

# 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  
Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678  
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.

## 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.

**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.



**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!**  
Acts 2.4

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

**Closed doors**

The evangelist John has no fear of recalling the "closed doors" behind which the disciples found themselves imprisoned by fear. Being behind closed doors certainly did not allow their enemies to gain entrance, but it also did not allow them to go out. At first it might seem to be a situation that may have made them feel safe, at peace. In the long run, however, all the limitations would surface because those closed doors revealed the fright of the disciples, their insecurity, their cowardice. In a word, they manifested what little faith they had in what Jesus had shared with them during the previous three years of their lives. From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has invited the Church to "go out", to be a Church capable of giving testimony, despite its fears and doubts.

**The unexpected**

Fear is a symptom of not understanding that what had happened was part of God's plan of salvation. Yet, Jesus "enters" through those doors, he breaks through their fear with His love, He touches with His peace those who were imprisoned by their fears. He does not rebuke them, nor does He ask for explanations. He already knows everything anyway. What He does is "he showed them his hands and his side". The Risen One presents Himself to His disciples through the signs of His Passion and Cross, indicating to them that He has conquered death.

**Sending forth**

There is another passage that is worth being emphasized. After having "showed Himself to them", Jesus "sends" the disciples. These same fearful disciples, closed behind the doors of their apparent security, are now "sent" to testify to what they had seen and touched. For fear, suspicion and timidity are overcome in going out toward others, in becoming neighbours to others. And at the heart of this testimony is Mercy. In the end, this is the experience the disciples have just encountered with Jesus, and it is this experience they are now called to "recount" to others, fortified with the gift of the Spirit.

**The gifts of the Holy Spirit**, received at our Confirmation:

- wisdom
- understanding
- counsel
- fortitude
- knowledge
- piety
- and fear of the Lord



**No Mass on Mondays**

**Tuesday, May 26**

8:00 am – for the intentions of the Galera Family

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

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

(Prayers for the Sick – canceled for today only.)

**Wednesday, May 27**

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel

+ HERMANO CASTELO – Castelo family

+ JORGIANA MELO & DECEASED FAMILY

+ JOSEPH NGUYEN - Thanh

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

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

**Thursday, May 28**

8:00 am + DECEASED KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI

FAMILIES And DIANE AND VICTOR

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

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

**Friday, May 29**

(No morning Mass)

7:00 pm – For the intentions of Thanh

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

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

**Saturday, May 30**

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

**5:00 pm** + MARIA ALBUQUERQUE

+ MILA ELJUGA – Myra Klaassen

+ PETER BADER – Margie

+ MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Marie

+ DECEASED FIGUEIREDO FAMILY – Maria Paiva

**Sunday, May 31 – Trinity Sunday**

**9:00 am** + STEVEN GUETH – his parents

**11:00 am** – for the intentions of all parishioners

**CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am**



***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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**The Feast of the Visitation  
Sunday, May 31, 2026 at St. Ambrose Church**

This year, the Feast of the Visitation falls on Holy Trinity Sunday, so we have planned a special evening to honour The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join us on **Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 7 PM in our parish hall** for a viewing of Fr. Calloway's video "The Power of the Rosary" followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Fr. Donald Calloway is an author and Catholic priest who belongs to the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. He is well-known for his inspiring conversion story and has written several books, including Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father and The Champions of the Rosary: The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon.

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**Sacrament of Confirmation  
Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held for the students of:

Holy Spirit School Grade 7 students at 11:00 am

St. Anne School Grade 7 students at 1:00 pm

Please keep these students, and their families, in your prayers as they receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!

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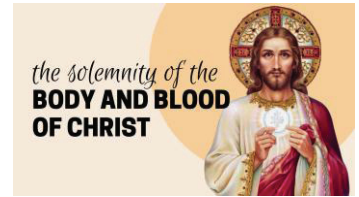
**Mount Mary Retreat Centre  
Celebrating 50 years of Faith and Friendship  
Sunday May 31, 2026 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

437 Wilson Ave E. Ancaster Ontario

Celebration of Holy Mass at 1pm; afterwards join others for presentations, with a Reception and Fellowship, and tour of the facility and grounds. All former students, their families and teachers are welcome to attend to reminisce about their experience at the retreat centre.

**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 celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Mass held at St. Ambrose Church, 3 June 1956.**

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**Publication of Banns for Ordination**

**Mr. Peter Hoan Nguyen** is scheduled to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 7pm on Friday, June 19, 2026 at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Cambridge Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your parish priest.

Let us all pray that Mr. Peter Hoan Nguyen will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord, and His Church.

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**Thank you from the Society of St Vincent de Paul**

Each year, the Knights of Columbus local council 2184 generously donates to the Society, so that those in need can receive help with food and household items. This year, the Knights of Columbus donated \$3,420.00! The Society thanks the Knights for their benevolence to those in need!

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**Mom & Tots Pray & Play:** Introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration at our parish. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready, leave them to enjoy supervised play time with other children, while you pray in solitude in the Chapel. This is held the LAST Monday 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](mailto:momtotsprayplay@gmail.com) Please register for the upcoming date of **May 25, 2026**

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**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 almost daily asking for help with food. This will be held next weekend – **May 30/31.**

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