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 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Friday 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 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	Guardian Angels School	226-790-9134
Holy Spirit School	519-621-8973	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.

"Permanent Deacons" Who are they? What do they do?

At the present time there are 38 deacons serving in the Diocese of Hamilton, and six men are currently in formation.

Our parish is blessed to have our current Permanent Deacon, Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen. Previously, Deacon Nick Cherri (*retired*) served our parish for many years.
Essentially a ministry of service and charity, the deacon serves the Church and the diocese in a designated service such as in a hospital, prison, or other forms of charitable outreach. In addition, the deacon is assigned to a parish as his liturgical base, where he assists the pastor, as needed, in liturgical ministry which may take the form of assisting at Mass, preaching the homily, baptizing children, presiding at weddings or funerals (without Mass), or in other capacities within the parish.
Deacons are usually married, and spouses of deacons are invited and strongly encouraged to be involved in the vocation and ministry of their deacon-husband.

Graced for ministry by Ordination, the deacon is publicly acknowledged by the Church as one called by God to serve the community of believers and the evangelizing mission of the Church. He shares fraternity and sacramental ministry with the other deacons of the diocese, as well as with priests and bishops.

In the early Church, as well as currently, deacons responded to the needs identified by their bishops. The ministry of deacons, in parishes, and in special outreach ministries, by its very nature, calls for a team approach, complimentary to the ministries of others.

* Permanent Diaconate formation lasts for four years.

Limitations
Because they are not priests or bishops
• They cannot consecrate the Eucharist (offer Mass).
• They cannot hear confessions or absolve sins.
• They cannot Administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Sacrament of Confirmation

How is this different from "transitional" diaconate, (transitional deacons)?
Transitional deacons are men who are in the final year before Ordination to the Priesthood.

Permanent Deacon Information Session:

For anyone who is interested in the Diaconate and/or wants more information about what is re-quired and what is involved in the admission process and Formation program, are invited to either of two Information Sessions:
1. **Nov. 22nd, 2026**, **at St. Catherine of Siena Parish**, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11am mass.

OR

2. **Dec 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish**, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11am mass.

You are welcome to attend the 11am Sunday Mass where Deacon Tom Vert, the Associate Director of the Deacon program will be preaching. Afterwards we will have the Information Session in the parish Hall. There will be a short presentation and then a question-and-answer session, with light refreshments. Also, we will be available for anyone wanting to speak privately.
For more information about this session, feel free to contact:
Deacon Tom Vert, Associate Director Deacon Formation Program, tvert@hamiltondiocese.com
OR Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program, mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com

St. Ambrose Youth Nights
St Ambrose Church Hall
November 10 and 24

Join with parish youth, (grades 7 to 12), for faith, fun, friendship and food - 6pm to 8pm on the dates listed above, in the parish hall.
For more information, please email Rose at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca



The Chosen – Season 6: The Crucifixion

We invite you to join us on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for **The Chosen – Season 6:** The Crucifixion, a powerful six-episode series portraying Christ's Crucifixion.
The first night will be November 22 and will conclude on December 6, we will view two episodes each evening.
For further information, please contact Deacon Paul.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November:
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 10
8:00 am + DECEASED KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI FAMILIES, and DIANE AND MITCHELL
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, November 11
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ MARIA LIMA – Mrs Gouveia
+ FRANK CEKAN – Daniel
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – her husband
+ FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN WARS
+ OTTO & SAIMI and JULIET & FELIX
+ MANUEL DeVARGAS - Maria
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, November 12
8:00 am – intentions of Bice and Frank Rinaldi on their 60th anniversary
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, November 13
7:00 pm – intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges & family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Saturday, November 14
8:00 am – for the intentions of all families
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + KAY & TOM HICKEY – Barb Lynch
+ ANDREW & THERSA DOBBIN
+ MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Margie
+ DORIS DOBBIN & DECEASED DOBBIN FAMILY
+ FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife
+ ROSEMARY JOHNSTON – David Shrank & family
- intentions of Lucy

Sunday, November 15
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + ANNIE HLAWNCEU
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

From Bishop Dabrowski, Diocese of Hamilton

Norms for the reception of Communion during Mass:
Posture for Receiving Communion
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM 2010) reminds us that "a common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and fosters them." (GIRM n. 42)

The same instruction states that "in the Dioceses of Canada, Communion is to be received standing, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling. (GIRM n.160)

In the Diocese of Hamilton all the faithful are encouraged to observe a posture for receiving Communion, namely, standing. All servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and those in leadership roles in the liturgy are to model this posture. Individuals who choose to receive Communion kneeling are not to be refused.

Blessings at Communion:
When non-Catholics and others who are not receiving Communion come forward during the Communion procession, it has been the custom for them to cross their arms. They are to be acknowledged by the Priest or Extraordinary Minister and may be greeted with the words: *"Chris be with you."* In accord with instructions received from the Dicastry of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, they do not receive a blessing at this time. They receive a blessing with the entire community at the conclusion of the Mass.

Legion of Mary – at St. Ambrose Parish – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:45pm (following the 7pm Mass) **in the Church** (not the hall).

Sacrament of Confirmation – November 28, 2026

The students of our parish schools, who have requested the Sacrament of Confirmation, will receive the "*Gifts of the Holy Spirit*", by Bishop Dabrowski, who will be the celebrant. Please keep these students in your prayers, as they finish their preparation in the coming weeks.

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