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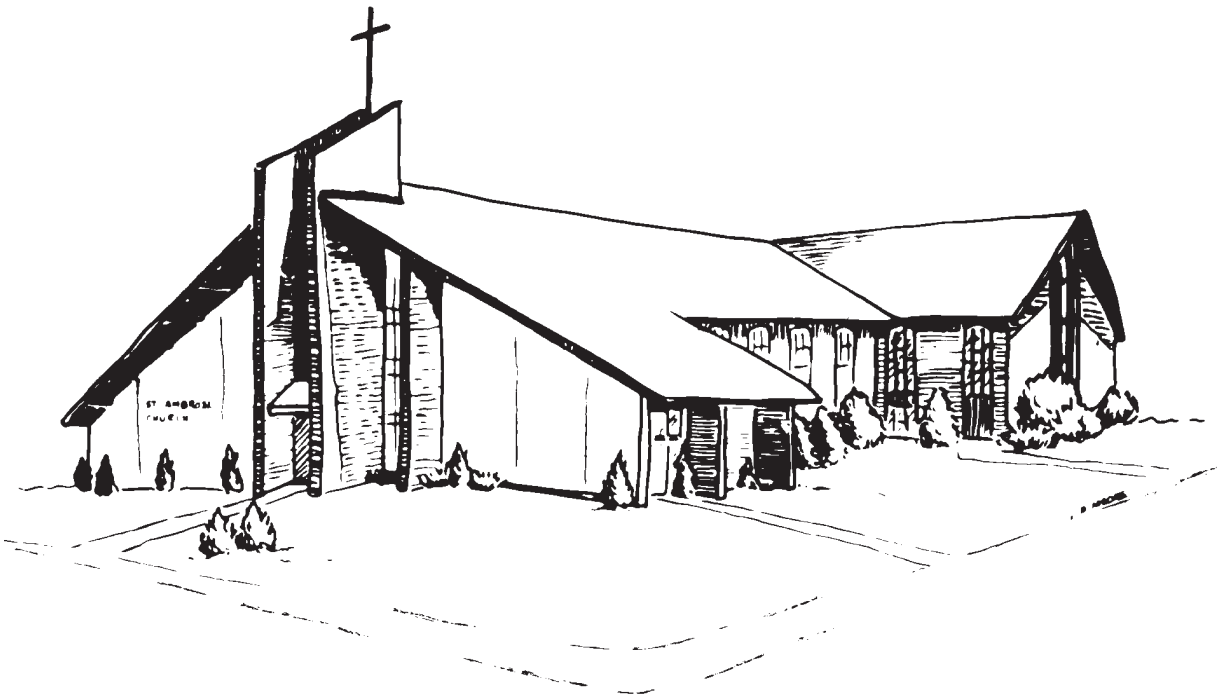

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"***For we have observed His star at its rising, and have come to pay Him homage"***

The Feast of Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has been celebrated in a variety of ways. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to all people.

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning, almost universally, on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out in the Western countries into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men.

Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide - the Twelve Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ by His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is often as important as the celebration of Christmas. In Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child—while in Northern Europe, it's not unusual to give gifts on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between).

Why did they bring gold, frankincense and myrrh?

Many believe these three "gifts" foretold the life of Christ:

Gold was, and still is, a precious metal. In ancient times it was reserved only for royalty. The gift of gold to the Christ child was symbolic of His divinity and kingship.

Frankincense comes from tree resin. Frankincense was once greatly valued throughout the Middle East. It was very expensive and a gift having a wonderful fragrance. It was used for a variety of purposes such as incense and in religious worship, symbolizing Jesus' priestly ministry.

Myrrh was also an expensive gift, and came from tree resin. It was used for its aroma and medicinal value but as mentioned in John's gospel it was used to prepare Jesus' body for burial.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 pm + ALBERT G. KERN – Gloria Majich

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 pm + MARIA CABRAL – Tony Etelvina
+ ALL SOULS – John Pham
+ DECEASED FAMILY of Simon and Carmen deSOUSA
+ ADEALIDA delaPAZ – Raymond
+ MILAN MAJIC – Mila and Dan Eljuga
+ JOAO SOARES CABRAL – Anna & Manuel Dias

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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

Thursday, January 6

7:00 pm – In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and the Saints – Maria Corriea

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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

Friday, January 7

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, January 8

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + MARY McLENNAN – Mae Mertens
+ MARINO & LUISA CORVAGLIA – Alba
+ JOAO MEDEIROS – Teresa and family
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Dale
+ IRENE, MANUEL and JOHN SILVA – Maria Canto
+ JOHN KENNEDY – Kenney family

Sunday, January 9 – Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am - for the intentions of Sunday and Patience John - from Desiree Lew

CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Dear Parishioners, thank you for your thoughtfulness during the holidays by giving us Christmas cards, gifts and goodies.

You've made our celebration of the birth of Christ the Lord even more joyous!

Father Gary
Father Michael King
(retired, in residence)

Thank you to volunteers

What a year it's been! Who would have thought we'd still be dealing with this pandemic of illness? But goodness is always around us in the form of our dear parish volunteers. We are blessed with volunteers – new and old – who came to our assistance when needed most! Thank you in particular to our music ministry volunteers, ushers and lectors who help every weekend. May God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

Sacramental Registration forms for Grade 2 and Grade 7 students

Sacramental Registration forms for First Holy Communion and Confession (Grade 2 students) and Confirmation (Grade 7 students) were provided through the schools prior to Christmas holidays.

We kindly ask parents to complete the forms and return to the parish office as soon as possible, either by email or brought to the office.

Dates of the Sacraments will be provided in the new year. Thank you.

If your child did not receive your child's form, please find a copy on our parish website in the **Sacraments section** http://www.stambrosecambridge.ca/

Myra Klaassen – Parish Ministry: Myra has recently retired from the Registered Nursing Association. Therefore, she will no longer be considered our parish "nurse", but rather will be involved in Parish Ministry, especially to the sick and shut-ins.

Myra has been a blessing to our parish for the past 7 and we look forward her continued ministry to our parish.

Year of *Amoris Laetitia Family*

On the Feast of the Holy Family, December 27, 2020, Pope Francis announced the upcoming Year of Amoris Laetitia Family. The year, which began on March 19, 2021, celebrates the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia, on the beauty and joy of love in the family.

The "year" runs slightly longer than a calendar year, since it officially ends during the World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022. Family is the foundation of every society, so the year is an opportunity for us to examine, celebrate and reinvigorate all families and help them to see their essential value as the "Domestic Church."

The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to celebrate the beauty and joy of family with us during this year dedicated to family and remind you of Pope Francis words from Amoris Laetitia: "*My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary*."

January is the first month of the series and the only month where there will be a three-evening session (all others will be one night each month). **Bishop Lobsinger** will give an overview of the document, "Amoris Laetitia" on Jan. 12th and 19th and Theresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, will wrap up the sessions on Jan. 26th, with each session at 7 p.m. The title of this first talk will be, "The Joy and Struggles of Family: Revealing the Wisdom in Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia."

To view upcoming events, including online speakers please go to this link:

https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/

Guide us to thy perfect Light!

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who now know You by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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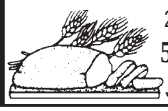
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