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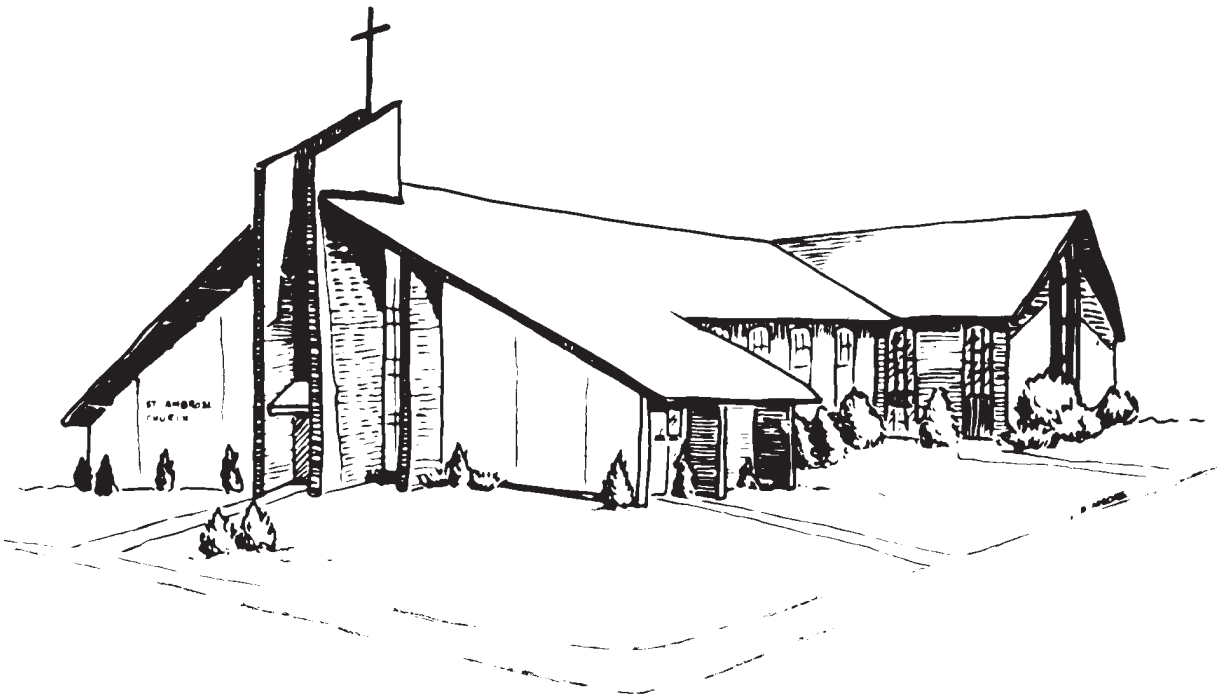

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

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.

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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 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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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

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St. Matthias – the "New" Apostle
Feast Day – May 14th

How does one qualify to be an apostle?

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed.

But Jesus had chosen the original twelve. How could they know whom he would choose?

One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice.

Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle would must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away.

Two men fit this description -- Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and the last. Legends like the Acts of Andrew and Matthias testify to Matthias' enthusiastic embrace of all that being an apostle meant including evangelization, persecution, and death in the service of the Lord.

How does one qualify to be an apostle?

Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but because he would become worthy. Jesus chooses all of us in the same way. What does Jesus want you to become?

Prayer:

Saint Matthias, pray that we may become worthy witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus in the way we live the eternal life we have right now.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 pm +MANUEL & DIAMANTINA CANHITO – Deb & Mark

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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

Wednesday, May 18

1:30 pm – Prayers for the Sick, in the Church

7:00 pm + MANUEL MEDEIROS & CATRINA – Zelia Bento
+ EDUARDO SOUSA – Simon DeSousa & family
+ TIAGO LARANJEIRO – Fatima and Tony
+ JACINTO LIMA – Maria Gouveia
+ ED TEIXEIRA – Linda & Paul Botelho
+ FR. LEONARD STROHMEYER
- the intention of Marlowe Kohlmaier - Maggie

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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

Thursday, May 19

7:00 pm + MANUEL ALVES - Julieta

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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

Friday, May 20

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY

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, May 21

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his family
- for the intentions of Karen Campos
+ MARIA EUGENIO PEREIRA – Maria deAlmeida
+ JOSEPH TRAN – John Pham
+ ARMINDA GALVAO – Linda Fitzgerald
+ MARIA BRAGA MONTEIRO & ANTONIO NORDELO – Fatima

Sunday, May 22

9:00 am + SABINO NAPOLI – 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

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus

We thank our parishioners for their generous contribution to the "Rose Sunday" last weekend. A total of $480.00 was raised to be given to prolife causes. Thank you for supporting those who have no voice but ours.

2nd Publication of Banns of Ordination

Mr. Paul Klaassen is scheduled to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. 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. David Paul Klaassen will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

Volunteer Ushers for Masses:

We are recruiting for more ushers to assist with the Saturday night and Sunday Masses, and occasionally special celebrations.

Duties would include seating parishioners; operating the elevator lift; and taking up the collection.

Woman and men are welcome to join this cadre of ushers. Please contact Barb at the parish office for details.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE - We're back!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at **loyolahouse.com** (under "Events") for more information on upcoming retreats & programs.

Retreats are on-site at Loyola House in Guelph! There have been lots of changes...20 ensuite washrooms have been added, bedrooms updated, plus much more!

Returning! Community Support Connections
FREE Gentle Exercise Classes:

St. Ambrose Parish is happy to re-host SMART exercises on Tues/Thurs 11:15pm-12:15pm beginning on Tuesday May 17th. (This program had previously been held prior to the pandemic.) This is a drop in, No Registration Required.

However, please contact Myra at the parish office to obtain health questionnaire and waiver form. It is requested that you wear masks until you begin exercise.

The celebration of First Communion Masses and the Sacrament of Confirmation is now complete. **Congratulations** to the students who received the Blessed Eucharist for the first time; and the students who received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit! We hope you, and your families, will share in our Holy Mass celebrations every week so that your journey of faith will continue.

Thank you, parents, for guiding your children in the ways of our faith.

Thank you to the teachers who took great patience and care with preparing the students so well.

Thank you to our organist Mark Fernandes for providing beautiful music at these celebrations.

Catholic Youth Organization "Camp Brébeuf" in Rockwood, Ontario is hiring teenagers and young adults as camp counsellors for this summer. Please visit www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment for more information.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2022

"*We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*"

Pope Francis – May 2022 https://thepopevideo.org/

Join the **Reel Justice Film Festival May 26, 2022 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** for our last screening of the season "He Named Me Malala". This documentary provides an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by gunfire as a 15-year-old. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Register online at

reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com

Vacation OFFICE HOURS NOTICE - Barb will be away from the parish office from May 17 to 27. The office will be staffed from 10am to 2pm only during these days.

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