

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. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

PARISH SCHOOLS: St. Anne School 519-621-8920
Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678
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.

FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

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.

The Story of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial Day – November 21

The Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple recalls – according to the apocryphal gospels, the day on which Mary, while still a child, was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be offered to God. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace of mention in the Gospels, but the total gift that Mary made of herself, by listening: “*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it*” (Lk. 11:28). This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the “temple of the Son of God”.

The celebration of this feast dates back to the 6th century in the East with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary the New, built by the Emperor Justinian 1, near the ruins of the temple in Jerusalem. There is evidence that various monasteries in Italy celebrated the feast in the 9th century. It was not until the 15th century that it was included in the Roman Missal. *(the book used in the Roman Catholic Church that contains the prayers, chants, and instructions for celebrating the Mass)*

Reflection

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate an event like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though it has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands

God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God’s saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God’s saving work.

Apostolic Exhortation “Dilexi Te” of The Holy Father Leo XIV

To All Christians - On Love for the Poor

The new encyclical by Pope Leo is available to read on our parish website stambrosecambridge.ca

There is a link to the Vatican website for this document. It is available to read in various languages.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for November:

Let us pray for those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts that they might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



Monday, November 17

7:00 pm + RICARDO SOARES – his dad

Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm

Catechism video program after Mass.

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 am – intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

2:30 pm – Prayers for the Sick. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church. Please use the parking lot side door.

Wednesday, November 19

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY

- intentions of Bernadette and Todd

- intentions of Lucia

- intentions of Kevin and Keenan – from Cecilia and Aldwin

+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – her husband

+ THOMAS SMITH O’DACRE – Ildiko and Robert

+ MARINKO BOSNJAK – his family

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, November 20

8:00 am + KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK & SALINITRI FAMILIES
and DIANE – Stella and Richard

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

8:00 am + TONY FARIA – his family

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, November 22

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + DON McINNIS – his wife

+ CARMELA FORMIGLIO – her family

+ TOM HICKEY – Barb Lynch

+ MARIA & JORGE GOMES – Helia

+ STEPHANIE SOUSA & WALKER SOUSA – Helia

+ MANUEL BRAGA MELO – his family

+ CLAUDIA ARRUDA, CESAR MENDONCA, PAUL GASPAR

Sunday, November 23 – Solemnity of Christ the King

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + DECEASED IGUE and JOHN FAMILIES and FRIENDS

CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

St. Ambrose Youth Candle Fundraiser

The St. Ambrose Youth Group will be selling scented candles after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses at the church beginning Sunday, November 23, and continuing each Sunday through December 21. All candles are \$20 each — beautifully scented and made with 100% soy wax. (cash or cheque) Candles are \$20 each, and all proceeds will help support our youth ministry activities and service projects. Payments can be made by cash or cheque payable to St. Ambrose Parish.



These candles make perfect Christmas gifts, and are a wonderful way to support our parish youth. Thank you



Today, at the church exits, the **Knights of Columbus Galt Council 2184** will be offering packages of 25 tea bags for a minimum donation of \$2.00

The product is premium quality high grown Ceylon tea with a refreshingly mellow taste, and proceeds will go toward works of charity in the community.



Families, couples, individuals invited to light the Advent Wreath Candles

Yes, it's almost that time of the year again! Advent begins November 30th.

Families, couples and individuals are invited to participate in the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath at weekend Masses during Advent. There are **sign-up sheets** at the back of the Church today and next weekend. Thank you!

"Eucharistic Miracles of the World" exhibit at the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Hamilton, **Sunday, November 23 from 10AM to 4PM**. This is a Vatican approved exhibit that was created and designed by Saint Carlo Acutis in the hopes of increasing awareness of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, as well as Eucharistic Adoration.

Schedule:

10AM - Exhibit Opens (in the Chancery office)

11AM - Mass (in the Cathedral)

2PM - Free Time

1PM - Eucharistic Adoration (in the Cathedral)

2PM - Movie Screening (in McNally Hall)

4PM - Exhibit Closes

Chancery office located at 700 King St W. Hamilton, Ontario

Spirit of Hope collection

As the Catholic church nears the conclusion of the Jubilee Year, the Diocesan Episcopal Board has requested that parishes hold a special collection for the needs of the poor in our own community!

This collection will be held on the weekend of Nov 29/30, which is the First Sunday of Advent, with the funds provided to our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Join us in Prayer!



Once again, our parish will offer weekly prayers for the sick, as well as our own special intentions, as we gather on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 pm in the Church, for this prayer group.

Myra Klaassen will lead the prayers and everyone is welcome to join us!

The parish ladies' group "Daughters of the King" will next be held **November 18, at 7pm** in the Church Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us!

Memorial Mass – There is a special memorial Mass on Tuesday November 18th at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper St. Cambridge (Hespeler), for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, and Catholic Women's League members of St. Patrick, St. Mary and St. Clement Parishes. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments after Mass.

Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready, leave them to enjoy supervised play time with other children for the remaining time while you pray alone. This is held the LAST Monday 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 Please register for the upcoming date of **Monday, November 24th**.

Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast

The next Knights of Columbus Galt Council #2184 meeting will be a communion breakfast held after the 9:00 am morning Mass on Saturday December 6 at St. Patrick Church. The breakfast will be held at Fifty's Restaurant. Hope you can join us.

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