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
Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian
Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

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 Catholic Church and Cremation

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have provided reverent burial for the bodies of deceased members of the Christian community.

The Catholic Cemetery became the tangible link between the community of the faithful on earth and the community of Saints in heaven. In the latter part of the nineteenth century, the practice of cremation was introduced in Europe. Realizing that the motives of many choosing cremation were anti-Christian, the Church prohibited cremation for Catholics in 1886.

Cremation, as such, was never seen as incompatible with Catholic doctrine. However, it was the preference of the Church for bodies to be buried to await the Resurrection on the last day, as Christ Himself was laid in a tomb (Mark 15:46). Once it was established that the choice of cremation was not motivated by a denial of the resurrection of the body, the Catholic Church, in 1963, lifted the prohibition against cremation.

Given the growing acceptance of cremation among Catholics, it is important to reiterate the teaching about Catholic Funeral Rites and the subsequent disposition of the cremated remains. It remains the preference of the Church to celebrate the Funeral Rites in the presence of the body of the deceased, which the church considers to be sacred, having been baptized, having been a temple of the Holy Spirit and having shared in the Eucharistic banquet. Traditionally, the rites include the Vigil for the deceased, the Funeral Mass or Liturgy, concluding with the Rite of Commendation, and finally the Rite of Committal, when the body of the deceased is reverently buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum. Furthermore, the Church prefers that if cremation is chosen as a means of disposition, this takes place following the Funeral Mass or Liturgy.

Notwithstanding the canonical preference for burial, in the Diocese of Hamilton it is permitted to celebrate Funeral Rites in the presence of cremated remains, which have been placed in a dignified container (see the Congregation for Divine Worship protocol no. 99/18, December 3, 1984). At the conclusion of the Funeral Rites, the cremated remains should be reverently buried in a grave or placed in a mausoleum or columbarium as soon as conveniently possible and not retained for any length of time in the family home. The interment of the bodies of deceased Catholics or their cremated remains should be in a place especially designated for this purpose and reserved as such.

The practice of scattering cremated remains or keeping them at home does not display appropriate reverence for what was the temple of the Holy Spirit. Neither does dividing the remains among family members or placing portions of the remains in items of jewelry to be kept by family members show the reverence due to cremated remains. Such practices are not in keeping with our Catholic faith. The Church is aware that pastors face many challenging pastoral situations relating to the death of an individual. However, Church teaching makes clear the necessity of treating the cremated remains in the same manner as the deceased human body. It is for this reason that the Church does not celebrate the committal rites when the method of disposition chosen is not in accord with Church teaching, such as scattering of ashes.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, June 27
8:00 am + WILLIE LIX – Cambridge Right to Life
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

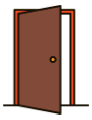
Wednesday, June 28 – Memorial of St. Irenaeus
1:00 pm – *Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.*
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel & family
+ MARIA daGLORIA – Zelia B.
+ JOHN FERREIRA – Knights of Columbus 2184
+ LAUDALINA ANDRADE – her family
+ ROSARIO BAGCUS – Andrew Paz
+ FREDERICO VASCO – Mike and Chiara Vasco
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, June 29 – Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul
8:00 am – for the intentions of Michael George
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, June 30
8:00 am – for the intentions of Gabriela Garcia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, July 1 – Canada Day
8:00 am + JOANNA – Rizzo's
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + HARRY and MADELINE MERRALL
+ STAN KENNEDY – his family
+ MARIA LEONORA ROSA – Maria DaSilva
+ KAMILO NUIC – S. Eljuga and family
+ PATRICIA HENNENERG – Peggy and Bob Rann

Sunday, July 2 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am + PASQUA PANICCA – Bice and Frank
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am



IMPORTANT - Weekday Masses
Please enter the church …

To enter the Church for weekday and weeknight Masses, please use the side door off the parking lot – the door with the Sacred Heart of Jesus flag above it. This will be the only door open for security reasons. Thank you!

Mom's and Tot's Pray and Play will finish on Wednesday June 28th to take a break for the summer month. Please use the side door of the Church on the parking lot side – look for the door with the Sacred Heart of Jesus flag above it.

St. Ambrose Parish High School Youth Group

The St. Ambrose high school youth group will be held at the church for the summer months! We will meet every other Tuesday from 6:30-8pm in the church hall beginning Tuesday, July 11th. Students starting Grade 9 in September through Grade 12 are most welcome!

Elementary Youth Group

The elementary youth group will continue to meet through the summer months on Thursdays from 6:30-8pm.
Students beginning Grade 6 in September are most welcome to join!
If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Kwiecinski, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 519-621-2013 or by email at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

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"I have called you by name" **St. Ambrose Ladies' group** will continue to meet during July and August on Tuesday nights in the Church Hall.

- July 4 and 18, at 7:00 pm
- August 1, 15 and 19, at 7:00 pm

All ladies are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Myra at the parish office.

Donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are gratefully accepted at the church exits on the last weekend of each month. (*This weekend June 24/25*). The requests for emergency assistance of food are received many times, every week. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer for Our Country
Canada Day July 1st

God our Father, Giver of life,
we entrust Canada to Your loving care.
You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, in our home and native land. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of St Joseph, Patron of Canada, may we inspire each other with our potential as individuals and as a nation, that a new spirit of forgiveness, caring and honesty be born in our nation.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

MARIAN DAYS at the
Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph

The First Saturdays of July, August, September, and October are Diocesan Marian Days which will be hosted at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St., in Guelph. The format for each day:

9:00 am - Confessions
10:00 am - Holy Mass
11:00 am - Rosary Procession
12:00 noon - Lunch (please bring your own)
1:00 pm - Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis
2:00 pm - Benediction
Register by calling the Basilica: (519) 824-3951

Dates & Presiders:

July 1st, 2023 - Bishop Douglas Crosby
August 5th, 2023 - Bishop Gerard Bergie
September 2nd, 2023 - Bishop Wayne Lobsinger
October 7th, 2023 - Thomas Cardinal Collins

The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation Inc. and The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region have offered comprehensive services for many years to the Catholic community in cooperation with other partner organizations. These services have included scholarships, bursaries and awards offered annually to students in the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools. The funds were created through 3rd party agreements with donors or through the fundraising efforts of the boards of directors. To find out more about applying for these, please go to: **www.ccfowr.ca/scholarships-and-bursaries**

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