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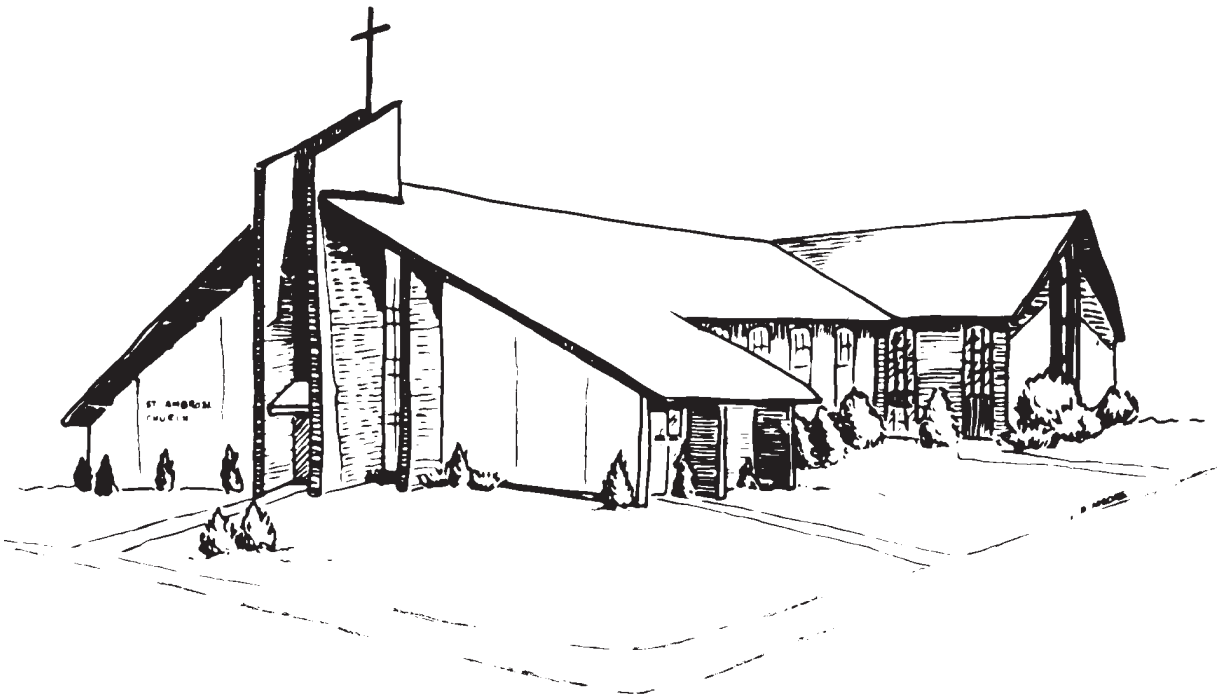

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
- Saturday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

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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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Pentecost - *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

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**.*

Wisdom is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit, because it is the perfection of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (no pun intended) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

Counsel is also known as a Gift of Right Judgment. Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the virtue of prudence. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

Fortitude is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called courage, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. This is the courage to stand up for what we believe in, a task that can be difficult to enact at times.

Knowledge is often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live them accordingly.

Piety is reverence, or the ability to act with humility in God's presence. It really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love.

Fear of the Lord The seventh and final gift of the Holy Spirit is the Fear of the Lord, and perhaps no other gift of the Holy Spirit is so misunderstood. It doesn't mean we must be "afraid" of the Lord. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Church closure has been extended to June 2nd.
While the Church is closed, Father will still celebrate his daily Mass for the following scheduled intentions:

Tuesday, May 25
+ BARBARA KUBSKA **–** Maria Pock

Wednesday, May 26
+ MANUEL F. PAIVA – his parents
+ MATHIAS IGUE – Patience and Sunday

Thursday, May 27
+ SOULS IN PURGATORY

Friday, May 28
+ MANUEL & VIRGINIA MONTIERO – Maria & John Correia

Saturday, May 29
- for protection of the unborn
+ RUDOLPH SALDANHA – Sheetal and family
+ TIAGO LARANJEIRO – Tony and Fatima

Sunday, May 30
- for the intentions of all parishioners

***Come Holy Spirit**, and make us a Pentecost people.*
Let your wisdom and right judgment guide our decisions and temper our impulses.
Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.
Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all creation.
Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed.
Through and with and in Jesus, we pray. Amen

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for your personal intentions during the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 8th to July 16th, 2021
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ON MAY 11th, Pope Francis changed the Code of Canon Law to institutionalize what is already allowed in practice: the access of lay women to the service of the Word and the Altar. Announced in an Apostolic Letter, *Antiquum Ministerium* (Ancient Ministry). *"The Spirit is calling men and women to set out and encounter all those who are waiting to discover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Christian faith. … It is the task of pastors to support them in this process and to enrich the life of the Christian community through the recognition of lay ministries capable of contributing to the transformation of society,"* said the Holy Father.

There is nothing new about women proclaiming the Word of God during liturgical celebrations or carrying out a service at the altar as altar servers or as Eucharistic ministers. In many communities throughout the world these practices are already authorized by local bishops, such as in our Diocese.

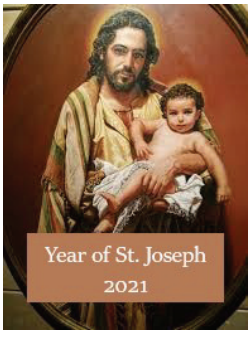
However, up to this point, this has occurred without a true and proper institutional mandate.

Now, after discernment which has emerged from the last Synods of Bishops, Pope Francis wanted to formalize and institutionalize the presence of women at the altar.

The new formulation of the canon reads: "*Lay persons who possess the age and qualifications established by decree of the conference of bishops can be admitted on a stable basis through the prescribed liturgical rite to the ministries of lector and acolyte."*

Prayer Vigil for babies being aborted - Thursday, June 3, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener,.

All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.



Just as faith without works is dead, so too is love devoid of service. St. Joseph did not love solely with his words, but by his actions—which is likely why Scripture does not recount any of his speech—with St. Joseph, there was no need. His entire life was a song of love for the Holy Family and for God. St. Joseph, teach us to love as you loved.

We Depend on Your Generosity

St. Ambrose Parish depends entirely on the financial generosity of our parishioners.

We are extremely grateful for your support during the Church closure and we would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support to our parish and those who are in need.

Parishioners have been kindly dropping off their donations in the parish office mail slot; mailing in their cheques; or using the CanadaHelps website to donate through this link…

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-ambrose-parish/

Campaign update

Pledges received to date is now –

$130,196 of our $300,000.00 goal - 44% of the way to our goal!

Thank you to those who have generously donated.

If you have not yet already done so, please go to the link below to hear Father's message and see the campaign video

https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/stambrosecambridge

The top projects as identified by parishioners are:

- main floor accessible washroom
- audio/visual equipment for the church and hall with internet capabilities
- repairing the church hall and kitchen, and new flooring in the church basement hallway area.

Q. How can I make a gift or pledge to the campaign?

A. There will be a number of ways to make a gift or make payments on your pledge to the campaign, including:

- Setting up a pre-authorized gift (automatic withdrawal) from a chequing account
- Setting up a recurring credit card payment
- Paying by cash or cheque through the mail
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