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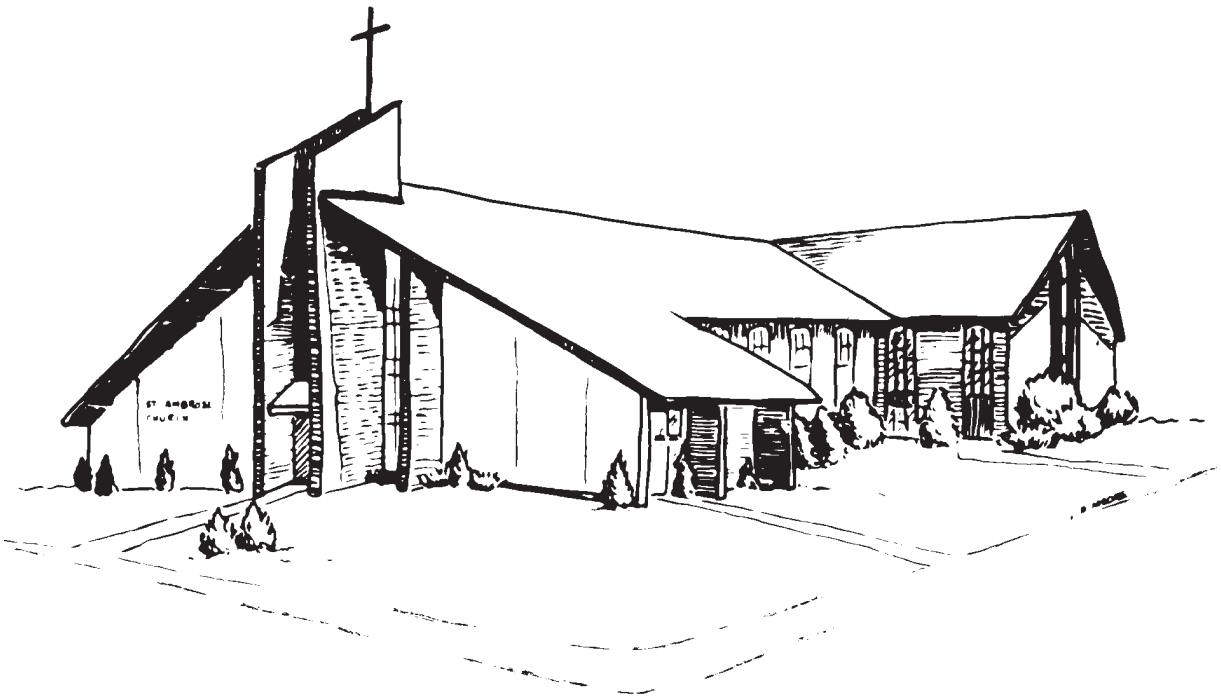

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
- Saturday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

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Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
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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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please inform us of hospitalization or confinement to home due to illness.

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St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher: Feast day June 22

St. John Fisher was born in England in 1469. After he was ordained a priest, the royal family appointed him tutor for Prince Henry, who became King Henry VIII. In 1504, Fisher became bishop of Rochester and also chancellor of Cambridge University. Fisher paid special attention to people who were poor. He wrote eight books against heresy, and Henry, then king, was proud to be his friend.

All this changed when King Henry claimed that his marriage to Catherine, his brother's widow, was not valid. Henry had become tired of Catherine and interested in young, attractive Anne Boleyn. Henry's request for a divorce was refused by the pope, and Bishop Fisher supported this decision. He was strong enough to resist signing the document siding with King Henry, though all the other bishops of England had signed it.

Six months later, Henry had parliament write another document, the Oath of Supremacy, claiming that Henry was supreme head of the Catholic Church in England. Again, Bishop Fisher refused to sign. This made the king angry. The bishop was sentenced to prison in 1534 on the charge of high treason. The pope declared the jailed bishop a cardinal. Fisher was kept in prison for 14 months without a trial. In June, 1535, he was condemned to death by beheading.

St. Thomas More was born in 1477, the son of a lawyer in London. He planned to become a priest but then entered law school. His three daughters, son, and friends helped make his home a happy place.

Besides being a shrewd lawyer, Thomas was a charming, witty man, who won the friendship of the king. Henry VIII began his rule of England as a devout king. Later, King Henry asked Thomas to approve of the divorce he wanted. Thomas refused. Of course, the king became angry. By this time, Thomas had become chancellor of England. Henry wanted Thomas on his side. Then, when every bishop except John Fisher signed the Oath of Supremacy, Thomas refused to sign. He resigned as chancellor and retired to his country home, hoping for a quiet life with his family.

Thomas, however, was sent to prison. He was kept for more than a year in the Tower of London. The king tried hard to make him change his mind, but Thomas stood firm. He knew this stand would mean certain death for him and disgrace for his family, but he followed his conscience. Finally, after suffering hunger, cold, and loneliness, Thomas was led out to be beheaded on July 6. Seeing that the masked swordsman was quite nervous, Thomas said, "*Be not afraid, for you send me to God*." Then he said to the crowd, "*I die the king's good servant, but God's first*."

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, through your intercession, give all Catholics courage to resist the pressure to conform to falsehood. You were both strong in your resistance to the pressure of others. Help us to be likewise when times call for us stand up again injustice.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, June 22 – St. Thomas More/St. John Fisher
8:00 am + SOULS IN PURGATORY
7:00 pm – Intentions of Sister Gessica – Maria Pock
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, June 23
8:00 am + ZBIGNIEW HUBERT WYGANOWSKI – Jagiellowicz and VanDyke families
7:00 pm – intentions of all priests, bishops – Maria Pock
+ DAVID JEWELL – Society of St. Vincent de Paul
+ DECEASED FAMILY of Balbina and Henrique Ferreira
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, June 24 – St. John the Baptist
8:00 am + ANTONIO & MARIA PAIVA – Manuel Paiva
7:00 pm + JOAO MONIZ TAVARES – Joe & Eduarda Tavares
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, June 25
8:00 am + MARIA – Theresa Tran
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, June 26
8:00 am + TAYLOR WRIGHT – Msgr. Doyle Catholic H. S.

CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Saturday June 26
5:00 pm + MARIA CABRAL – Tony Etelvina
+ RITA SURVARNA – Sheetal and family
+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – his wife Maria

Sunday, June 27 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am + DECEASED CANTO FAMILY – Irondina & Mary
11:00 am – intentions of all parishioners

Proverbs 22:6: "**Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."**

Father Michael King, former director of Vocations for the Diocese of Hamilton and priest in the Diocese has recently retired and we are fortunate that he has decided to live at St. Ambrose Parish rectory for the time being. Welcome, Father Michael .

- **Have you moved?**
- **Do you have email?**
- **Do you have a new phone number?**
- **Have you switched from home phone to cell phone?**

Please let the parish office know, so that we can keep our parish database up to date. Thank you.

Declaration of Nullity (Church annulments)

The Church is aware of the painful reality of divorce experienced by so many. The complex process surrounding annulments represents the Church's commitment to uphold biblical teaching "*What God has joined together, no one may divide*" (Gen 2:24; Mt 19:6; Mk 10:9) on the one hand, and to find just and pastoral ways to assist those in broken marriages on the other. There are many misconceptions about annulments, which can lead to confusion. For information on annulments, please go to the link below.

https://hamiltondiocese.com/annulments/

Plastic bags needed, please

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for donations of plastic disposable shopping bags please. If you have some to give, please bring to the parish office. Thank you.

With a 15% capacity permitted for "places of worship" in the Ontario Step 1 reopening plan, our church is able to accommodate approximately 75 people.

Please follow the guidance of our ushers as we will try to accommodate as many parishioners as possible.

If everything goes well, then in Step 2, the Church will then be able to accommodate a higher capacity.

Novena to St. Joseph

Parishioners are invited to pray the Novena to St. Jospeh, which begins on **Tuesday, June 22 and ends on Wednesday June 30**. July 1st is Canada Day, and St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Canada. Parishioners are welcome to get a printed copy of this Novena from the parish office, the back of the Church, or it can be emailed to you.

On JULY 1ST, Father will lead the "**Consecration to St. Joseph**" for those who participated in the Novena, at both the 8am and 7pm Masses.

Many Blessings to all Fathers today, and always!

"*Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person*." Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde

Fatherhood is so much more than physical procreation. It involves the cultivation of family and of the human person. It means providing for the spiritual or physical well-being of others. For this reason, priests are also called "Father." They represent our Heavenly Father and make manifest His graces poured out in the sacraments. They accompany us on our spiritual journeys and act as shepherds guiding us towards holiness. Godfathers, too, play an important role in society by serving as models of holiness for their godchildren and praying and interceding on their behalf.

St. Joseph, guide men to true holiness and humble followers of Christ.

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