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
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian
Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

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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.

Message to Catholic Families

from the President of the
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

on National Family and Life Week

May 13 to 19, 2024

Dear Catholic families,

National Family and Life Week (NFLW) this year will take place from 13 May to 19 May 2024.

The theme for this year is "Love hopes all things," which is taken from Saint Paul's hymn on love in 1 Corinthians 13.7*: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* This description of love is also at the heart of Pope Francis's reflection on the dynamics of spousal and family love in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, chapter 4. Through this theme, families are encouraged to cultivate, deepen, and renew Christian hope by drawing on scriptural reflection, family prayer, and the Sacraments.

The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life and its corresponding Office have developed a pastoral toolkit specifically designed for the "domestic church." Each day of the NFLW 2024 celebrates a specific theme, accompanied by prayers and activities for different ages, cultures, and circumstances. The toolkit includes: the logo for the 2024 National Family and Life Week; catechesis; prayer intentions and daily activities for families and parishes; graphic resources with quotes on Christian hope for daily social media campaigns; as well as pastoral suggestions for a Mass to celebrate Family and Life.

Dioceses/Eparchies, parishes, and Catholic movements and associations are encouraged to make good use of the pastoral toolkit in their own planning of activities to mark this Week, which concludes on Pentecost.

May the Holy Spirit lead us into a *"Love [that] hopes all things"* during this Week. May our thoughts, words, and actions be inspired by the same Spirit, and may God hear the prayers of our Catholic families and grant them the hope that only He can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Rev. William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Tuesday, May 14 – St. Mathias
8:00 am + CATHERINE DECKER – Keith and family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, May 15
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – Filomena
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel
+ FERNANDA SILVEIRA – her parents
+ MARIA & JOAO CHAVES & DECEASED FAMILY – Maria
- for the intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges
- Intentions of Arsenio and Estrella Pontalba
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, May 16
8:00 am + ANTONIO PUIM MONTEIRO & VIRGINIA BRAGA
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, May 17
8:00 am + ANITA SEBASTIAN
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, May 18
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + FR. STROHMEYER
+ PIERINA MAGLIOCCO – her husband
+ THELMA & ROBERT HARVEY – their family
+ SOULS IN PURGATORY – Maria & John Correia
+ ALBERTINA OLIVEIRA – Joanne & Don Searle
+ MARIA VU – Thanh Nguyen
+ MANUEL MEDEIROS – Zelia B.

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost
9:00 am + RAFAEL & VISITACION DAZA
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Ascension of Our Lord

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On Pentecost, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

"Today, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as He remained with us even after His ascension, so we, too, are already in heaven with Him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies." **(St. Augustine)**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Ontario along, with the St. Raphael Parish Community, and Fr. Wilson Andrade, are pleased to invite you to the **PENTECOST CONFERENCE** on May 17 and 18th, 2024. Free to attend.
Conference Title: ***Clothed With Fire from On High***
Bishop Scott McCaig - Companions of the Cross
Peter Herbeck - Renewal Ministry U.S.A.
Brian Sullivan - CHARIS CANADA, CCRSO PRESIDENT
Friday May 17 - from 6:30PM - 9PM
Saturday May 18 - from 8:00AM - 6PM
This will be held at St. Raphael Church, 4072 New St. Burlington. Conference website **ccrso.net**

Coffee Sunday – next weekend – May 19th after the 9am and 11am Masses. Join us in the church hall for friendship, and refreshments.

Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration and need some quiet time praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Bring your children/child to the adoration chapel to pray with you, and when you're ready, your child can brought to the church hall to enjoy supervised play with other children, allowing you time while you pray alone. This is held the LAST Wednesday 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 The upcoming date is **Wednesday, May 29, 2024**

Living With Christ weekday missalettes:

For years, our parish has been purchasing 50 copies of missalettes per month for use at weekday Masses. These are often taken home by parishioners who attend daily weekday Masses. However, this subscription does cost the parish $1,610.00 a year.

Due to rising costs, we will no longer be providing these free monthly missalettes.

We encourage parishioners to purchase their own yearly subscription, which would be mailed directly to your home, each month. This is only $48.54 a year. (about$ 4.00 a month) Inside each missalette is a subscription form, or visit their website **livingwithchrist.ca** to subscribe, or phone toll free to 1-800-387-7164

If you can't afford the subscription but would like to have your own monthly missalette, please talk to Father Gary.

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

Cambridge Right to Life: Coffee & Dessert Evening
ROE Canada: The True North in a Post-Roe World

The historic overturning of Roe v. Wade in the United States has emboldened the pro-life movement the world over. "Life" seems to be winning. But could it ever "win" in a country like Canada? Please join us for a screening of this must-see feature length documentary (80 minutes) on **Monday, May 13th** at **St. Ambrose Parish Hall**, 210 South Street 7:00–9:00 pm.

Followed by a Q&A with Josie Luetke & Ruth Robert, the two principal investigators of the film. Donations of free-willing offering accepted. Call CRTL at 519-623-1850 or email cambridgerighttolife@gmail.com to reserve your seat. Please encourage your friends to attend!

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday, May 14 until May 20. It will re-open on Tuesday May 21st (Monday May 20th is the Victoria Day holiday)

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and step-mothers.

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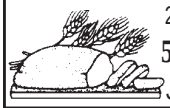

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