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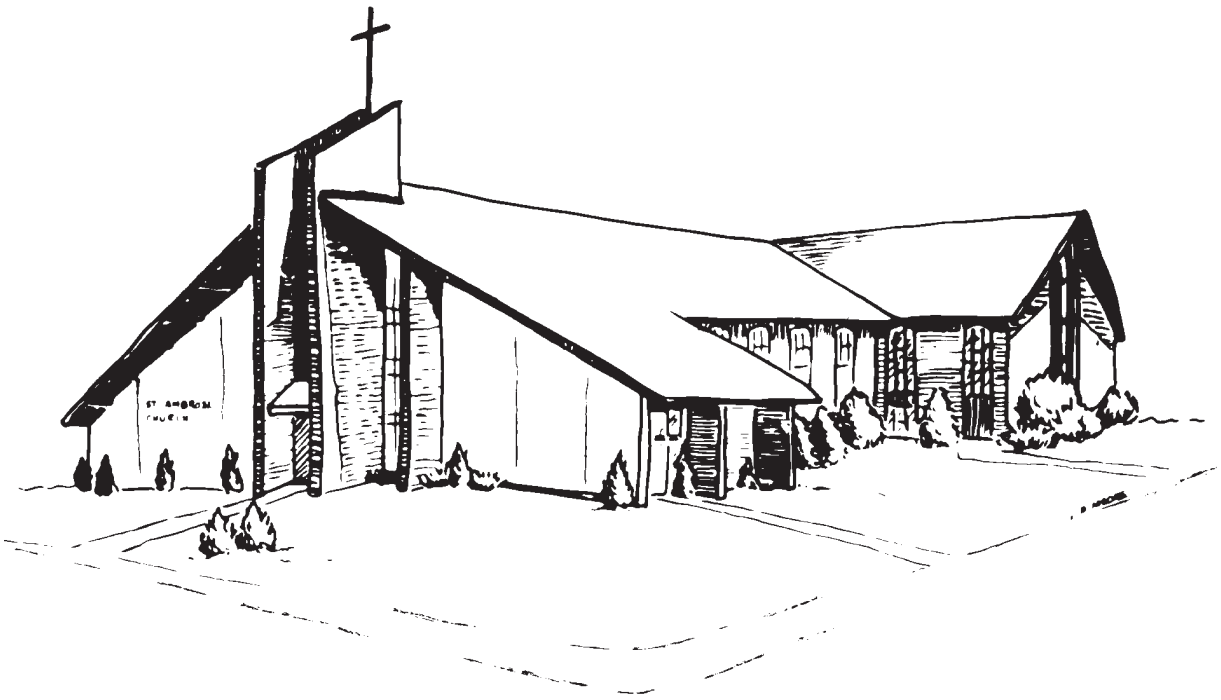

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Rev. Mr. Nick Cherri - Deacon
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Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
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Carol Renner - Housekeeper
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

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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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 17
8:00 am – the intentions of Sandra and Rocco Scarfone & family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, January 18
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Theresa Tran
+ MARIA FATIMA MEDEIROS – Matilda
+ MARY PALINSKI – Kozuch, Bialek, Dryngiewicz
+ MARK COSTELLO – his family
+ STEPHEN NWEKE EZEANYA
+ SOUL OF PETER – Theresa Tran
+ ANA BRAGA & MARIA BRAGA – their family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, January 19
8:00 am + DECEASED TEIXEIRA & PERREIRA FAMILIES and JOE TEIXEIRA – Theresa and Marie
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, January 20
8:00 am – healing for Agata Krolak
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, January 21
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MILDRED KAVANAGH – Gerry
+ STELLA ZAPOTOCZNY – her family
+ ELISE GIACOMELLO – Lirusso family
+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his wife and family
+ JOSE MONTEIRO & FAMILY – his family
+ RALPH RYAN & GRANDMOTHER – James & Genevieve

Sunday, January 22
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel & family
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Parent Meeting regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm
At St. Ambrose Church

Parents/guardians of students in grade 7 are asked to attend this meeting to receive information about Confirmation, and to register their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students are welcome to attend.

Be A Man Men's Group for St. Ambrose Parish is pleased to announce that we will be starting up again on **Saturday January 21st at 7:00AM** in St. Ambrose Church hall. All men welcome, 18 years and older.
Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship, and good coffee. For info. call Joe at 519-241-6070

Today's Gospel recalls the Baptism of the Lord, when John the Baptist announced: "*Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" And John testified, "*I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and remain on Him. I myself did not know Him, but the One who send me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'*"

Normally, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany. This year it was changed to January 9th, as Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God were on Sundays. However, it's not too late to emphasize that Jesus, as our Lord, who was born without sin, set for us an example of our own baptism, by being baptized Himself!

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolic of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity came into our soul. At His own baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray, during our life, to avoid sin so as to receive the Sacraments

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Parishioners can sign-up for the **Hamilton Diocese email newsletter** on the website:
hamiltondiocese.com

A Letter from Bishop Crosby and Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger "Synod on Synodality"

Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Thirteen months ago, the Holy Father invited the whole Church, and indeed the whole world, to enter into a journey called the *Synod on Synodality*. This journey will culminate with the Synod of Bishops which will take place in October 2023 and 2024. It is an opportunity for the Church to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking through its members.

After the initial opening ceremony in Rome in October 2021, each Diocese also celebrated an opening ceremony followed by a listening process to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. In the Diocese of Hamilton, our process involved some in-person discussions, however, since Covid restrictions made in-person gatherings difficult, if not close to impossible, most of the input came through online surveys. We received just under 2,000 survey results. These results were analyzed and our Diocesan Report was produced. (This report, along with all other reports on the Synod, can be found on our Diocesan website.) This report was combined with the eleven other Ontario Latin-rite Diocesan Reports and two Ontario Eastern Eparchial Reports to create the Ontario Synod Report. The Ontario Report was sent to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and together with the reports from the three other Canadian regions was used to create the Canadian Report, which was subsequently sent to Rome.

We are now at the *Continental Stage* of the Synod. The Vatican, having received 112 Latin Rite Reports and 15 Oriental Church Reports, has produced a working document called "*enlarge the space of your tent*." This document will be discussed by the seven continental groups. Our group is the North American group, which consists of Canada and the United States of America. These final seven reports will be sent to the Vatican, and from these, the *Working Document for the Synod of Bishops* will be created. Inspired by the Synodal process, and aware that we needed a collective reflection on the life of our Diocese, we initiated a process called, ***Forward Together in Christ***.

Our first step was to arrange discussion groups with our Priests, Permanent Deacons, and Pastoral Ministers. These discussions have already provided greater insight to our Diocesan challenges and hopes. As we move into the Spring, we will expand our outreach by asking for the input of various Catholic groups and organizations. Next Fall, *Forward Together in Christ*, will move into the parish phase of our consultations. Priests and people of each parish in our Diocese will be invited to come together for discussions and wisdom sharing. It is by hearing the many voices of the Church, Clergy, Religious and Laity that we will be able to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit and move *Forward Together in Christ.* Over the next several months the Diocese will produce three brochures: "What is Sodality", "The Synod", and "Forward Together in Christ." Hopefully, these brochures will assist all of us to better understand, and participate in, the Synodal process, for it is TOGETHER, moved by the Spirit, that we build the Kingdon of God.

Sincerely, in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ *Douglas Crosby* OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

+ *W. L. Lobsinger*
Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton

Special Collections throughout the year:

The Diocese of Hamilton, each year, requires parishes to have "special collections" for various needs. These collections are:

- Seminary Education
- Share Lent (devp.org)
- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
- Pope's Pastoral Works
- Cura Pastorum – provides support for retired priests of our Diocese
- Needs of the Canadian Church Missions
- World Mission Sunday

In addition to these collections, every month our parish financially supports the **Sisters of the Holy Trinity Mexico Missionary work.** The Sisters provide education and a safe home to teenage girls who are in danger of living their life on the streets of Mexico. Our Parish began this support of the Sisters mission work just over 20 years ago.

If you would like to order a box of 2023 church donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

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Prayers for the Sick at St Ambrose Church Weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Please enter the church using the side door on South Street (the Adoration Chapel entrance)

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Beyond the Pew speaker series

St. Clement Church, 745 Duke St. Cambridge

Everyone is invited to hear insightful speakers with "boots on the ground" experience who will share their stories on homelessness, addictions, mental health, and youth in our community. A good opportunity to really know what's going on in our community. Each evening is from **7pm to 8:30 pm**

January 24, 2023 – Joe Mancini, Co-founder of "The Working Centre"

February 21, 2023 – Wayne Paddick, executive director of "The Bridges" and Bryan May MP of Cambridge

March 21, 2023 – Lisa Legault, Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Eva Vlasov – Exec. Director of Argus Residence; and a Region of Waterloo Police Officer

Register your attendance by phoning 519-653-6123 or email to stclements@rogers.com

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Pope Francis' Prayer intention for January 2023 – For Educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than confrontation and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Pope Francis – January 2023 www.thepopevideo.org

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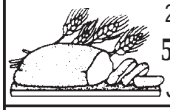

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