

# 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.

## Saint Agnes – Feast Day January 21<sup>st</sup>

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high-ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death!

Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower.

In one incident, Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!"

In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy.

Next, he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword.

The stories go on to explain that another man presided over Agnes' trial after Sempronius excused himself. The new man sentenced Agnes to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out to the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by Christians. She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on 21 January 304.

Agnes was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. Her bones are currently conserved beneath the high altar in the church of Sant'Angese fuori le mura in Rome, which was built over the catacomb that held her tomb. Her skull is preserved in the church of Sant'Agnes in Agone in Rome's Piazza Navona.

In 1858, Father Caspar Rehrl, an Austrian missionary founded the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms.



### Monday, January 19

7:00 pm + GILDA FORMICA – from a friend

*Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm*

*Catechism video program after Mass.*

### Tuesday, January 20

8:00 am + DECEASED FAMIY OF SILVINO & MARIA CHAVES

**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 21

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Thanh Nguyen

+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel

+ JOAO & MARIA CHAVES & DECEASED FAMILY

- intentions of Leila Galera and family – from Catherine

- Intentions of Stanley and Judith Ngwaba

- intentions of the Drabik family

**CONFessions at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

### Thursday, January 22

8:00 am + KLASINA VAN HEES – G.S.

**CONFessions at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**

### Friday, January 23

8:00 am + INES & JOSE DeSUSA – Elsa and Noella

**CONFessions at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**

### Saturday, January 24

**CONFessions at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

5:00 pm + JORGE CHAVES – his family

+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his family

+ HERMANO CASTELO – Antonio

+ TERESA SANTOS – her family

+ CATHERINE DECKER – Keith & family

### Sunday, January 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 am** – for the intentions of all parishioners

**11:00 am** + HEINZ HENKEL – Bernadette and Todd

**CONFessions: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am**

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

These programs are interactive parent-child, home study programs, designed to assist families 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 for more info. )

**Mom & Tots Pray & Play:** Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready, leave them to enjoy supervised play time with other children for the remaining time while you pray alone. This is held the LAST Monday of each month from 10:00-11:30am in the Adoration Chapel and Children's Liturgy room at St. Ambrose Church. **Registration is required**, please email momtotsprayplay@gmail.com Please register for the upcoming date of Monday, January 26, 2026

## Knights of Columbus Membership Dues

The Knights of Columbus Council # 2184 would like to request that members submit the annual dues for 2026. Cheques should be made payable to 'Knights of Columbus Council 2184' with your membership # and cash payments should include your name and membership #. **The current 2026 dues for members are \$50 and \$35 for honorary members.** Thank you.

**Just a reminder... on the last weekend of each month the St. Vincent de Paul Society** have their donation boxes at the church exits. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated! There are requests from families and individuals almost daily asking for help with food. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the Church exits next weekend, **January 24/25**.

**Donations to the Church** – Donation receipts can only be issued to people who provide their full name and address. All charities must comply with the requirements of the Charities Directorate of Canada. (This information is directed to parishioners who do not use church donation envelopes.)

## 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. 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 [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)



## 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)*

## Parish Youth – Ages 12 to 18,

### Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 – Youth Rally

Join other youth for an unforgettable day, as we lift the name of Jesus together! **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** in Toronto. Spots are limited, so don't wait—secure your seat today! Purchase your own youth conference ticket through their website [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) and then contact Rose to register for the bus (\$10). [youth@stambrosecambridge.ca](mailto:youth@stambrosecambridge.ca)

Let's worship, celebrate, and experience His presence together. Invite a friend and be part of something powerful!

**Thank you to all our parishioners, family, and friends** who supported our fundraisers during the holiday season. Your generosity helps us send the kids on the bus at a discounted rate. God is good!

**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.

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