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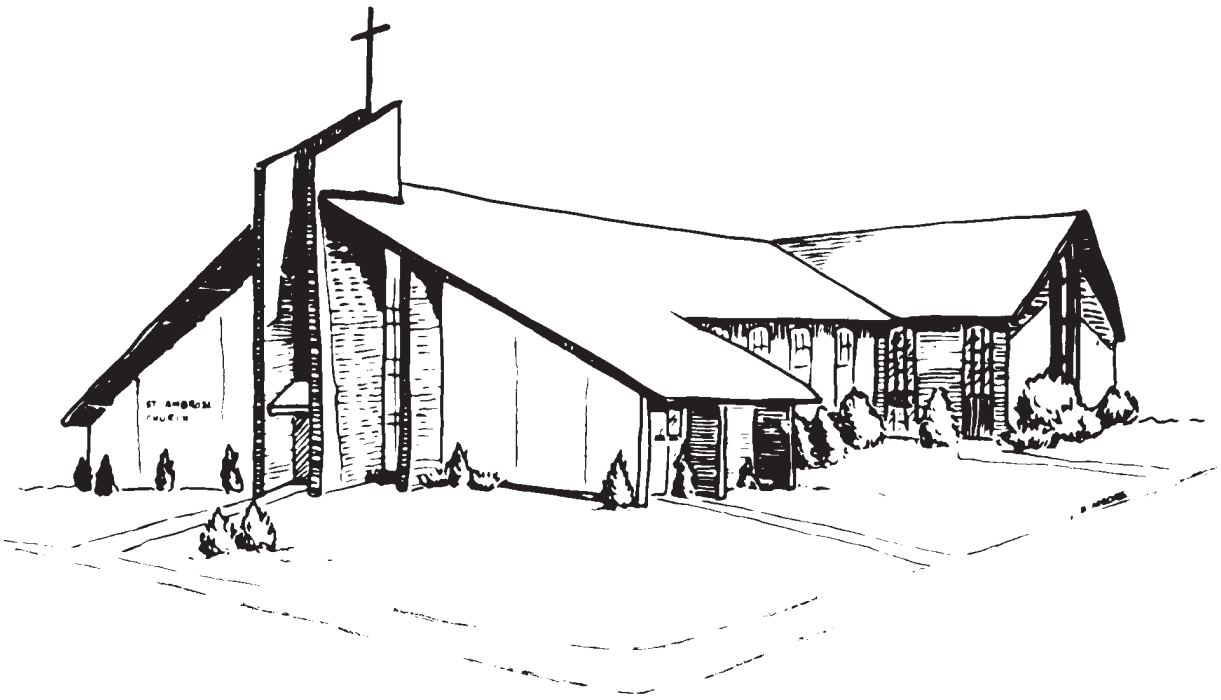

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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

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Saint Scholastica – Feast Day Feb. 10

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Saint Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Reflection

Scholastica and Benedict gave themselves totally to God and gave top priority to deepening their friendship with Him through prayer. They sacrificed some of the opportunities they would have had to be together as brother and sister in order better to fulfill their vocation to the religious life. In coming closer to Christ, however, they found they were also closer to each other. In joining a religious community, they did not forget or forsake their family but rather found more brothers and sisters.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, February 8
7:00 pm + RUGGERO CHELLI – Maurice and Lucia Chelli
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, February 9
7:00 pm + MARIA ABREU – Grace
+ MARIA CAETANO DIAS – Anna and Manuel Dias
+ FRANK & MARIA PEREIRA - Elsa and Manuel
+ LEA AMOG-KERRY – Felix and Efrem
+ SOULS IN PURGATORY – Desiree
- for the intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, February 10 – Feast of St. Scholastica
7:00 pm + JOHN CANTO – Irondina and Mary
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, February 11 – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
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, February 12
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + HANNAH ZAMPRONA – Teresa and Nick
+ MARIA PIMENTEL – Barb Hiller
+ BRIAN CORREIA – Maria & John Correia
+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – His parents
+ JOAO MEDEIROS – Teresa and family
+ ANA MEDEIROS – Rose Miseferi and Kathy & Russ

Sunday, February 13
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + LEO JOHNSTON - Rosemary
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

2021 Donation Receipts are available from the parish office or can be picked up at the main entrance area of the Church during weekend Masses.

Yearly Diocesan collections

Each year the Diocese of Hamilton requests parishes to collect for various charitable needs. These "special collections" are in your box of donation envelopes. The yearly collections are:

- **Seminary Education Collection** (Feb 5) Provides support for the educational needs of seminarians in our Diocese
- **Share Lent collection** (April 3) – Supports "Development and Peace" the official development organization of the Canadian Catholic Church which supports worldwide needs of charitable work in developing countries.
- **Needs of the Church in the Holy Land** (April 15) Originally initiated by Saint John Paul II for the support of the Church in the Holy Land
- **Pope's Pastoral Works collection** (May 29) – Provides support for the Pope's Pastoral Services as Head of the Church and to contribute to his works of charity.
- **Cura Pastorum** (June 12) (Latin for *Care of the Priest)* Provides support for the retired priests in the Diocese of Hamilton
- **Needs of the Canadian Church** (Sept 25) Provides support for the "Catholic Missions in Canada" organization
- **World Mission Sunday** (Oct 23) Provides support for the Propagation of the Faith, and World Missions

In addition to these collections, our parish has financially supported the "**Sisters of the Holy Trinity**" Mexico Missionary work, for 22 years! This collection is taken up monthly. The Sisters run several "homes" for teenage girls to provide them with education and shelter. These young girls usually come from abusive or troubled families; or are in danger of falling prey to drugs or prostitution.

Thank you for the many years of financial and prayerful assistance!

RETROUVAILLE: A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES is a program designed to support struggling marriages. It can even be of assistance to couples who have separated but are willing to work on their relationship. COVID has challenged many couples, but this program is highly successful in helping couples to reconnect and move forward together. The next session is scheduled for March 11th - 13th and there are still spots available.

(retrouvaille is a French word which means to re-unite or reunion and is pronounced *reh-troov-eye)*

http://retrouvaillehamilton.com/

Thank you from our Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

We thank all parishioners for your continued generous support of those in need within our parish neighbourhood. Below represent the number of people assisted last year:

115 homes were visited in 2021
198 visits were made to these 115 homes
This represents 363 adults & 284 children
56 Christmas hampers were delivered.

"*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply,* ***'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'***"

Gospel of Matthew

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2022

For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

https://thepopevideo.org/

The Witness of Faith in the Home
February 16, 2022 from 7:00-8:30 PM

Connie Clark is the author of numerous books, booklets and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their beautiful, vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on these four guidelines to guide families as they grow in faith: Awaken the sense of God; Take first steps in prayer; Form consciences; Understand Christian love as a reflection of God's love.

Online workshop – please register through this link

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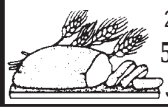
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