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.

Traditions of Good Friday

On Good Friday, the entire Church focuses on the Cross at Calvary. The congregation comes together to contemplate the events that lead to our Lord's crucifixion.

The Church - stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open - is as if in mourning.

The liturgical observance of this day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death evidently has been in existence from the earliest days of the Church. No Mass is celebrated on this day, because Holy Communion, which had already been consecrated on Holy Thursday night, is given to the people.

Traditionally, the organ is silent from Holy Thursday until the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil, as are all bells or other instruments, the only music during this period being unaccompanied chant or song.

The somber quality of this day reminds us of Christ's humiliation and suffering during his Passion. We can see that the parts of the Good Friday service are:

1) Liturgy of the Word - reading of the Passion; 2) Intercessory prayers for the Church and the entire world, both Christian and non-Christian; 3) Veneration of the Cross; 4) and Communion.

Easter Vigil Mass

The most sacred night of the Church year

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church.

Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of the Easter season.

1) Service of Light The atmosphere in the Church is different: The Holy water fonts are empty, all the lights dimmed, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the Church or at the back of the Church. A ceremonial new fire is lit and blessed. The Paschal Candle is prepared while the priest marks the candle. The candle is then processed through the church, with the deacon lifting the candle at three different times, singing: Christ our light (*Lumen Christi*) and the congregation sings in reply: Thanks be to God (*Deo gratias*). Everyone lights their individual candle from the Easter candle and continue until the whole church is alight. The Paschal candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World.

Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: the *Exsultet* (Easter proclamation). "This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter; it tells of man's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us". This is usually sung by the deacon or choir leader.

2) Liturgy of the Word During the Easter Vigil, nine readings, (seven Old Testament and two New Testament) are provided. Not all are required to be read due to time constraints, but at least three Old Testament readings must be read. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. The Gloria is sung before the reading of the Epistle of the Romans, and the Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

3) Liturgy of the Baptism During this time the Easter water is blessed, new members who have been studying Catholicism in the RCIA program are welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, and the faithful are blessed with the new Holy Water and renew their baptismal promises.

4) Liturgy of the Eucharist The Mass continues, with special prayers inserted during the Eucharistic Prayer. The whole congregation is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through His death and resurrection. The Mass ends with the glorious… *The Mass is ended, go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.* Response: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia

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Blessing of Easter Food
Holy Saturday March 30 at 12:00 noon
in our Church

Święconka "the blessing of the Easter baskets" is an Eastern European traditions, held on Holy Saturday. Baskets containing a sampling of foods, which will be eaten for your Easter dinner, are brought to the church to be blessed on Holy Saturday.

All parishioners who wish to have their food blessed are welcome!

Divine Mercy Hour: **Sunday, April 7**

3:00 - 4:00 pm in the Church. Join us for music and praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone welcome!

Living With Christ weekday missalettes:

Our parish has been purchasing 50 copies per month for use at weekday Masses. These are often taken home by parishioners who attend daily weekday Masses. However, this subscription does cost the parish $1,610.00 a year.

Due to rising costs, we will no longer be providing these free monthly missalettes.

We encourage parishioners to purchase their own yearly subscription, which you would receive mailed directly to your home, each month. This is only $48.54 a year.

Inside each missalette is a subscription form, or visit their website **livingwithchrist.ca** to subscribe.

If you would like to have your own monthly missalette and really can't afford the subscription, please talk to Father Gary

Tuesday, March 26
8:00 am + PEDRO ORIO – from his family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, March 27
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – John Pham
+ RICARDO, ROSA AND GIOVANNI INCITTI – Mrs. Incitti
+ ENRIQUE RODRIGUES – Manuel and Ana
- for the intentions of Ernie and Connie Daza
+ MR. VU – Theresa Tran
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm and 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, March 28 – Holy Thursday
There is no morning Mass held today.
7:00 pm + for the souls of our departed priests, especially those who ministered at St. Ambrose Church.

At the conclusion of Holy Thursday Mass, a solemn procession will be held with the Blessed Sacrament to its place of repose in the Church Hall. Adoration will be held in the Church Hall until 10:00 pm. Everyone welcome

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday
The Lord's Passion at **11:00 am** and **3:00 pm**
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
Divine Mercy Novena – 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 30 – Holy Saturday
(There is no 5:00 pm Mass today.)
Easter Vigil Mass
8:00 PM + MARIA FITA – Alda Medieros
This is a special Mass which will be approximately 2 hours.

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday
9:00 am + JOHN & IRONDINA CANTO – Mary Crowder
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

REMINDER – There is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday. (see above)

Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration? Do you need some quiet time praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If so, this program is for you. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready you can drop them off to enjoy supervised play with other children for the remaining time while you adore alone. This will be held the LAST Wednesday 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 Please register for the upcoming date of Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Parents, please note - Children's Liturgy will **not** be held on Easter Sunday.

Mass of Chrism 2024 – Monday, March 25, 2024

The Mass of Chrism will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 2:00 pm on Monday, March 25th. Bishop Crosby will consecrate Sacred Chrism and bless Oil for the Sick and Catechumens which is for use in the Sacraments during the coming year. The Bishops and Priests will renew their Ordination promises. All are welcome.

Young Adults Night in Guelph April 6, 2024
Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music.
For more information, visit **hamiltondiocese.com**
Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph)
Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm)
Social with food (7:30-8:00pm)
Praise Night with Vocations Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm)
Compline (9:00pm)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD Saturday, April 13, 2024, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Events/Workshop **hamiltondiocese.com**
Have you considered volunteering at our church by being a Minister of the Word (lector) for Masses? Those who would like to do so are required to attend this workshop. Contact the parish office for details, please.

"Daughters of the King" parish ladies' group will meet next on Tuesday, April 2nd and 16th, from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for prayer, discussion and friendship.

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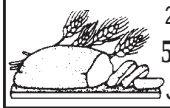

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