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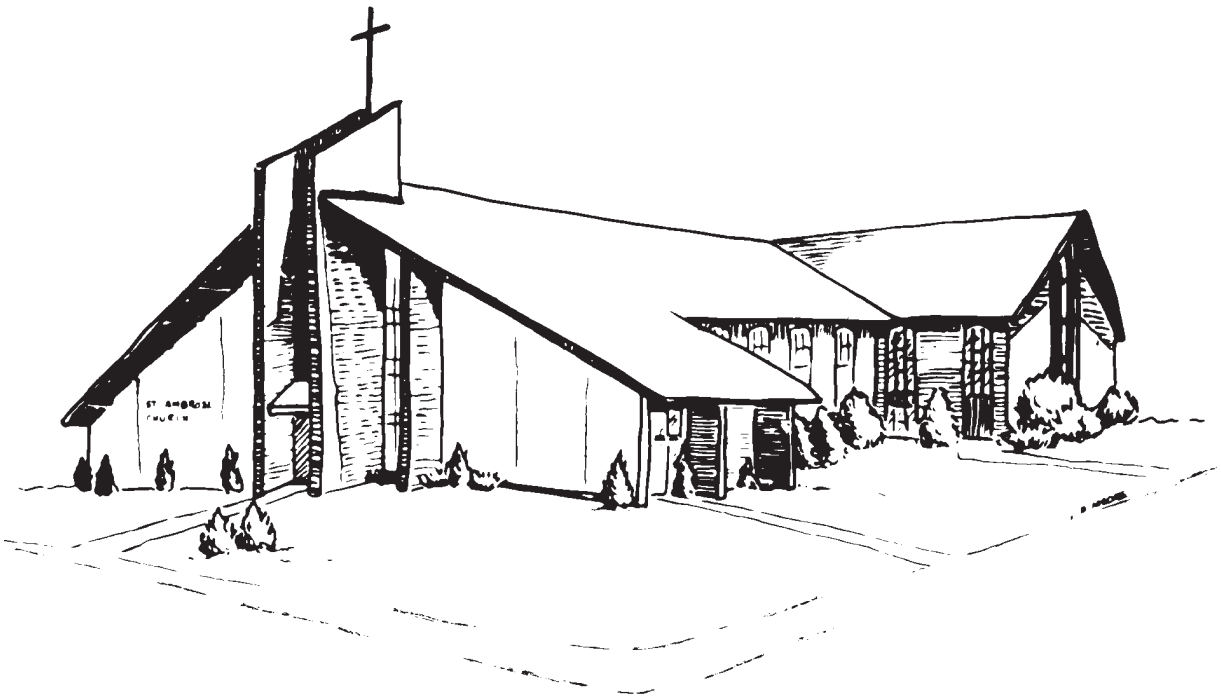

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

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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Saints Perpetua and Felicity, a young noblewoman and her slave, were martyred for their faith in A.D. 203, under the emperor Severus. At the time of their arrest, Perpetua had an infant son, and Felicity was pregnant. While she was in prison, Perpetua wrote about the circumstances leading up to their death in a diary that was later published as "The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity" – one of the earliest writings by a Christian woman.

In her diary, Perpetua described an interaction with her father as he came and begged her to recant:

While we were still under arrest, my father out of love for me was trying to persuade me and shake my resolution.
"Father," said I, "do you see this vase here, for example?"
"Yes, I do," said he.
And I told him: "Could it be called by any other name than what it is?" And he said: "No."
"Well, so, too, I cannot be called anything other than what I am, a Christian."

Prior to their arrest, the women had been studying the Scriptures and were preparing for baptism. Perpetua was baptized before taken to prison. She was known for her gift of "the Lord's speech" and receiving messages from God. She tells us that at the time of her baptism she was told to pray for nothing but endurance in the face of her trials.

Peace in the Face of Death

As penalty for professing the name of Christ, Perpetua and Felicity were sentenced to death. Yet, with God's peace in their hearts, they remained serene in the face of their fate. A note from an editor at the end of Perpetua's diary describes:

The day of their victory dawned, and they marched from the prison to the amphitheater joyfully as though they were going to heaven, with calm faces, trembling, if at all, with joy rather than fear. Perpetua went along with shining countenance and calm step, as the beloved of God, as a wife of Christ, putting down everyone's stare by her own intense gaze.

Prior to being sent to her death, Perpetua was permitted to see her infant son, after her family bribed the guards.

Felicity gave birth to a son shortly before going to her death, reportedly saying, "*Another will be within me, who will suffer on my behalf, seeing that it is for Him that I am to suffer*." Apparently, the child was adopted by a Christian family.

Perpetua and Felicity were thrown into an arena of wild animals, but they were not killed. Tragically, the emperor Severus then commanded that they be put to death by the sword.

Their feast day is March 7th.
They are Patrons of widows and expectant mothers.

Prayer:
Saints Perpetua and Felicity, watch over all mothers and children who are separated from each other because of war or persecution. Show a special care to mothers who are imprisoned and guide them to follow your example of faith and courage. Amen

Tuesday, March 8
7:00 pm + JOHN BAPTIST PHAM – John Pham
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, March 9
7:00 pm – intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges
- Intentions of Miroslaw Nawrot – his family
- Intentions of Eddie and Sonia Daza
+ ANDY CUMBO – his family
+ MARIA CERVONI – Bice and Frank
+ JORGIANA MELO, and DECEASED FAMILY, and ALL SOULS – Tina Somerton

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

Thursday, March 10
7:00 pm – Living and Deceased family and friends – Marie and Theresa

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

Friday, March 11
7:00 pm + FOR THE 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 12
8:00 am – intentions of Kevin Upendran

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm – For the intentions of Bernadette
+ JOAO MEDEIROS – Teresa and family
+ JAMES & LORETTA O'BRIEN – Jim and Gen
+ MANUEL & MARCELINA SILVEIRA – Zelia Bento
+ KAREN WYNEN – Heather and Jim Black
+ MARIA CABRAL – Tony Etelvina

Sunday, March 13
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

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"

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

Don't miss early bird pricing $25 (plus HST)
before March 5 and $35 (plus HST) after.
REGISTER at **www.dynamicwomenfaith.com**

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program beginning in April. Find out more on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/ or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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

In a memo from our Diocesan Chancellor Monsignor Murray Kroetsch announced the long-awaited news that the Ontario Government has made major changes to COVID-19 protocols. These affect our Parishes effective March 1st! Churches may open to full capacity (including parish halls and meeting rooms). Ropes can be removed. Masks continue to be required by all who attend Mass, two-years old and older. Social distancing mandates are no longer in place. All liturgical ministries may resume – vaccination is not required. Congregational singing is permitted and choirs may resume – wearing masks. Cantors may be unmasked, maintaining 3-meter distance from others.
We have waited a long time for these protocols to be relaxed. Thank you to all for your compliance.

In our parish, the ropes have been removed from the pews to enable parishioners to sit in each pew. Masks are still required when in the Church building while attending Mass and meetings.

2,000 Hail Mary devotions – Saturday, March 12 at St. Ambrose Church. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 am, then the whole day, until the evening, will be devoted to praying the Rosary. You are welcome to join in at any time – for a few minutes or a few hours.

Do you want to FAST this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis:
- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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