

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:

Monday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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 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.

Solemnity of Christ the King

The day for Christ the King is celebrated on the last Sunday of "Ordinary Time", which is the final Sunday before the start of Advent.

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the "Incarnation", which is that Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the Divine Lord and the human man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites Himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. *"From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures"* (Quas primas, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -Quas primas, 33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public area, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. *"Thus, by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King"* (Quas primas, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of putting our lives in compartments. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.



Monday, November 24

7:00 pm + GIULIA FIORETTI – Myra and Paul Klaassen
Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm
Catechism video program after Mass.

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 am – in honour of St. Anthony - Yolanta
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 26

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ MARIA POCK
+ SHEILA ABRAHAM – her husband
+ JOSE CHAVES – Bernadette & Todd
+ FRANCESCO BORSELLINO – Mr. & Mrs. Teresi
+ MARY NOVAK – Novak and Floresco families
+ DECEASED ANGI and BENEDEK FAMILIES – Ildiko & Robert
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, November 27

8:00 am + JOSE doCARMO SOUSA – Ilda and Joe Chaves
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, November 28

8:00 am + REGINO DOMINGO – Connie and Ernie Daza
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, November 29

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MARIA ALBAQUERQUE
+ JAMES DAVIDSON JR. – his wife
+ NANCY FERNANDES – her family
+ LEONCIO AVILLA – his family
+ FILOMENA TEIXEIRA – Maria & John Correia
+ RUTHANN ROY – Mary Crowder

Sunday, November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + VINCENZO ALAIMO – his family
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

“Spirit of Hope” collection next weekend

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

For our parish, this collection will be held on the **weekend of Nov 29/30, which is the First Sunday of Advent**. The funds will be provided to our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your anticipated generosity!

St. Nicholas and St. Ambrose Feast Day Party for Families

Join us in the church hall after the 11 AM Mass on **Sunday, December 7, 2025** to celebrate the feast of our patron saint – St. Ambrose, as well as St. Nicholas (Dec 6). There will be fun & games for the whole family, and maybe even a visit from St. Nicholas. Pizza will be served! Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share! We hope to see everyone there!

The Knights of Columbus Galt Council 2184 would like to thank the parishioners who strongly supported our tea bag sales, raising just under \$400 toward charitable works in the community.

If you missed out, or would enjoy more, please see us at the December Bake Sale.

Church Donation Envelopes for 2026.

If you currently are actively using Church donations envelopes, a new set for 2026 will be automatically issued for you.

If you would like to start using church donation envelopes for 2026, please contact the parish office to have this arranged.

Envelope boxes for 2026 will be available on the 2nd Sunday of December, at the back of the Church.

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**.

Our parish high school youth group will meet on Tuesday, November 25 at 6pm in our Church hall. All students welcome!



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

Yes, it's almost that time of the year again! Advent begins next weekend.

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.

St. Ambrose Parish Three-Night Advent Mission Dec. 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Each night will begin with Mass at 7pm

St. Ambrose Parish invites everyone to join us for a special three-night mission with Catholic author Allan Smith, exploring the beautiful journey of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Each evening offers uplifting reflections inspired by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, helping us prepare our hearts, celebrate the Incarnation, and follow the Light revealed at Epiphany. All are welcome!

Come and renew your faith as we walk with Christ through the seasons of hope, joy, and divine revelation.

A BIG Thank You to Parishioners!

This year's **Christmas Shoebox campaign** for Canadian Food for Children was very successful. Over 360 shoeboxes were donated by the parishes and friends of St. Gregory, St. Patrick and St. Ambrose Parishes. Other donated items, including the Halloween candy, were sent to the hospitals and schools in the same area. The shipments are now on their way to El Salvador and Peru. Many thanks to all those who donated their time and talents to this endeavour. It would not have been possible without all of your help. The gifts and prayers to the children and families are so meaningful to them. Thank you again.

St. Ambrose Youth Group Fundraiser

Lovely scented 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. Available after Sunday Masses from now until Dec. 21st.

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

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