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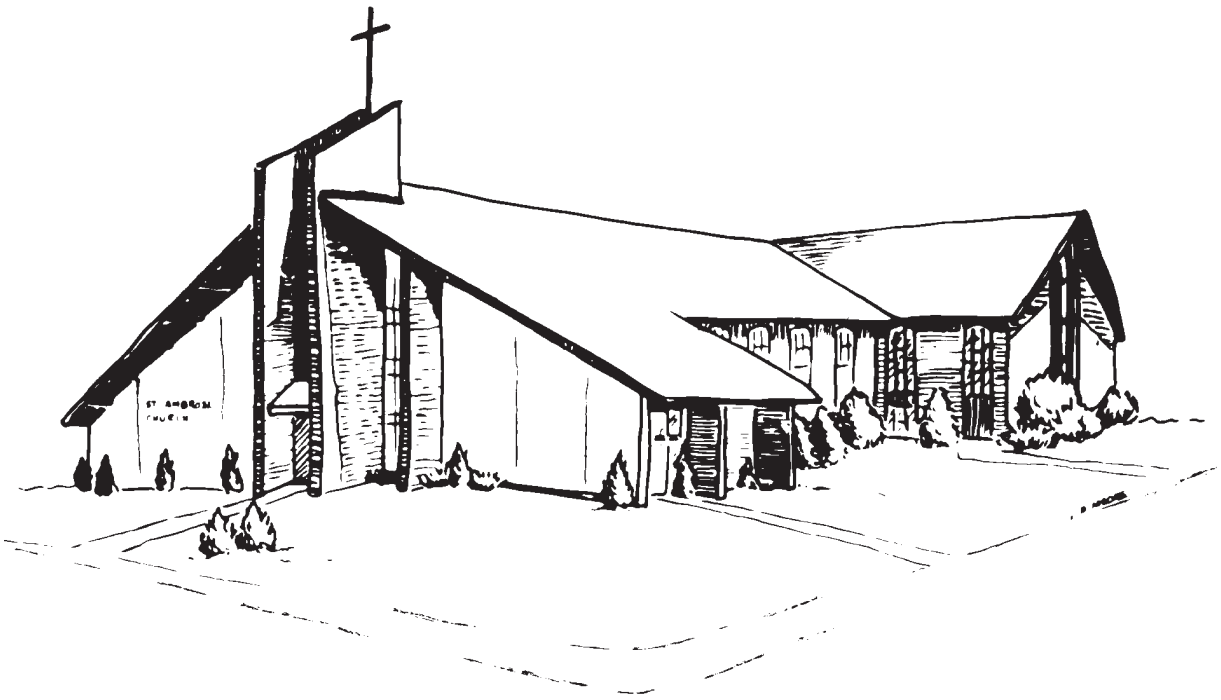

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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.

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

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Lenten Pastoral Letter from Bishop D. Crosby

Full of the Holy Spirit

During the forty days of Lent, we recall the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert. Scripture tells us that when he went into the desert he was "full of the Holy Spirit." He had been baptized in the Jordan River by John and when he came out of the water the heavens opened and the Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. The voice of God was heard "This is my Son, the beloved. In him I am well pleased!" The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.

"Full of the Holy Spirit", he went into the desert, ready for whatever awaited him there. For forty days he was tempted by the devil. Fundamentally, the tempter tried to convince him that as the Son of God, he had great power and did not need the Father; he could "go it alone"! He resisted the temptations – his relationship with the Father remained intact and strong. He was ready to begin his public ministry.

We are going to die – let us choose how we are going to live

Like Jesus, we too are loved by the Father! The same Spirit that filled Jesus enlivens us during the forty-day Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Throughout Lent we consider what it means for us to "choose life" – aware always that we are going to die. ("Remember, you are dust, and you will return to dust!")

Prayer and Fasting

All of the parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton offer many opportunities for prayer throughout Lent: Sunday and Weekday Masses, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and devotions, both public and private. For many, it is a Lenten practice to "give up" something for the 40-days of Lent – or, alternatively, to "take on" something extra. Consider giving up some time on social media and giving more time for family interaction or prayer. Spiritual reading is always a good way to strengthen one's faith.

Almsgiving

Since 1967, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday. A special collection is taken up in support of the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace (CCODP). The Share Lent campaign is an important supporter of impoverished and oppressed partners in the Global South. Our almsgiving assures that they too "will live"! Please be generous in your support.

Donations can be made in the Sunday collection basket in your parish, online, by mailing a cheque, or by calling 1-888-234-8533. May I suggest that an offering of $1.00 per day X 40 days = $40.00 is a generous donation? Those of greater means might choose to be more generous. God's love for us is always abundantly generous!

Dear friends, may Mary, Mother of the Church accompany us during these holy days. And may we reach out to those who suffer, most especially these days, the people of Ukraine!

+*Douglas Crosby*, **OMI**
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton Diocese

Tuesday, March 15
7:00 pm + TADEUSZ NAWROT – his family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, March 16
7:00 pm + MARIA NGUYEN – Thanh Nguyen
- SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF Maria and John Correia
+ EDWIN CORDERO – Colomer family
+ MARIA CABRAL – Charamba, Aurelia & family
+ DEBBIE STRATKAUSKAS – Doreen Lehnan
- intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, March 17
7:00 pm + JERY POCK – Maria and Michelle Pock
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, March 18
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
7:40 pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
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, March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + JUANA ORIO – her family
+ MANUEL AMARAL – Manuel and Theresa
+ JOSE MONTEIRO & FAMILY – Fatima
+ RUDY DAZA – Josie and Francis
+ MARC LaFONTAINE – Mila and Slobodan

Sunday, March 20
9:00 am – the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + ANGELA & MARIA LOURDES FERNANDES and GLORIA & MANUEL TAVARES – Ilda, Rick and family
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Prayers for the Sick – Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Church. Please use the church side door on South Street.

Lenten Daily Video Reflections,
available on your smart phone or computer

During Lent, Dr. Tim Gray, the President of the Augustine Institute, will offer a free video presentation on the daily readings of the Mass. Each presentation is about 4-5 minutes in length and gives an explanation of the Scriptures for the day, as well as concrete ideas as to how to apply them in your life. Dive deeper into the Season of lent. To access the website go to **www.formed.org**
(*If you already previously signed-up, just sign in as usual*)

1. Click "sign up"
2. Click "sign up as a parishioner"
3. Enter "N1R2P4"
4. Click "St. Ambrose Parish"
5. Click "Next"
6. Enter your name and address
7. Click "Sign up"
8. Click on the Search icon (small magnifying glass symbol up in the left corner)
9. Type in "daily reflections for Lent"

The Diocesan Speaker Series is the highlight of the **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 open to all; you are welcome to join one particular evening, all the evenings, or any number that interest you. Visit this website for details on the dates and topics:
amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com

Lenten Resources:

The Diocese of Hamilton is helping families and individuals during Lent by providing online resources for celebrating the Lenten season
hamiltondiocese.com/lent2022/

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference
Saturday March 19, 2022 9am-4pm
(Online this year, on ZOOM)

Speakers:
His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins
Antonia Salzano – mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle - Divine Mercy in a Woman's Life
Anna Nuzzo - Consecration to St. Joseph
Rosanna De Zio Magnotta – Love, Loss and Faith
Dorothy Pilarski – Catholic Mom's Group
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REGISTER at **www.dynamicwomenfaith.com**

Solemnity of St. Joseph – March 19

St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, is a popular patron saint for many causes and places. He was chosen as the patron saint of Canada by the first Recollect Franciscan missionaries in 1624. Pope Urban VIII confirmed St. Joseph as Canada's patron in 1637.

The Jesuit missionaries who followed the Franciscans named several of their missions for St. Joseph. Many of the Huron converts also took the name of St. Joseph after their baptism.

The Jesuit missionaries had a fervent devotion to both Our Lady and St. Joseph, as they expressed many times in the Jesuit writings. In a letter written in May of 1635, St. Jean de Brebeuf said, "*We owe much also to our glorious St. Joseph, Spouse of Our Lady and Protector of the Hurons, who has rendered us tangible aid several times. It was a remarkable thing that on the day of his feast and during the octave accommodations came to us on all sides.*"

In 1637, when threatened with martyrdom, St. Jean and his fellow missionaries "*had recourse to the great St. Joseph*. They made a vow to say Masses every day for nine days in honour of St. Joseph. Each day passed with no threat from the Hurons; by the time the Masses finished, they enjoyed peace again.

St. Joseph's feast day on March 19 was considered a holy day of obligation until 1793, when the number of holy days of obligation were reduced.

Have you moved? Will you be moving? Do you have a new phone number? Email address?
Please help keep the parish database up to date by providing the office with any changes to your contact information.

Church donation envelopes: If you are still using 2021 or 2020 envelopes, please contact the parish office to pick up your 2022 donation envelope box. Some envelope numbers have been re-assigned to other parishioners, and yours could be one of them.

Keep up to date on worldwide Catholic news on:
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We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new!

– Pope Benedict XVI

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