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:
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 from 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. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian
Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

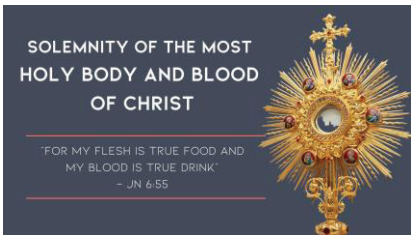
St. Anne School	519-621-8920	St. Vincent de Paul School	519-740-0678
Holy Spirit School	519-621-8973	Monsignor Doyle High School	519-622-1290

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.

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.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



*"Although the Eucharist is celebrated solemnly every day, we deem it fitting that at least once a year it be celebrated with greater honor and a solemn commemoration. Indeed, we grasp the other things we commemorate with our spirit and our mind, but this does not mean that we obtain their real presence. On the contrary, in this sacramental commemoration of Christ, even though in a different form, Jesus Christ is present with us in his own substance. While He was about to ascend into Heaven He said "*And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age*""* (Matthew 28:20). Quote from the papal decree instituting the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Pope Urban IV

A feast in honour of Corpus Christi was encouraged by St. Juliana, a nun of Liege, Belgium. At an early age, she developed a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and she longed for a feast in honor of the Eucharist. At the age of sixteen, she had a mystical vision during Eucharistic adoration in which she saw the moon with a dark stripe. By divine intuition, she understood that the moon symbolized the Church's life on earth, and the dark stripe symbolized the absence of a feast that was specifically dedicated to the Body and Blood of Christ. In the convent, she had the same vision several more times but kept it to herself for twenty years. Around the age of thirty-six, she shared her vision with two friends, one a local hermit and the other a fellow nun. Together, these holy women grew deep in their love of Christ in the Eucharist, especially adoring His hidden presence and receiving Him frequently in Holy Communion. After sharing her vision with the bishop, he reluctantly approved a local annual feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, and some other bishops followed. However, as word spread about Juliana's visions, her superior and some clergy opposed her. She had to leave the convent, taking refuge in various Cistercian monasteries for ten years.
In 1258, around the age of sixty-seven, Juliana was adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament in her room when she died.

In AD 1264 Pope Urban IV commanded a universal observance of the feast. However, Urban's death delayed the adoption of the feast. By the 14th century, the feast became universally celebrated in the West. St. Thomas Aquinas is given credit for many of the customs and hymns associated with Corpus Christi. Scholars have disputed this. However, the hymns and prayers certainly are in the tradition of Aquinas, and many defend the traditional ascription based on evidence. The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated throughout the Catholic Church.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, spend time pondering the profound mystery of the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As we kneel before Him, we truly kneel before His throne in Heaven, despite the reality being veiled from our eyes. As we consume the Blessed Sacrament, we truly consume Christ Himself—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—and receive Him into our souls. Though we might not feel Him with our bodily senses, we must allow our spiritual sense of faith to grow so that our love for Him in this Most Precious Gift exponentially increases.

A WARM WELCOME to all new parishioners, visitors and the faithful to our Parish Community! We invite new parishioners to register with our parish. Please contact the parish office to register as a new parishioner. If you have moved, have a new phone number or email address please let us know by contacting the parish office. Thank you

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Marian Days

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, is the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June through October. The day's format is:
9:00 AM Holy Hour and Confessions
10:30 AM Mass and Reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
11:30 AM Rosary Procession
12:00 PM Tea & Coffee Available in the Parish Hall – You are welcome to bring your own lunch.
Dates & Presiders:
July 6th, 2024 - Bishop Wayne Lobsinger
August 3rd, 2024 - Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki
September 5th, 2024 - Bishop Douglas Crosby
October 5th, 2024 - Bishop Daniel Miehm

Be A Man men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings at St. Ambrose Church. Saturday June 15th will be the last date before taking a break for the summer months.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, June 4
8:00 am + ANTONIO NORDELO MELO
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, June 5
1:00 pm **–** Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Patience and Sunday
+ JOAO PAULO TAVARES MONTEIRO
+ MRS. VU – Theresa Tran
- Living and deceased family & friends of Marie and Theresa
- intentions of the Clarke family – Cecilia and Aldwin
- Intentions of Fr. Michael King
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, June 6
8:00 am + MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Carmela & Tony
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, June 7 – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:00 am – intentions of Arsenio and Estrella Pontalba
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, June 8
8:00 am **–** Healing of the Family Tree Mass
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + EDUARDO TAVARES – Helder
+ JOSE BENTO – Zelia B.
+ ANTONIO TRALEIRA – his family
+ TINA SOUSA & HER PARENTS – Maria & John Correia
+ DECEASED FAMILY OF MARIA & SILVINO CHAVES

Sunday, June 9 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am + CESARE CETRA – Cetra 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

Congratulations to the Confirmandi

Students from our parish received their Sacrament of Confirmation, last Saturday, May 25th. We pray that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit – *Wisdom, Knowledge, Right Judgement, Courage, Understanding, Reverence, Wonder and Awe* – will be used to the glory of God and the betterment of themselves and our society.
It was a busy day, with three Confirmation Liturgies held in one afternoon!
Thank you to Mark for providing beautiful music; and to our ushers who assisted at each ceremony.

The Marian Residence, in Preston, is a seniors' home run by the Sisters of our Lady Immaculate. They would like to **welcome new volunteers** to assist with activities for the seniors. If you would like to volunteer, please email Sister Mary Benedicta at activities@marianresidence.ca

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Prolife Prayer Vigil - Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 am, opposite Freeport Hospital, at 3570 King St. East, 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.

Please note that Daughters of the King ladies' group will NOT be held on Tuesday, June 4th. The next gathering will be on Tuesday, June 18th at 7pm.

Important notice for parishioners who write CHEQUES:
BMO Bank of Montreal is now requiring cheques to be made payable to "**St. Ambrose Parish**" only. Previously, they were flexible on the exact wording. However, this has changed.
It can NOT say St. Ambrose Church or St. Ambrose RC Church or St. Ambrose. It must be written "St. Ambrose Parish".
If cheques are not written with the correct wording, it may be rejected. This would cause a fee for both you and the Church. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayer for Peace – Dear Lord, all war is an offense to the peace that you want for Your people, and Your world. We pray that world leaders will lay down their weapons of destruction in order to communicate through reconciliation and negotiation. Amen.

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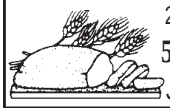

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