

# 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:

Monday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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 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. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

**PARISH SCHOOLS:** St. Anne School 519-621-8920  
Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678  
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.

## FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

**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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### *Bishop Dabrowski's Letter for SHARE LENT*

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent presents to us the privileged paths of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, inviting us to strip away all that holds us back from a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer connects us with the very Author of life, while fasting sharpens our attention to those things which truly nourish our spirit.

Almsgiving, in turn, is an essential expression of our Lenten journey, allowing us to put our faith into action by serving the Lord through those whom He holds so dearly: the poor and the disadvantaged.

Giving to those in need not only helps to transform their lives—a worthy pursuit in itself—but it transforms our own hearts and lives as well. Serving Christ in His poor configures us more closely to the Lord and draws us nearer to the Kingdom He proclaimed during His public ministry. In *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo XIV's recent Apostolic Exhortation, our Holy Father reminds us: "I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry."

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our parishes will invite support for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada through the Solidarity Sunday Collection. This year's Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, is an important expression of solidarity with Catholics across Canada and with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who rely on these vital humanitarian initiatives. I am deeply grateful for your generous support in past years and for the many ways you continue to advance works of justice and compassion.

This collection takes place during the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, proclaimed by the Holy Father to mark 800 years since the saint's passing to eternal life. The life of Saint Francis bears enduring witness to the inseparable bond between Christ and the poor, reminding us that self-giving love for Christ bears abundant evangelical fruit in every generation. May his example inspire us to respond generously to those in need this Solidarity Sunday.

As we journey through Lent, let us recall the words of the prophet Micah and embrace anew what the Lord asks of us: "to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes for a blessed and fruitful Lenten journey, I remain Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*+Joseph Dabrowski*

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA  
Bishop of Hamilton Diocese



#### **Monday, March 9**

7:00 pm + GILDA FORMICA – Cecilia and Aldwin  
*Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm*  
*Catechism video program after Mass.*

#### **Tuesday, March 10**

8:00 am + JOE GROZELLE – Doreen and Tony

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**  
**2:30 pm** – *Prayers for the Sick. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church. Please use the parking lot side door.*

#### **Wednesday, March 11**

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Theresa Tran

+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel

+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – her husband

+ MANUEL DIAS, SR. – Dias family

+ DECEASED FAMILY of Silvino and Maria Chaves

**CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

#### **Thursday, March 12**

8:00 am – intentions of Leila Galera and family - Bernadette

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**

#### **Friday, March 13**

8:00 am + DECEASED ANCESTORS – Thanh Nguyen

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**

**6:30 pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

#### **Saturday, March 14**

8:00 am – MASS for the Healing of the Family Tree

*2,000 Hail Mary Devotions – all day*

**CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

**5:00 pm** + CLAUDE CLEMENT – Marg

+ MANUEL AMARAL – Teresa and Manuel

+ MARIA POCK – Fatima and Tony

+ FRANCISCO DeMELO – E. Melo

+ OLIVIA ESPIRITU – Lily and Mar

#### **Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 am** + JAMES DAVIDSON JR. – his wife

**11:00 am** – for the intentions of all parishioners

## Share Lent Collection 2026 held on March 21/22

Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote justice, peace and dignity.

Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we support partner-led projects that reach over 7 million people in more than 30 countries around the world. **Support the Work of Development and Peace through the Share Lent collection this month.**

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### 2025 Parish Financial Report

Thank you to our finance committee for presenting our parish finance report. Printed copies of our **2025 Parish Financial Report** are available at the Church exits this weekend. Thank you to the committee for their guidance throughout the year.

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### Day of Mercy – March 21, 2026 at St. Ambrose Church

All Day Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 9am to 4:30 pm.

Father Gary and Father Michael will alternate throughout the day to hear individual confessions.

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### Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Statement on private members Bill C-218: No "MAiD" for Mental Illness

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a statement strongly supporting Private Member's Bill C-218, which seeks to prevent persons whose sole medical condition is mental illness from accessing euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide ("MAiD"). To read the complete text, visit their website at [www.cccb.ca/](http://www.cccb.ca/)

Let our local federal representative know that you support this private member's Bill C-218, to protect the life of all those who suffer from mental illness!

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**Coffee Sundays:** Join us after the 11am Mass (most Sundays), for refreshments and fellowship in the Church Hall. (*Will not be held on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday*)

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### March 14, 15, 16, 17, 2026

**Father Ian Duffy**, Pastor of the Basilica of Our Lady, in Guelph, will be preaching our parish Lenten Mission this year.

Father Duffy will introduce the Lenten Mission at all weekend Masses on March 14/15, as the homilist.

The theme will be "*St. Joseph, An Example of Holiness in Ordinary Life*"

Monday, March 16, Mass at 7:00 pm with a Lenten homily  
Tuesday, March 17, Mass at 7:00 pm with a Lenten homily

**Confession** will be offered on the **Monday** and **Tuesday** nights, from 6pm to 6:45 pm, prior to Mass.

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### 2,000 Hail Mary Devotions

Saturday, March 14, all day at St. Ambrose Church, beginning after the 8am morning Mass.

You're welcome to join us for as long as you're able.

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### Catechism Home Study Course for the Preparation of the Sacraments for Children/Teens

These programs are interactive parent-child, home study programs, designed to assist families whose children are enrolled in public or private schools, are homeschooled, or for other reasons unable to attend Catholic Schools. There are programs for every age from Kindergarten through to high school, including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please visit the website:

[Hamiltondiocese.com](http://Hamiltondiocese.com) then the go to the "Evangelization and Catechesis" section for more information on how to register. (Or call our parish office for more info. )

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**Mom & Tots Pray & Play:** Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready, leave them to enjoy supervised play time with other children for the remaining time while you pray alone. This is held the LAST Monday of each month from 10:00-11:30am in the Adoration Chapel and Children's Liturgy room at St. Ambrose Church. Registration is required, please email [momtotsprayplay@gmail.com](mailto:momtotsprayplay@gmail.com) Please register for the upcoming date of **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

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