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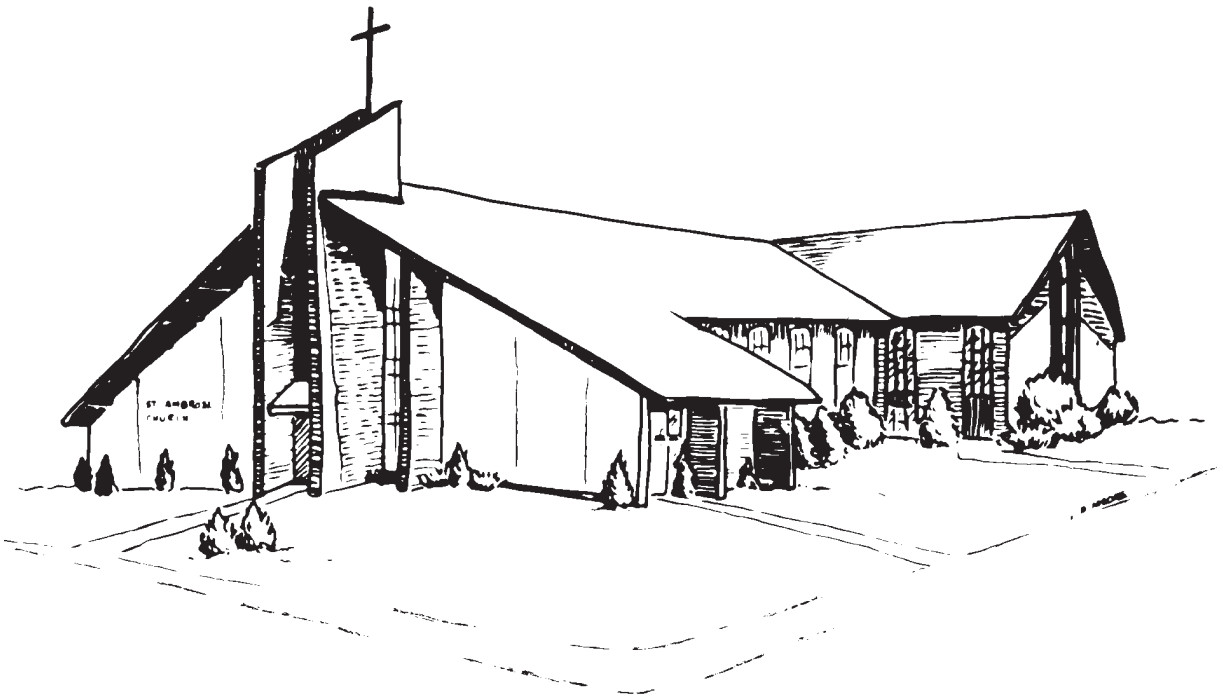

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Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
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Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Custodian/Sacristan
Carol Renner - Rectory Housekeeping

SUNDAY MASSES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday 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 the baptism preparation program, which is required before a date is booked.

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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(519) 623-8764 - for assistance with food, clothing, etc.
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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 this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11). *(In some countries, including Canada, the feast of the Ascension is moved to the closest Sunday)*

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

Today, some Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

"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)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 23
8:00 am – Intentions of Ilda Borges
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, May 24
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through the Chapel side door on South Street.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – Maria Pock
+ AURORA CALCAO – Maria
+ STEPHEN NWEKE EZEANYA
+ ILDA MARIA TAVARES CHAVES – Tony and Carmela
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, May 25
8:00 am – intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges and family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, May 26
8:00 am – the intentions of Filomena Hall – Frances & Geraldine
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, May 27
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm – for the intentions of Les & Gert Gueth
+ JOANNE CARRUTHERS – Bob & Peggy Rann
+ MANNY PAIVA – Maria Paiva
+ OLOLYA JAGER – Dan and Gail MacLean
+ CARLOS JORGE – Maria DaSilva

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost
9:00 am + FRANCESCA 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

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

You may have noticed the past few weeks several fellow parishioners have been meeting and greeting you with a warm smile and an encouraging welcome as you come for Mass. We would like to consistently provide this gift of hospitality, a genuine welcome to all who join us as we come together to worship and praise our loving God on Sunday.

We are seeking additional volunteers, who can warmly greet those visiting or attending Mass. If you are able to arrive 20 minutes prior to Mass and are able to help, even if it is only once in a while, please contact Myra or Deacon Paul Klaassen at the parish office. Thank You

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration – IMPORTANT NEWS: Due to safety concerns the outside church door to the Adoration Chapel is locked and accessible by contacting the parish office. The inside hallway door keypad code has also been changed. Call the office for information.

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COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING

Cambridge Right to Life Presents their annual "Coffee & Dessert Evening" with Speaker: Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Galt Legion, 4 Veterans Way. Tickets: Free Will Offering. Call: 519-623-1850 to reserve your seat

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SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are inviting interested Parishioners 18 years and older to join SSVP as volunteers. As a Vincentian, you will have the opportunity to use your unique talent and gifts to participate in charity works that uplift our neighbours who are in need. For more details, please contact Joe at 519-241-6070 or leave a message on the SSVP line 519-623-8764 and someone will call you back.

The Reel Justice Film Festival Presents "The Letter"
Thursday, May 25th at 7:00PM via Zoom

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival May 25, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for an exciting youth-led film screening featuring the Laudato Si' Movement film, The Letter. This documentary follows the journey of four individuals called by Pope Francis to lend their voices to the global conversation about the environmental crisis. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawai'i, these four individuals brought perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into an unprecedented dialogue.

To register for the link, please visit the Hamilton Diocese website at hamiltondiocese.com and then go to "Upcoming Events"

Mom & Tots Pray & Play will be held every Wednesday at St. Ambrose church from 10am-11am for the months of May and June (except May 24th). Please use the entrance on South Street with the sign "Adoration Chapel" What is Mom & Tots Pray & Play? This new ministry at St. Ambrose Parish is for Moms with their young children to have the opportunity to spend time with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist at the Chapel. Afterwards we invite them to come to the Children's Liturgy room to play with other young children while supervised by volunteers who are moms. Moms can then return on their own to the Adoration Chapel for some quiet prayer time.

Is/Was your wedding <u>not</u> in the Catholic Church?

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a Sacrament and as such, is celebrated within the Catholic church setting.

Before making wedding plans it is important to contact your parish priest.

The parish priest will work with you to ensure your marriage follows the correct Catholic protocols.

For Catholics, who may have married outside the Church or outside our faith for whatever reason *(such as a civil wedding; a destination wedding; a wedding in a non-denominational chapel; or in another faith church)* the appropriate course of action is to speak to their parish priest regarding the possibility of having your marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Some people call this having a marriage "blessed" but the proper name is a "Convalidation." A convalidation and Sacrament of Confession would be required before any Catholic marriage outside the Catholic Church may present themselves for Holy Communion. Please speak to Father Gary if you have questions about having your marriage convalidated.

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