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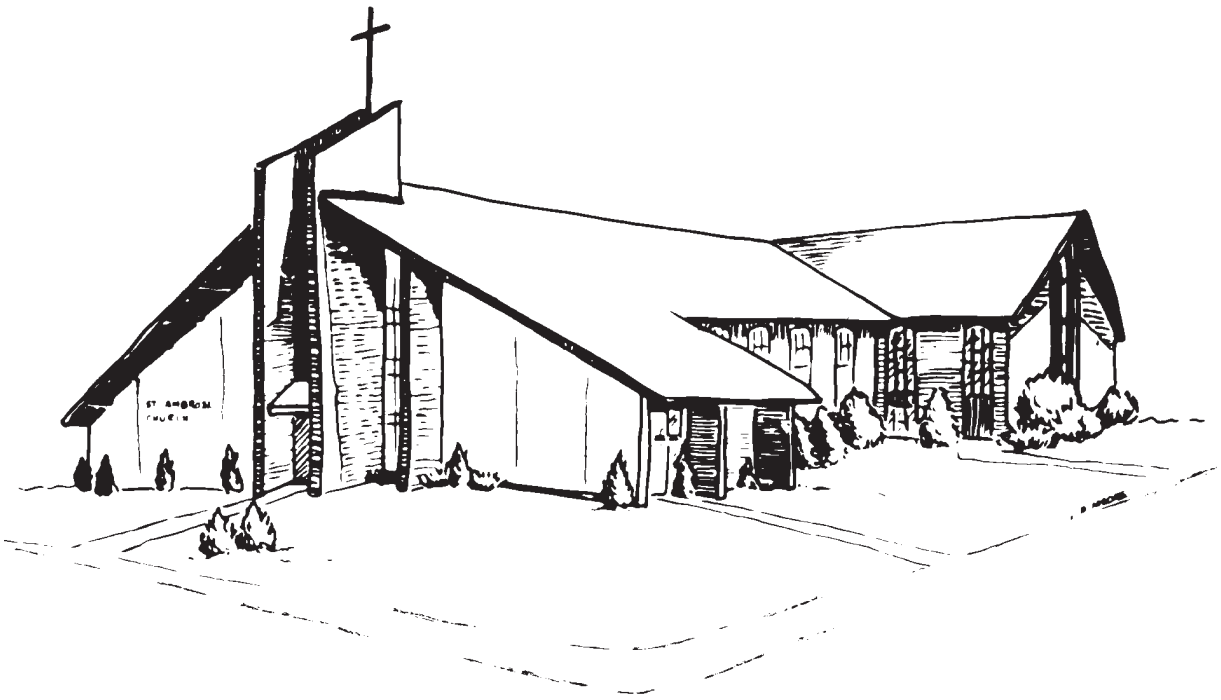

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as written in the Gospel of Luke 1:26-38, the decision was realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to Him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills in the Old Testament, Isaiah 7:14, in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her Son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

O most holy Virgin Mary,
to whom God sent the Angel Gabriel to announce
that you should be the mother of His Only-Begotten Son,
pray for us who have recourse to you.
Holy, lovely Mary
We give our all to you
What is past and present,
And the future, too.
Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 22
7:00 pm + MANUEL & MARIA OLIVIA MEDEIROS – their family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, March 23
7:00 pm – intentions of Joseph Devasia and family
+ MARIA ISABEL CANTO – Virginia
+ MARIA PERIERA – Lucinda
+ JOSEPH NGUYEN -Thanh Nguyen
+SOULS IN PURGATORY – Filomena Teixeira
+ DECEASED KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK & ORGANISCIAK FAMILIES - Stella
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, March 24
7:00 pm + MARIA ABREU & DECEASED FAMILY - Grace
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation
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 26
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + DECEASED FAMILY of Paul and Min
+ JOSE TEIXEIRA – Laudalina
+ DECEASED CHAVES FAMILY – Maria and Silvino
+ ANGELA & STIPE ELJUGA – Mila and Slobodan
+ JOE MANNI – Teresa and Nick Cherri
+ AMELIA ALBERTA – Maria daSilva

Sunday, March 27
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + RICHARD DIETRICH – His family
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

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"

Verify that you are a Separate School Supporter

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS throughout the Province of Ontario are preparing for the upcoming municipal and school board elections. In just over three months, nominations for these elections will open and campaigns for mayor, city councillors, and school board trustees will begin. Catholics are encouraged to verify that the electoral list of Catholic separate school supporters is up to date and that their ratepayer support for Catholic schools is registered. Visit voterlookup.ca to check the accuracy of your voter information. Your local Catholic District School Board office can assist if you experience any difficulty. 519-578-3660

THE DESTRUCTIVE WAR IN UKRAINE continues to capture the attention of the world. Pope Francis recently sent two Cardinals to represent him in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, Papal Almoner, and Cardinal Michael Czerny, Interim Prefect for the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, have travelled to Ukraine and are meeting with Ukrainian refugees in neighbouring countries, offering the reassuring care and concern of Pope Francis and the entire Catholic community.

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves… What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

- Catherine Doherty

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Sacramental dates for First Reconciliation and First Communion were provided last week by email directly to the parents of Grade 2 students.
Please ensure the email was received, and check your junk email in case it went in there.

Adoration Chapel – volunteer adorers are always welcome. If you would like to sign-up for a particular hour each week, please contact the parish office. The Adoration Chapel is a peaceful place for private prayer, much needed in our busy lives.

Synod 2021 - 2023

Pope Francis is asking each and every one of us to become involved in the synodal process leading up to the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in 2023. The Pope tells us that the point of a synodal Church - "*is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church*."

Visit the website to participate in a survey
hamiltondiocese.com/synod/

What is a "synod"? This is a Greek term which means "coming together".
Prior to the official synod, bishops around the world will consult with everyone from parishioners to monks, nuns and Catholic universities before coming together for a discussion in 2023.
The topic? How the church can learn to rely more fully on this kind of consultation-and-discussion process – how it can become more "synodal" in its governance.
Throughout the centuries, the Roman Catholic Church has held many gatherings called "synods" – but seldom one this sweeping in its potential consequences.

Volunteer Gardeners

The parish is looking for volunteers with "green thumbs" to do some gardening for the rectory and Church (no grass cutting involved). Teenagers welcome! It would involve cleaning out the dead debris after the winter, and maintain the garden beds. If you would like to help, please contact Barb at the parish office.

Our former gardener, Les Gyurits, who had been looking after the church garden areas for almost 40 years, passed away last year.

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