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.

Saints Perpetua and Felicity – Feast Day March 7th

"*When my father, in his affection for me, was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?*' 'No,' he replied. *'So also, I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'*"

So wrote Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "*What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby…. Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."*

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, and Felicity, who was a slave woman and expectant mother, along with three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity died by the sword, and the others killed by beasts.

A few days before the games commenced, Felicity gave birth to a daughter who was adopted by a Christian.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. "*Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will*." The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

Why do Sts. Perpetua and Felicity deserve our attention and devotion?

In Scripture, Jesus tells us we must love God even more than we love our parents (see Matthew 10:37). Sometimes when we read things like this, they seem abstract. It's hard to picture what this would look like in practical terms. Well, Perpetua and Felicity give us very good examples.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 5
8:00 am + ANTONIO HIGINO GONCALVES - Libiana
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, March 6
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
+ ZUNILDA, MERCEDES and MARIA MARTINEZ
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel
+ FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife
+ MANUEL deVARGAS – Maria
+ MANUEL SILVEIRA – Zelia B.
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetual & Felicity
8:00 am – for the intentions of Maria Correia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, March 8
8:00 am + RODRIGUES and CORREIA FAMILIES - Theresa
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 9
8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass

2000 Hail Mary devotions will be held all day in the Church, beginning immediately after morning Mass. All welcome!

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + BILL NORMORE – Helen Delaney
+ YVONNE FROSCH – Phyl Arthur
+ MR. VU – Theresa Tran
+ MARIA DOMENICA & SEBASTIANO RINALDI – Sam & Elia
+ DECEASED FAMILY OF MARIA & SILVINO CHAVES

Sunday, March 10 – 4th Sunday of Lent
9:00 am + EMILIA & MANUEL MOREIRA - Rosa
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Parent Meeting regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation – Tuesday March 5 at 6:30 pm.
This particular meeting is for those who were unable to attend the February meeting. If your child is requesting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask that parents attend, please.
If you have questions, please phone the parish office.

"Daughters of the King" parish ladies' group will meet on Tuesday, March 5 from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for prayer, discussion and friendship.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil - Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, to pray for babies being aborted and the mothers to change their mind. All are welcome. Parking across the road.

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to St. Ambrose Parish!
We have an online giving option through "CanadaHelps", which accepts credit cards. The link to this portal can be found on our parish website, or
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-ambrose-parish/

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament: our love for each other is to mirror the love of God for each person. When you look at your relationship, do you see it truly reflecting the total love and giving of God's love? Love is a choice and the decision to love can and should influence how we treat our spouse. When we purposely act in ways that reflect God's love, our marriages are better and will then echo, through our relationship, a visible love showing God's invisible love to the world.

The following items are collected at the church by a representative of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which are then distributed to local groups:
- pop can tabs - milk bags (outer bag only)
- canceled postage stamps
(**NO** soup can labels)

"The Chosen" video series continues March 9 and 23, at 6:30 pm in the Church hall. Everyone welcome!

Upcoming Diocese of Hamilton events:

hamiltondiocese.com

MINISTERS OF MUSIC RETREAT The Liturgy Office is pleased to offer a Ministers of Music Retreat on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish in Hamilton from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Dr. Glenn CJ Byer will lead the retreat with the theme of Near Occasions of Grace. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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 Upcoming Events/Workshops.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Saturday, April 20, 2024, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is required and available online at website **hamiltondiocese.com**

Be A Man men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings, in St. Ambrose Church Hall from **7:00 am to 8:30 am**. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

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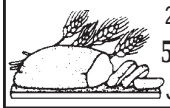

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