

# 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 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Friday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Sunday 8:00 am to 8:45 am; 10:15 to 10:45 am

## Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor

Fr. Michael King, retired - in residence

Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

**PARISH SCHOOLS:** St. Anne School 519-621-8920  
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**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.

## FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

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## 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.

## Ascension of Our Lord



Each Sunday we profess through the Creed, "He ascended into Heaven." Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's Divine plan for Christ Jesus – His return to His Father with his "Mission Accomplished." Ascension is the grand finale of all Jesus' words and

works done for us and for our salvation. It is a culmination, but not the conclusion. As Jesus is now with God in glory, so Jesus is with us now in Spirit: "Lo, I am with you always." The feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the Resurrection, namely Jesus' exaltation. Jesus did not wait 40 days to be glorified at God's right hand. That had already happened at his Resurrection. The focus of this feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ. The Lord is now "seated at the right hand of the Father" as we profess in the Nicene Creed, meaning He alone is in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space or culture. Therefore, in the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit form one unbroken reality which is to be understood by Faith. The Ascension means that Jesus' suffering for our Salvation complete, and is with His Father in glory. Being seated at the right hand of the Father is the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of Man: *'To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed'*

We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: In today's Gospel, Jesus gives this mission to all the believers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. "We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives." As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension -- we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, "living in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received."



**Monday, May 18** – Spring Retreat Mass

**7:00 pm** – for peace in our world – from Maria & John C.

**Tuesday, May 19**

8:00 am + JOSEPH NGUYEN

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**

2:30 pm – Prayers for the Sick. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church. Please use the parking lot side door.

**7:00 PM** – For the intentions of Mark Fernandes

**Wednesday, May 20**

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Theresa Tran

+ JACINTO LIMA – Mrs. Gouveia

+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel

+ MARIA BRAGA & ANTONIO NORDELO – their family  
- for the intentions of Todd and Bernadette

**CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

**Thursday, May 21**

8:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY OF Silvino & Maria Chaves

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am**

**Friday, May 22**

(No morning Mass on Fridays)

**7:00 pm** + BARBARA LONSDALE &

TADEUSZ WYGANOWSKI - Jolanta

**CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**

**Saturday, May 23**

**CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

**5:00 pm** + TOM HICKEY – Barb

+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his family

+ MARIA NGUYEN – Theresa

+ JOSE ROCHA TAVARES – Grace & Francisco Arruda

**Sunday, May 24 - PENTECOST**

**9:00 am** + SABINO NAPOLI – from Cetra 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**



MAY 17, 2026

## St. Ambrose Parish

### Vacation Bible Camp August 17-21, 2026

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! All Knights, Builders, and Kingdom Helpers!

Step into a world of castles, courage, and faith—welcome to **Kingdom Rock VBC**, where kids will learn to stand strong for God! 🙌 ✨

We're just a few months away from another exciting Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) at St. Ambrose Parish. This year's program will take place August 17–21, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM each day.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are calling on volunteers to help make this adventure unforgettable for our kids ages 6 to 11 years of age. Whether you love leading groups, creating crafts, serving snacks, or simply encouraging little hearts, there's a place for you in this kingdom.

No armor required—just a willing heart ❤️

Come be part of something meaningful, fun, and faith-filled. Together, we'll build a kingdom where kids grow stronger in faith and discover God's love in a powerful way.

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## The Bible and the Virgin Mary

### Journey Through Scripture - Our Blessed Mother Mary

You are welcome every Thursday in May from 6pm—7pm at **St. Gregory Church**, 10 St. Gregory Drive, Cambridge. Enter by main doors.

Who is the Blessed Virgin Mary? Her role in God's plan for the world? Do you fully understand the vital role she plays in your life? Join us in this video journey and learn how Mary is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture and our lives.

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## *You're invited to The Cambridge Right to Life Annual Coffee and Dessert Evening – May 28<sup>th</sup>*

### St. Ambrose Church Hall at 7pm

Guest speaker will be Alex Schadenberg, from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Screening of the film "Life Worth Living" will also be held. Join us to view this documentary which exposes the euthanasia crisis in Canada, which has taken over 90,000 lives since its inception in 2016.

No fee to attend, but donations are appreciated. Please call to reserve your seat at 519.623.1850

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"Daughters of the King" parish ladies' group will be attending our parish Spring Retreat Mass on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, there will be no gathering on this May 19<sup>th</sup>. Next evening will be Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Bishop W. Lobsinger

### Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton Diocese

### Spring Retreat at St. Ambrose

Our parish will have the honour of welcoming Bishop Lobsinger as our guest homilist and celebrant at our parish for a Spring Retreat. **Masses will be held on May 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**, with Bishop Lobsinger presiding.

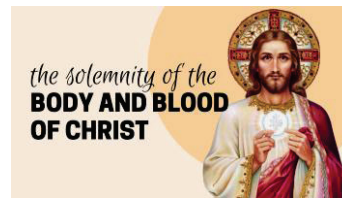
#### Bishop Lobsinger will speak on:

How to become a Saint in Canadian culture.

What does it mean to be a saint?

How can we grow in sanctity and what are some obstacles in our life? How does the Church decide whether to canonize someone a saint?

**Thank You** to those who donated to our Easter flower memorial, which honoured our loved ones and prayed for their souls, during the Easter season. Your generous donations also provided lovely flowers which adorned our sanctuary at Easter.



## St. Ambrose Church

### Sunday June 7

11am Mass, followed by an outdoor procession.

Our Celebrant will be

**Bishop Joseph Dabrowski**

Bishop of Hamilton Diocese

Join us at our 11:00 am Mass for the celebration of Corpus Christi. This solemnity celebrates the Body and Blood of Christ which is truly present in the Eucharist – His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity!

At the completion of Mass, there will be an outdoor procession around the Church. A social time will be held afterwards in the Church hall.

**This will also mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Mass held at St. Ambrose Church, in 1956.**

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Our parish **office** will be **closed** on Monday, May 18, for the Victoria Day holiday.

There will be **NO YOUTH GROUP** on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

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