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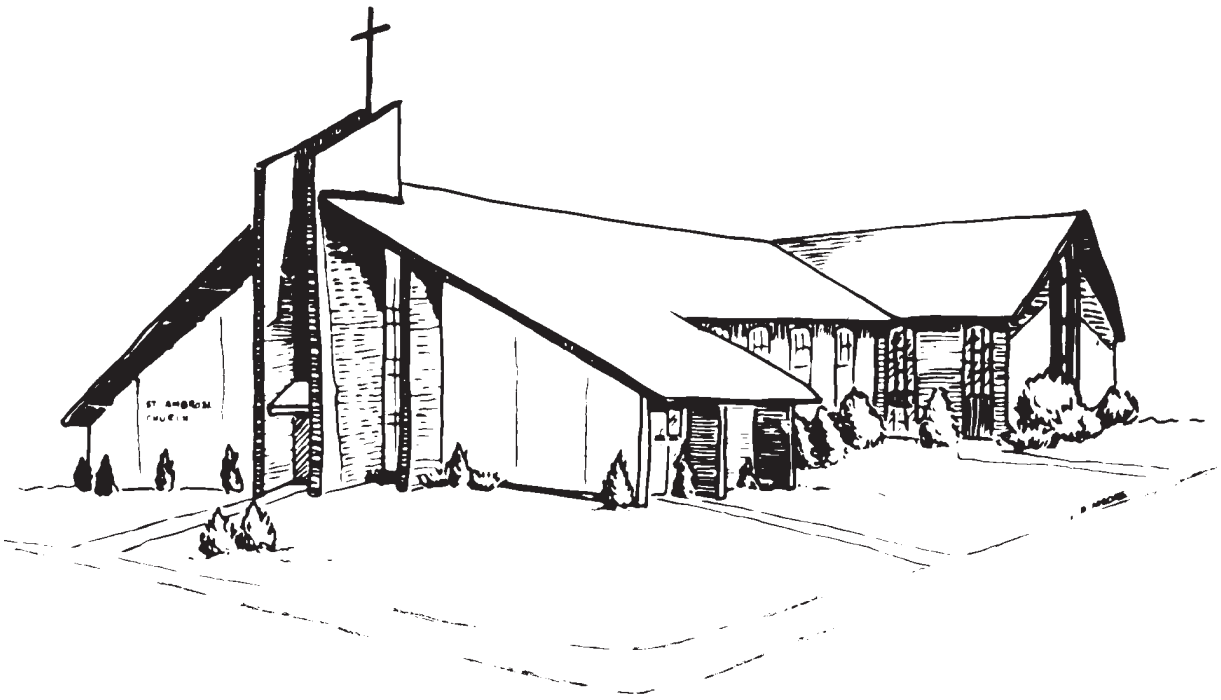

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

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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Why was Jesus baptized?

At first glance, it seems that Jesus being baptized has no purpose at all. John's baptism was the baptism of repentance, but Jesus was sinless and had no need of repentance. Even John was surprised at Jesus coming to him. John recognized his own sin and was aware that he, a sinful man in need of repentance himself, was unfit to baptize the spotless Lamb of God: "*I need to be baptized by You and You are coming to me?*" Jesus replied that it should be done because "it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness".

There are several reasons why it was fitting for John to baptize Jesus at the beginning of His public ministry. Jesus was about to embark on His great work, and it was appropriate that He be recognized publicly. John was the "voice crying in the wilderness" prophesied by Isaiah, calling people to repentance in preparation for their Messiah. By baptizing Jesus, John was declaring to all that here was the One they had been waiting for, the Son of God, the One he had predicted would baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire".

Jesus' baptism also showed that He identified with sinners. His baptism symbolized the sinners' baptism into the righteousness of Christ, dying with Him and rising free from sin and able to walk in the newness of life. His perfect righteousness would fulfill all the requirements of the Law for sinners who could never hope to do so on their own. When John hesitated to baptize the sinless Son of God, Jesus replied that it was proper to "fulfill all righteousness". By this He alluded to the righteousness that He provides to all who come to Him to exchange their sin for His righteousness.

In addition, Jesus coming to John showed His approval of John's baptism, bearing witness to it, that it was from heaven and approved by God. This would be important in the future when others would begin to doubt John's authority, particularly after his arrest by Herod.

Perhaps most importantly, the occasion of the public baptism recorded for all generations to come the perfect embodiment of the triune God revealed in glory from heaven. The testimony directly from heaven of the Father's pleasure with the Son and the descending of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus is a beautiful picture of the Trinitarian nature of God. It also depicts the work of the Father, Son and Spirit in the salvation of those Jesus came to save. The Father loves His people from before the foundation of the world; He sends His Son to seek and save the lost; and the Spirit condemns sin and draws the believer to the Father through the Son. All the glorious truth of the mercy of God through Jesus Christ is on display at His baptism.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 11
7:00 pm + JORGIANA MELO, SPOUSE & SONS - Tina
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, January 12
7:00 pm + EMILIA MORAIS – Carmen & Simon DeSousa
+ MARIA CONCEICAO and ANTONIO FIGUEIREDO – family
+ ALL SOULS – Theresa Tran
+ AURORA CALCAO & MARIA GREGORIO – their family
- intentions of Shirley & Tony Borges – from Ilda
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, January 13
7:00 pm + FERNANDA daSILVEIRA – Ana & Manuel daSilveira
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, January 14
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 15
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MILDRED KAVANAGH – Colleen Harney
+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria
+ LISA DULOVIC & FAMILY
+ KEITH & FRANCE OUIMET-WILSON – deAlmeida family
- intentions of Rosie Daza and family

Sunday, January 16
9:00 am + ANTONIO & ISABEL daCOSTA – their 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

A fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.
https://thekidsbulletin.com/

A New Year's Message from the Sisters of the Holy Trinity in Mexico City:

Fr. Gary, and St. Ambrose Parish Community. We are sending you our Christmas greetings. May God bless you always and also, I would like to express our gratitude for the donations we have received. To each one of you, thank you for being part of the Trinitarian Mission in Mexico. We pray to God that this Year 2022 is filled with good news, health and hope. Thanks to our Sister Vera, who is always available and sends information on our Mission and is our representative in this dear Parish of St. Ambrose. Greetings from our girls of the Mission Home and the Trinitarian Sisters. Blessings always!

Sister Alma Muñoz
Casa Hoga, Mexico City

(Our Parish monthly Mexico Mission collection, which assists the *Sisters of the Holy Trinity* missionary work in Mexico City, will be collected today at all Masses, and on the second weekend of each month. Our Parish has been assisting this Mission house for over 20 years.)

Online Giving

Parishioners are able to donate to St. Ambrose Church through a diocesan approved program called "CanadaHelps". ***How does it work??***

- go to our parish webpage **www.stambrosecambridge.ca**
- click on the "donate now" icon
- you will be redirected to our parish page on CanadaHelps
- fill in the online form, which asks for your donation information. Click on "donate" and then within a few seconds you will be redirected back to our parish website.
- recurring monthly donations can be set-up with your credit card
- CanadaHelps is a **secure website.**
- **Important** - CanadaHelps will also provide the donation receipt by email. (not the parish)

Prayers for the Sick at St. Ambrose Church Weekly on Wednesdays

Myra Klaassen will be leading prayers for the Sick and will also pray the Rosary on Wednesdays, beginning at 1:30 pm. Please use the church side door Chapel entrance on South Street.

Church donation envelopes for 2022 – There are still a few envelope boxes to be picked up from the entrance area of the Church.

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/

Year of Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Speaker Series

The Diocese of Hamilton Speaker Series is the highlight of the 2022 Year of Amoris Laetitia Family. It will feature a monthly topic related to family from January through to June, held virtually on Zoom. The topic covered each month is free and open to all but please register your attendance to receive the link.

Join one, or all of the dates.

January 12, 19 and 26, 2022 from 7:00-8:30 PM

The Joy and Struggles of Family: Revealing the Wisdom in Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger (Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton) will be joining us on January 12th and 19th, and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton) will lead on the 26th

https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series/

When receiving Holy Communion:

- Please do not have chewing gum in your mouth.
- Hands should be held one on top of the other, right hand over the left hand, and place the Holy Communion immediately in your mouth, before turning to walk away.
- Please stay in the church immediately after receiving Communion. Please 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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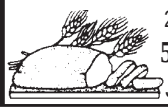
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