

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:

Monday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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 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. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

PARISH SCHOOLS: St. Anne School 519-621-8920
Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678
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.

FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



When the Lord Jesus went to the Jordan River to be baptized, St. John the Baptist knew that Jesus did not need baptism.

He was astonished (perhaps even horrified) by Jesus' request, saying: "*I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?*" St. John the Baptist, Matthew 3:14

Our Lord answered him:

"Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Jesus, Matthew 3:15

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist not for his own sins, but to **fulfill all righteousness**, publicly inaugurate His ministry as God's Son, identify with sinful humanity, and set an example for His followers, symbolizing His acceptance of God's will and the path to His atoning death on the cross.

Key Reasons for Jesus' Baptism:

- Fulfilling Righteousness:** Jesus stated it was fitting to be baptized "to fulfill all righteousness," aligning Himself with God's plan and demonstrating perfect obedience.
- Public Identification:** It publicly launched His mission, with God the Father affirming, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, signifying His divine identity.
- Symbolizing Union with Sinners:** By entering the water where others confessed sins, Jesus symbolically took on humanity's guilt, foreshadowing His ultimate sacrifice on the cross for humanity's sins.
- Setting an Example:** As a model teacher, Jesus showed His followers the path to a new life and obedience, demonstrating the importance of baptism.
- Anticipating the Cross:** The watery descent into the Jordan is seen as an anticipation of His descent into death (the "baptism" of the cross) and subsequent resurrection.

PRAYER:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we may be faithful to our call as Children of God, listening to you, guided by Your Spirit, to fulfil our unique and definite purpose. Amen.



Monday, January 12

7:00 pm + MARIA & JOSE SOUSA – Ilda and Joe
Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm
Catechism video program after Mass.

Tuesday, January 13

8:00 am + FERNANDA DaSILVEIRA – her parents
CONFessions at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am
2:30 pm – Prayers for the Sick. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church. Please use the parking lot side door.

Wednesday, January 14

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Thanh Nguyen
+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel
+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria
+ MARIA CONCEICAO CABRAL – Anna Dias & family
CONFessions at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, January 15

8:00 am + MANUEL SOUSA - Maria
CONFessions at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, January 16

8:00 am – intention of Lalaine Galera & family - *Michelle*
CONFessions at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, January 17

CONFessions at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + RUTHANN ROY – Myra and Paul
+ MARIA HOMEN – Fatima and Tony
+ MIGUEL ALBUQUERQUE – Carmin
+ LUCIA and LUIGI, and RICARDO INCITTI – Laura
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Julie Harney

Sunday, January 18 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am + DANI CETRA – Cetra 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

Dear St. Ambrose Parishioners,

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the incredible generosity you shared through your donations of time, treasures, and talents for our bake sale and raffle. Your homemade treats, raffle contributions, helping hands, and joyful spirits turned this event into a true celebration of community and faith.

Thanks to your generosity, the bake sale and raffle raised \$1,212.00, a wonderful blessing for our parish. Every hour volunteered, every item donated, and every act of support reflects the spirit of stewardship that makes St. Ambrose such a special place.

We are deeply grateful for your kindness and willingness to serve. May God bless each of you abundantly for all that you do for our parish and for one another.

With sincere thanks and gratitude,

Rose Capistrano/St. Ambrose Youth

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "Daughters of the King" will meet on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026** in the Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm. You're welcome to invite a friend to join us! All ladies are welcome.

Catechetical Course for the Preparation of the Sacraments for Children/Teens

These programs are interactive parent-child programs, designed to assist families in the whose children are enrolled in public or private schools, are homeschooled, or for other reasons unable to attend Catholic Schools. There are programs for every age from Kindergarten through to high school, including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please visit the website:

Hamiltondiocese.com then the go to the "Evangelization and Catechesis" section for more information on how to register.

(Or call our parish office)

Coffee Sundays: Join us, weekly, for refreshments in the Church Hall, after the 11am Mass.



2026 Youth Celebration Tuesday, January 13th

New Year... New Grace...Same faithful God!
Let's Go!

At St. Ambrose Parish Hall on Tuesday January 13th from 6pm to 8pm – 12 to 18 year olds welcome!! Fun, Food and Friendship!

Please contact Rose for information at
youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

Youth nights for January will be:

Tues., January 13; Monday, Jan. 19; and Tuesday, Jan. 27.



Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students, regarding the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation – **Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm**, in the Church.

At this meeting, sacramental information will be provided and the registration forms will be handed out to the parents. This meeting is for all parents of grade 2 students of St. Anne School, and Holy Spirit School.

(St. Vincent de Paul School is now ministered to by Father Alberto of Our Lady of Fatima Church)

Have you considered being a lector at Mass?

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (Lectors) The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. **Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops Hamiltondiocese.com

Be A Man Group, will resume their gatherings on **January 17th**. They meet 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



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