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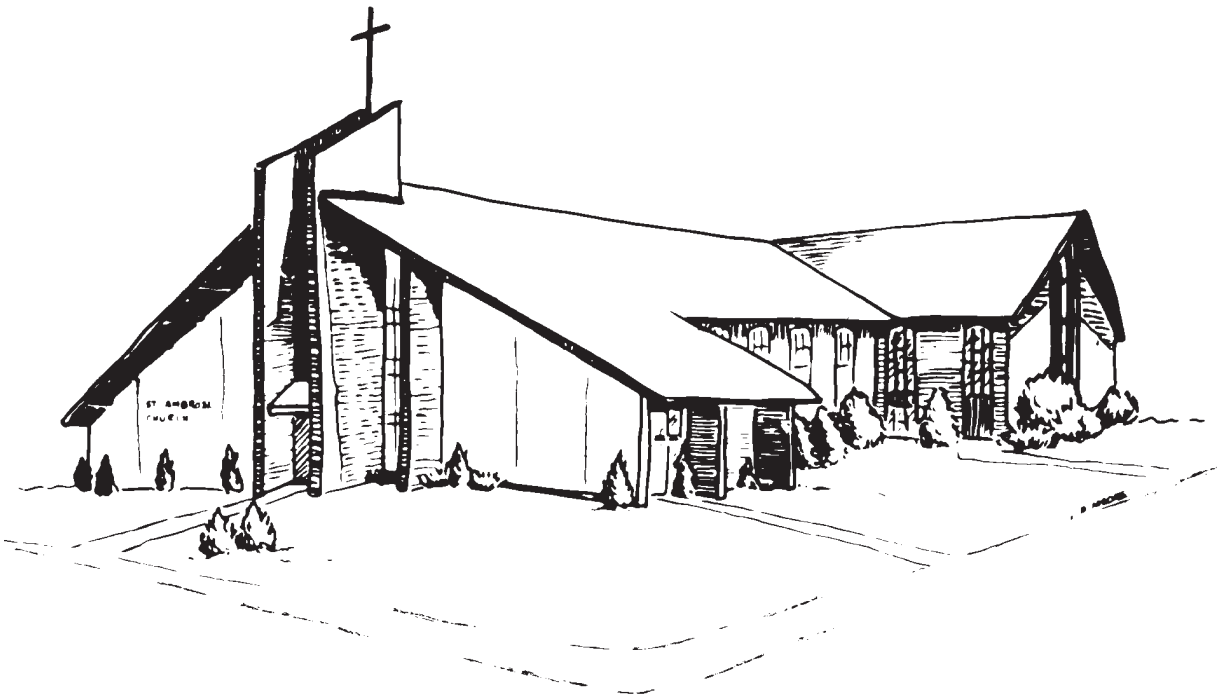

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
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Carol Renner - Housekeeper
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.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.

SCHOOLS

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OFFICE HOURS

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

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on the baptism preparation program, which is required before a date is booked.

MARRIAGE

Adequate preparation including Marriage Preparation Course is required.
Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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

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Continuing with our series on the days Holy Week …***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. In the fourth century the Apostolic Constitutions described this day as a 'day of mourning, not a day of festive joy,' and this day was called the 'Pasch (passage) of the Crucifixion.'

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, but the service of Good Friday is called the Mass of the Pre-sanctified because Communion, which had already been consecrated on Holy Thursday, 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 correspond to the divisions of Mass:

1) Liturgy of the Word, which is reading of the Passion of Christ;
2) Intercessory prayers for the Church and the entire world, both Christian and non-Christian;
3) Veneration of the Cross;
4) and distribution of Holy Communion, which were consecrated at Holy Thursday night Mass.

Our parish will have two **services for Good Friday** in order to accommodate as many parishioners as possible: **12:00 noon and 3:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross will be held Good Friday at 7:00 pm

Monday, March 20 – 7:00 pm Mass with presider Bishop W. Lobsinger (last night of our Lenten Mission)

Tuesday, March 28
8:00 am – the intentions of Lucia Cekan
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, March 29 (Note today's Mass time)
8:00am MASS + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel and family
+ AURORA CALCAO – Mario
+ DOMENICA & SEBASTIANO RINALDI – Gaetano and Rita
+ SOULS IN PURGATORY – Lucia Cekan
1:00 pm – *Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through the Chapel side door on South Street.*
NO EVENING MASS TONIGHT

Thursday, March 30
8:00 am + ALL SOULS – Thanh Nguyen
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, March 31
8:00 am – intentions of Ernie and Connie Daza
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am
7:00 pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 1
8:00 am – ALEX WOZNUK – Kay and family
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + JOANNE CARRUTHERS – Rosemary Johnston
+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria
+ JEANNIE ESCOBAR – her parents

Sunday, April 2 – Passion (*Palm*) Sunday
9:00 am + PASQUA & BENEDETO PANICCI – Rinaldi family
11:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Washing of the Feet is a custom of the Catholic Church at Holy Thursday evening Mass, this year on April 6th. Parishioners are invited to have a foot washed in symbolic remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. **We are in need of 12 parishioners,** young or old, male or female, who will participate in this small ceremony at Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm. Please leave your name with the parish office 519-621-2013 or email stambrose@golden.net

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Meeting for Church Ushers
Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 pm
In the Church.

All those who assist as ushers are kindly asked to attend this brief meeting. Thank you!

IMPORTANT:
Did you register for the Diocesan Anniversary Mass?

If yes, please ensure that you received a confirmation email of your registration. If not, your registration was probably not received. There was a problem with their online booking system.
Please register again at hamiltondiocese.com or
Phone the Diocese at 905-528-7988

Our next parish Ladies' Group will meet April 4th and 18th for scripture study, prayer, reflection and sometimes watch a film. We will support each other, our families, our parish, and our community, as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit. Beginning at 7pm until 8:30 pm in the Church Hall. Join us as we deepen our relationship with the Lord.

Just a reminder… on the last weekend of each month the St. Vincent de Paul Society have their donation boxes at the church exits. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated! There are requests from families and individuals daily asking for help with food.

Our Holy Week and Easter Mass schedule is listed on the parish website
stambrosecambridge.ca

Our Lenten Mission retreat continues:

Bishop Lobsinger will give a Lenten talk/reflection:
Sunday March 26 at 7:00 pm

Bishop Lobsinger will preside at Holy Mass:
Monday March 27 at 7:00 pm

SHARE LENT 2023 Collection
This weekend - March 25/26

This annual collection supports the Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of "Caritas Internationalis." Website devp.org

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Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We are almost ready to get youth ministry programming started at our church, and we need a team of volunteers. High school students who are looking to get their community service hours are most welcome!

We have the following volunteer opportunities:

1. Elementary Youth Group – Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm to help with activities for the children
2. Confirmation Retreats – Saturday, April 29th & Saturday, May 6th from 12:00-6:00pm
3. Vacation Bible School – summer dates TBD

All of the above activities will be co-ordinated by Sarah, our Parish Youth Minister.

Volunteers will be required to complete the volunteer screening process, as well as provide a police record check with vulnerable sector screening.

If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

High School Youth Group

In collaboration with Monsignor Doyle CSS, St. Ambrose Parish is hosting a youth group for students in Grades 9-12. Wednesdays from 2:50pm-4:00pm at Monsignor Doyle CSS, 185 Myers Rd. Please meet in the Chapel.

To join us, please register your son/daughter or if you would like to know more, please email Sarah Kwiecinski, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry,
at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

Next Weekend – April 1/2 – is Palm Sunday

What to do with those old palms? Anything blessed must buried in the earth, or be burned with the ashes buried.

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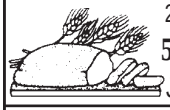

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