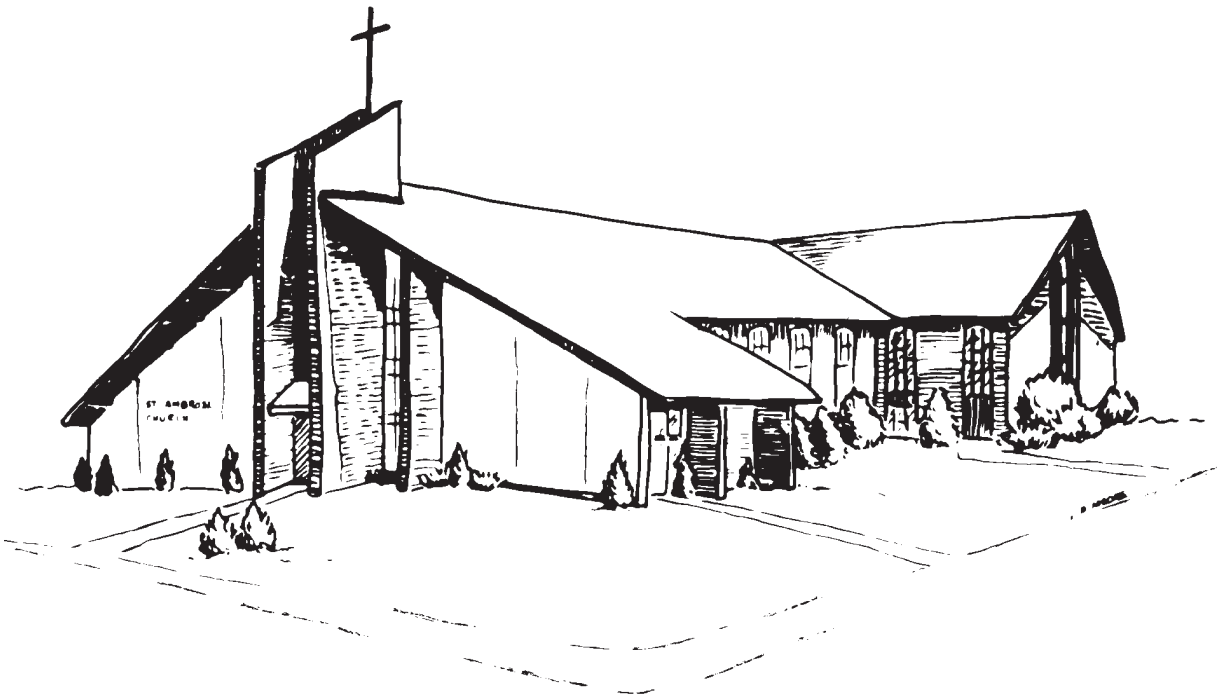

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on the baptism preparation program, which is required before a date is booked.

MARRIAGE

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

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Feast Day of Saint Agatha – February 5th

St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, 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, the notably beautiful 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 seeking her and making unwanted advances toward her.

However, one of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, 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 had her arrested and brought before the judge, and Quintianus was the judge.

The judge 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 -- a move intended to make her even more afraid.

Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured. He had her stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Noticing Agatha was enduring all the torture with a sense of cheer, he commanded she be subjected to a worse form of torture - 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. He was her Sacred Physician and protector. 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."

Saint Agatha died around the year 251.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 7
8:00 am + RUGGERO CHELLI - Lucia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, February 8
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick, everyone welcome. Please enter the church through the side door on South Street.
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ JUANA PALOR-ORIO – Orio family
+ JOSE DeSOUSA SILVEIRA – Mikac family
+ SOUL OF JOSEPH – Theresa Tran
+ STEPHEN NWEKE EZEANYA
+ JORGIANA MELO, SPOUSE & FAMILY – Tina
- conversation of Shirley and Tony Borges
+ MARIE HILTS – her family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

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

Friday, February 10
8:00 am – the healing of Agata Krowlak
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, February 11
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + TERESINHA ANDRADE – Les & Gert Gueth
+ JOAO PAULO TAVARES MONTEIRO – his family
+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Ilda Oliveira
+ ISIDORA SILVA – Eva and Gus Silveira
+ VICKY & GEORGE CARBAGE & FAMILY – James & Geneveive
+ DECEASED BENEDEK FAMILY – Ildiko and Robert

Sunday, February 12
9:00 am + JOHN AND IRONDINA CANTO - Mary
11:00 am – intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass

We are pleased to announce that our Children's Liturgy Program, held during the 11:00 am Mass, begins today, February 5.

We ask the children to remain with their parents in the church until Father Gary invites them to come forward at the beginning of Mass.

More volunteers needed for this program – We welcome high school students and adults. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Barb at the parish office.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the students of our parish schools who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist on these dates/times:

Saturday, February 11 – Grade 2 students of
St. Vincent de Paul School at 12 noon and 2:00 pm
(Classes have been separated due to the high number of students)

Saturday, February 25 – Grade 2 students of
Holy Spirit school at 12 Noon

Saturday, February 25 – Grade 2 students of
St. Anne School at 2:00 pm

Lift Jesus Higher Rally - Saturday March 4, 2023
www.ljhr.ca
at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre
For tickets, please contact Tina at 519-222-6283.
Adult tickets are $25.00 pp. A bus is being arranged to depart from the area of Hwy 6 and 401. Bus fare to be finalized.

Be A Man men's group at St. Ambrose Church, Saturday mornings at 7:00 am in the Church hall. All men, aged 18 and older are welcome for prayer and discussion with coffee/muffins provided.

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Diocese of Hamilton Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Sunday April 16, 2023 at 1:30 PM.

This is an annual Mass for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th plus Wedding Anniversary!

Mass includes a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. **Registration required online at the diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com** A formal invitation (including general information and directions) is mailed to the home of the anniversary couple once registration has been received.

Website Hamiltondiocese.com

Marriage Outside the Church

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a Sacrament and as such, is celebrated within the Catholic church setting.

Before making wedding plans it is important to contact your parish priest.

The parish priest will work with you to ensure your marriage follows the correct Catholic protocols.

For Catholics, who may have married outside the Church or 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 name is a "Convalidation." A convalidation and Sacrament of Confession would be required before any Catholic marriage outside the Catholic Church may present themselves for Holy Communion. Please speak to Father Gary if you have questions about having your marriage convalidated.

Seminary Education collection – special collection this weekend, Feb 4/5. This is an annual Diocesan collection which provides funds for the educational support of our seminarians.

Quote from St. Thomas Aquinas:

The Sacrament of the Body of the Lord puts the demons to flight, defends us against the incentives to vice and to concupiscence, cleanses the soul from sin, quiets the anger of God, enlightens the understanding to know God, inflames the will and the affections with the love of God, fills the memory with spiritual sweetness, confirms the entire man in good, frees us from eternal death, multiplies the merits of a good life, leads us to our everlasting home, and re-animates the body to eternal life."

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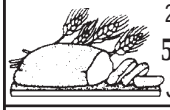

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