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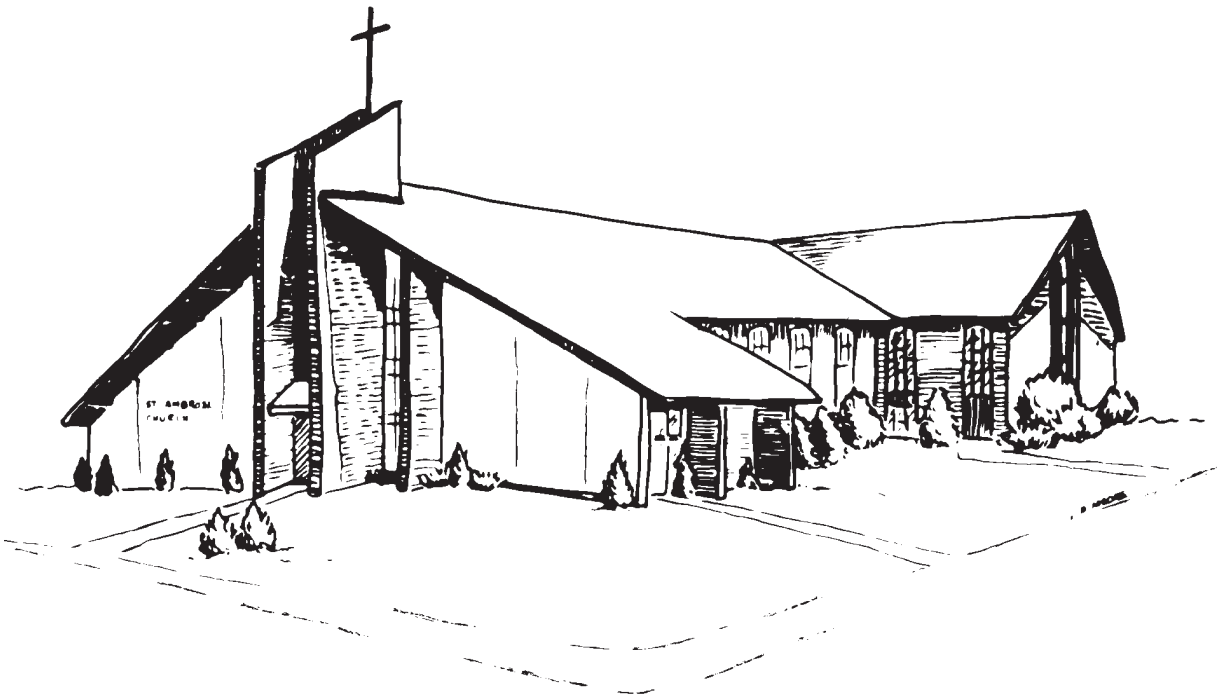

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor
Fr. Michael King (retired) - in residence
Rev. Mr. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Custodian/Sacristan
Carol Renner - Rectory Housekeeping

SUNDAY MASSES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.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.

SCHOOLS

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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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

(519) 623-8764 - for assistance with food, clothing, etc.
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Saint John of Ávila, 1499–1569
Feast Day May 10th

Saint John of Avila was an only child, and after his parents died, he sold his family property, travelled to Seville, cut all ties, and prepared to sail to New Spain (Mexico), as a missionary. But it was not to be. Saint John of Ávila never sailed. While waiting for his ship in Seville, his skills as a preacher and catechist, and his obvious holiness, were noticed by the local bishop, who convinced him to preach, teach, and evangelize in Andalusia, in Spain's rugged south. Saint John then spent years in that region which had only recently been conquered by the Spanish Crown and so was still populated by Spanish Muslims and Jews whose conversions to Catholicism were often more matters of expedience than religious conviction. John ministered through the great cities of southern Spain with large numbers of the faithful following him, eager to absorb every word that flowed from his mouth or pen.

In his own lifetime, he came to be known as "Master Ávila" for his dominance of the sacred sciences and his humble pastoral life. He converted, or led to deeper conversion, Saint John of God, founder of the Hospitaller Order; and Saint Francis Borgia, a future Master General of the Jesuits. He was a friend of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits; and advised Saint Teresa of Ávila. Even with these religious connections, St. John always remained a diocesan priest, not a religious order priest, something unusual for a priest of his era with such wide influence.

Saint John's knowledge and solid virtues were further enhanced by his life of abject poverty and physical suffering. Saint John established several seminaries and colleges, provided spiritual direction to multitudes of laity, religious and seminarians, wrote a long spiritual treatise called *Audi filia* ("Listen daughter") and was invited by a bishop to attend the Council of Trent as his theological adviser, though illness prevented Saint John from making the journey.

John was declared Venerable in 1759, Blessed in 1893, and a Saint in 1970. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012: "*The teaching of John of Ávila is outstanding for its quality and precision, and its breadth and depth, which were the fruit of methodical study and contemplation together with a profound experience of supernatural realities."*

In his last few years, Saint John suffered acute physical pain and was largely confined to his humble home. Confinement allowed him to finally perfect his theological and spiritual writings and to correspond with those seeking his counsel. He died clutching a crucifix, surrounded by many disciples, on May 10, 1569.

His humble epitaph reads *"I was a sower"*

Tuesday, May 9
8:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, May 10 - St. John of Avila
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 – John Pham
+ HENRY & EDITH COOBS – friends
+ JEANNIE ESCOBAR – her parents
+ SR. MARY VIVIAN ISHESE
- For the intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges & family
+ ADELA & ESPEDITO MALANA & PAZ DULAY and the DECEASED ESPIE FAMILY
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, May 11
8:00 am – for the intentions of the Szymkowiak, and Salinitry families; and for Bobby Phillips
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, May 12
8:00 am + MANUEL AMARAL – Theresa and Manuel Amaral
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, May 13 – Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MADELINE and HARRY MERRALL
+ MARIE HILTS and DECEASED D'ARCY FAMILY
+ FERNANDA daSILVEIRA – her parents
+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Antonio & Maria Chaves

Sunday, May 14 – 5th Sunday of Easter
9:00 am + CATHERINE DECKER - Keith
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Mom & Tots Pray & Play will be held every Wednesday from 10am-11am for the months of May and June (except May 24th). Please use the entrance on South Street to the door labeled "Adoration Chapel". What is Mom & Tots Pray & Play? This new ministry at St. Ambrose Parish is for Moms with young children to have the opportunity to have their children spend time with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. After Moms and their children have had time praying in the Adoration Chapel, we invite them to come to the Children's Liturgy room to play with other young children and while being supervised by volunteers moms. This then gives Mothers the opportunity to return on their own to the Adoration Chapel for some quiet prayer time. Please contact Bernadette bandtdietrich@rogers.com or Lalaine aaron.lalaine@gmail.com if you have any questions.
"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Is your child interested in becoming an altar server? We welcome children in grade 4 and older to become altar servers for our Masses. Training is provided.
Please contact the parish office for information.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
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 charitable 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.

Pentecost Retreat – Saturday May 27
St. John the Baptist Church, 45 Victoria Road, Guelph
8am registration. Closing Mass at 2:30 pm
Talks from Fr. Valentine Onwunjiogu and Fr. Vivek Trindade.
For information, please phone the church at 519-824-7311
Please bring your own lunch.

I Have Called You by Name" **St. Ambrose Ladies' Group** will meet again on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. Join us for prayer, reflection, and friendship.
For information, please contact the parish office.

IMPORTANT – if you have old envelopes from 2020, 2021 or 2022, please <u>do not use</u> them for your current donations. Please contact the parish office to obtain 2023 donation envelopes.
In most cases, the envelope number for your file has now been given to a different parishioner.

Please consider using Church donation envelopes. To have this arranged, contact Barb at the parish office by phone or email. We have extra boxes of envelopes available. Thank you

Cell Phones or New Phone Number? Many of us are now using cell phones instead of landlines. If your phone number has changed, please inform the parish office so that our contact information can be kept updated.

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to St. Ambrose Parish!
Several parishioners have been using the online donation portal called "CanadaHelps." The link to this portal can be found on our parish website OR
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-ambrose-parish/

Young Adults Night – Sat. JUNE 3, 2023
(Corrected date)
Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 6th, at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton Ontario. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf is a year-round camp owned by the Catholic Youth Organization of Hamilton. The camp is located in Rockwood, Ontario, approximately 20 minutes east of Guelph. Providing outdoor education and recreation opportunities for schools and youth groups during the majority of the year, the camp operates as a summer camp during July and August.
They are currently **hiring** for the summer positions of camp facilitators/coordinators; kitchen staff; administrative staff.
Please visit their website at **campbrebeuf.ca**

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