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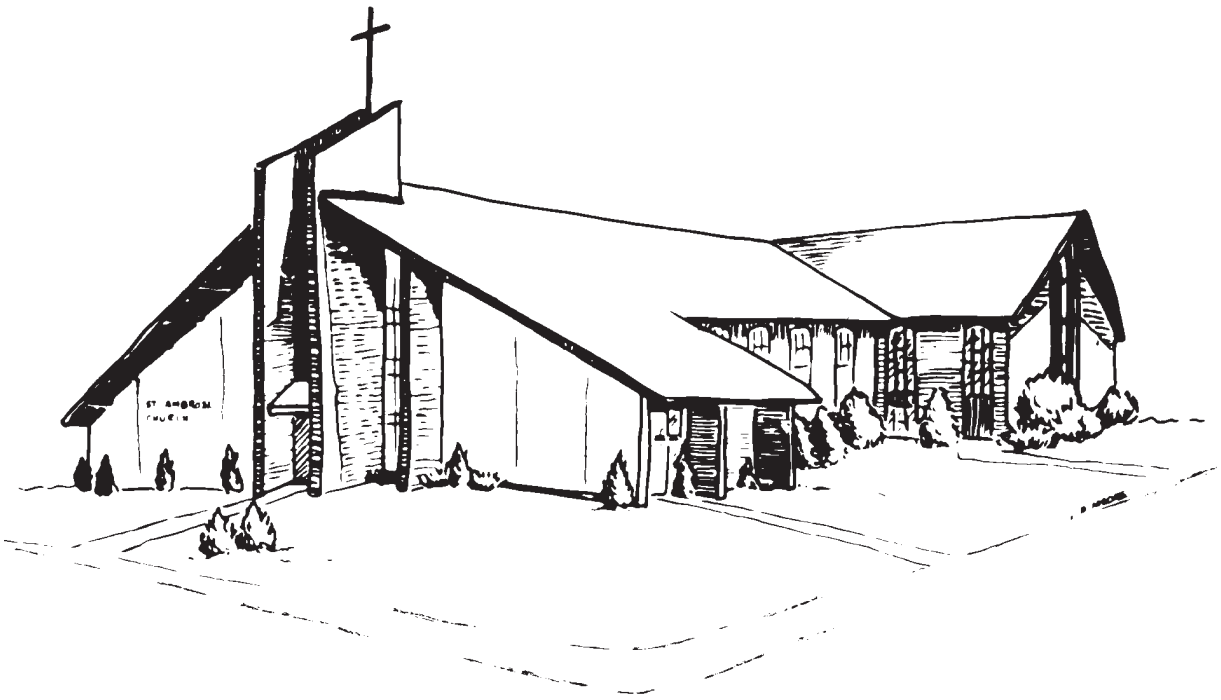

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

SUNDAY MASSES

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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St. Agatha, Feast Day – February 5

St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family.

From her very early years, Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her.

One of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge.

He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying: "*Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil*." With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage.

To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned - in a brothel. Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of assaults and efforts to get her to abandon her vow to God and go against her virtue. Quintianus heard of her calm strength and ordered that she be brought before him once again. During her interrogation, she told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom.

Enraged, Quintianus sent her off to prison instead of back to the brothel -- a move intended to make her even more afraid.

Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured. He had her stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Noticing Agatha was enduring all the torture with a sense of cheer, he commanded she be subjected to a worse form of torture, this evil man ordered that her breasts be cut off.

He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. He was her Sacred Physician and Protector. Agatha had a vision of the apostle, St. Peter, who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers.

After four days, Quintianus ignored the miraculous cure of her wounds. He had her stripped naked and rolled over and over hot coals which were mixed with sharp shards. When she was returned to prison, Agatha prayed, "*Lord, my Creator, you have ever protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer: receive now my soul.*" Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251.

Prayer: Saint Agatha, you suffered sexual assault and indignity because of your faith and purity. Help heal all those who are survivors of sexual assault and protect those women who are in danger. Amen

Tuesday, February 1
7:00 pm – Intentions of Monika Garlisi
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, February 2
7:00 pm + LUCY and OLIVER LANGLOIS – Grace
+ ALL SOULS – John Pham
+ MANUEL deVARGAS – wife Maria
+ MARIA CABRAL – Tony Etelvina
+ JERSY LEWINSKI
- intentions and conversion of Shirley and Tony Borges
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, February 3 – Saint Blaise
7:00 pm – intentions of Peter and Louisa Lai
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, February 4
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 5 – Saint Agnes
*** 9:00 am +** ED & JOE TEIXEIRA, and the DECEASED TEIXEIRA AND PERREIRA FAMILIES – Marie & Theresa

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + VINKO GRIZELJ – Mila and Slobodan
+ JOSE LUCIANO GANHOTO – DeAlmeida family
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Julie Harney
+ EMILIA & MANUEL MOREIRA – Rosa
+ DOMENIC BELLISSIMO – Lena
+ GEORGE BRYLOWSKI

Sunday, February 6 -
9:00 am + HAZEL & ARNOLD LANGLOIS – Langlois 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

*** Please note that February 5 is the First Saturday of the month, and there will be Mass at 9:00 am**

Prayers for the Sick at St. Ambrose Church

Weekly on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Please use the church side door Chapel entrance on South Street

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Blessing of Throats will be held on the Feast of Saint Blaise, at 7pm Mass, Thursday Feb 3rd.

For decades many Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to these, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the "Edict of Toleration" (in 311AD), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wild animals.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

Blaise is seen as another example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus.

With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Saint Blaise's protection.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil - Thursday, February 3, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

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Keep up to date on new from the Vatican, and throughout worldwide Catholic communities, on this website: https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html

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Please, silence or turn off your cell phone while at Mass. Thank you!

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 tab**

http://www.stambrosecambridge.ca/

St. Ambrose Prayer Network

There are times when we need prayerful help. We are not alone, but part of a loving community of faith and we can rely on other members of our community to help us in our time of need. Our prayer network consists of persons who are willing to pray for the prayer intentions that are telephoned to them. If you, or someone you know, have a need for prayers, please call Peggy at 621-9828.

When receiving Holy Communion:

- Please do not have chewing gum in your mouth.
- Hands should be held one on top of the other, left hand over the right hand, and place the Holy Communion immediately in your mouth, before turning to walk away.
- Please stay in the church immediately after receiving Communion. Remain to pray after receiving the Holy Eucharist.
- Please observe the one hour fasting before receiving the Holy Eucharist
- Those receiving on the tongue are to wait until the end to come forward to Father

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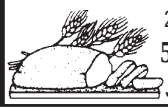
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